

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Past Reflections & Future Aspirations



REMEMBERING JOHN LEWIS

Linda Cleaves

John Lewis, a Georgia Representative, died last July. He was a civil rights icon who fought against racial injustice, social inequality, and the disenfranchisement of marginalized people. In 1965 in what was called "Bloody Sunday," Lewis was almost beaten to death on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Montgomery, AL while advocating for a true democracy for black people. Lewis stated, "I have been beaten, my skull fractured, and arrested more than forty times so that each and every person has the right to vote." Lewis later on help usher in the 1966 Voting Rights Act. He was a tireless warrior throughout his life. He was elected to Congress in 1986, and served 17 terms up until his death. Hard work was Lewis hallmark. Hard work was Lewis legacy. Hard work was Lewis.

His last public appearance was a silent and stoic moment on Black Lives Matter Plaza perhaps pondering over his life's work even as frailty gripped his body. The Congressman stood stalwartly above his five feet, six inches frame as if on his mountaintop reflecting the past. How a boy from Troy got into good trouble following up behind the man called King. How the boy from Troy got into good trouble as a Freedom Rider challenging the institution of segregation, and how the boy from Troy became the Conscious of Congress through his unwavering integrity. The congressman's message was simple, "I want to see young people in America feel the spirit of the 1960s and find a way to get in trouble. Good trouble, necessary trouble." His position was to pass the flaming torch of civil rights and equality to the next generation of young activists, freedom fighters, and soldiers of liberty and justice for all.

In the culture and domesticity of black folks upbringing, gettin' a whippin' with a switch was not uncommon if you got into trouble. You were told by your mama to go outside and get your own switch and you had better not come back with an itty, bitty switch either. And on those occasions when you really got into big trouble, you were lashed with two switches twisted together. Mama'em did not play back then and trouble meant trouble.

Imagine Lewis's sharecropper mama fixin' to whip him for gettin' into trouble. Her right hand set high with the switch searing in the air about to land the stinging blow to Lewis's behind when he yells,

"Mama't was good trouble, necessary trouble."



Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl: Chapter 3

The Slave's New Year Day: Harriet Jacobs

Theme: Hiring Day

Dr. Flint owned a fine residence in town, several farms, and about fifty slaves, besides hiring a number by the year. Hiring-day at the south takes place on the 1st of January. On the 2d, the slaves are expected to go to their new masters. On a farm, they work until the corn and cotton are laid. They then have two holidays. Some masters give them a good dinner under the trees. This over, they work until Christmas eve. If no heavy charges are meantime brought against them, they are given four or five holidays, whichever the master or overseer may think proper. Then comes New Year's eve; and they gather together their little alls, or more properly speaking, their little nothings, and wait anxiously for the dawning of day. At the appointed hour the grounds are thronged with men, women, and children, waiting, like criminals to hear their doom pronounced.

The slave is sure to know who is the most inhumane, or cruel master, within forty miles of him. It is easy to find out, on that day, who clothes and feeds his slaves well, for he is surrounded by a crowd, begging, *"Please massa, hire me this year. I will work very hard, massa."* If a slave is unwilling to go with his new master, he is whipped, or locked up in jail, until he consents to go, and promises not to run away during the year. Should he chance to change his mind, thinking it justifiable to

violate an extorted promise, woe unto him if he is caught! The whip is used till the blood flows at his feet; and his stiffened limbs are put in chains, to be dragged in the field for days and days! If he lives until the next year, perhaps the same man will hire him again, without even giving him an opportunity of going to the hiring-ground.

After those for hire are disposed of, those for sale are called up. O, you happy (white) free women, contrast your New Year's day with that of the poor bond-woman! With you it is a pleasant season, and the light of the day is blessed. Friendly wishes meet you every where, and gifts are showered upon you. Even hearts that have been estranged from you soften at this season, and lips that have been silent echo back, "I wish you a happy New Year." Children bring their little offerings, and raised their rosy lips for a caress. They are your own, and no hand but that of death can take them from you. But to the (black) slave mother New Year's day comes laden with peculiar sorrows. She sits on her cold cabin floor, watching the children who may all be torn from her the next morning; and often does she wish that she and they might die before the day dawns. She may be an ignorant creature, degraded by the system that has brutalized her from childhood; but she has a mother's instincts, and is capable of feeling a mother's agony.



Strange Fruit: 2021

Linda Cleaves

A noose is defined as a big loop at the end of a rope to catch animals. It is also a tool of racism used to hang or lynch black people.

Last July, 2020 black race car driver Bubba Wallace found a noose hanging in his car garage. Last November, 2020 a noose-like cord was found hanging in a Cracker Barrel restaurant in Connecticut. In Delaware, 2019, a noose was found hanging in a Home Depot store. It was reported that a customer tied the noose for decorative purposes. In Chappaqua, New York, after a black lives movement march, a noose was found on a black family's lawn. Last year, the AJC reported that nooses were found in at least 11 cities across the country.

Why is this especially important and newsworthy? Nooses are a reminder of the old South and Jim Crow. It is a racist tool of intimidation for murdering black people. It's symbolism is marred in hatred. Claude McKay wrote the poem, "The Lynching." In it, he recited, "Yet gave him up at last to Fate's wild whim, Hung pitifully o'er the swinging char. Day dawned, and soon the mixed crowds came to view. the ghastly body swaying in

the sun." Billie Holiday belted out a sorrowful, dark and errie blues song called "Strange Fruit." The haunting lyrics chilled the bones with the words, "Southern trees bear a strange fruit, Blood on the leaves and blood at the root, Black bodies swingin' in the Southern Breeze, Strange fruit hangin' from the poplar trees."

On Wednesday, January 6, 2021, a noose was found hanging outside the US capitol. No doubt Trump supporters hung it there and no doubt, it was a message to strike fear and intimidation in the hearts of black Americans. It was a symbolic gesture stroked by divisive rhetorical and ingrained malice.

Black Americans were especially indignant that such an egregious act occurred in an era of social change, but they were not surprised. White resistance has been slow to accept black equality and black humanity and black love. Black love for a country that did not love them back in times of darkness. Black love for a country that tried to deny black freedom. Black love for a country that elected its first black president. Black love for a country that elected its' first black, female vice-president. And black love for a country that in Georgia, it elected its' first Black senator. Raphael Warnock and its' first Jewish senator, Jon Ossoff.



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

I HAVE A DREAM

JANUARY 18, 2021

In what year was Martin Luther King Jr. assassinated?

- A. 1964
- B. 1968
- C. 1972
- D. 1981

When Dr. King won the Nobel Prize in 1964, he was the youngest man to receive the award. How old was he?

- A. 25
- B. 29
- C. 35
- D. 42

When did Martin Luther King Jr. give his famous "I Have A Dream" speech?

- A. July 4, 1972
- B. August 28, 1963
- C. March 22, 1960
- D. October 19, 1971

Which U.S. president approved the creation of a national holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.?

- A. Gerald Ford
- B. Barack Obama
- C. Bill Clinton
- D. Ronald Reagan

My dream for America is better government and a better president

Rashad Reeves, student

My dream for America is for everybody to be rich.

Javon Redd, Student

To be honest our country has gone down a spiral. More than 400,000 people lost their lives due Covid 19. There are more natural disasters than before in America. Honestly, I don't have faith in America anymore because we've had a president who wanted quantity over quality and all these riots and attacks makes absolutely no sense at all. America has got out of control since President Obama was president.
Sanyriah Stephens, student

My dream for America is for everyone to stop spreading hate, stop killing, and stop the racism. I want everyone to be loved for who they are. It doesn't matter what their skin color, we are all the same.

Yabsera B. Tessem, 9th grade



MY DREAM FOR AMERICA IS FOR COVID 19 TO BE OVER WITH.

SERENITY JOHNSON, 9TH GRADE

America needs to help the poor people and put them in a better position.
Jaidha Clark, 9th grade

My dream is for America to stick to the part in the pledge, "Justice for All," and honor that.

Angelo Simpson, 9th grade

WHAT IS YOUR DREAM FOR AMERICA ?

My dream for America is to stop the unwanted killing of black Americans.

Semaj Coles, student

My dream for America is to get rid of this Covid 19 so everything can go back to normal.
Zyrek Crosland, 10th grade

My dream right now is to just forget the republicans and democrats party because it is splitting up the country. We should stand by one another and stand up for what we believe in and just go back to simpler times with not much technology and with Covid 19.
Logan Edwards, student

My dream for America is to stop racial profiling and stop police brutality.

Victor Elder, student

My dream for America is to live as a free black man and not have to worry about losing my life for playing football while black, for hanging out at the mall while black, or walking down the street while black.

Maurice Lewis, 9th grade

Let America Be America Again

Langston Hughes, 1902 - 1967

Let America be America again.
Let it be the dream it used to be.
Let it be the pioneer on the plain
Seeking a home where he himself is free.

(America never was America to me.)

Let America be the dream the dreamers dreamed—
Let it be that great strong land of love
Where never kings connive nor tyrants scheme
That any man be crushed by one above.

(It never was America to me.)

My dream for America is to look forward to a change in 2021, especially when it comes to police brutality, race and poverty in the black community. That would make a huge impact in America and where we live in our communities. The things that black people go through in the black community is unacceptable. We need a change.

Selena Burnett, 10th grade

My dream for America is for actual freedom and true peace. The only way this dream can come true is for everyone to see what it is like to walk in each other shoes so that they can relate and find peace in their differences.

Khalyl Adams, 11th grade.

My dream for America is to find a cure for cancer.
Rico Jakewell, 9th grade

My dream for America is for this pandemic to be over.

Shemeir Morris, Student

MY DREAM FOR AMERICA IS FOR IT TO BE A SAFE PLACE AND FOR EVERYBODY TO BE TREATED EQUALLY. I WANT TO HAVE KIDS SOMEDAY AND MY BIGGEST FEAR IS FOR SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD TO NOT BE ABLE TO COME BACK HOME STRICTLY BECAUSE OF THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN. AMERICA HAS ALWAYS BEEN A HATEFUL PLACE AND I FEEL WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO FIGHT JUST TO BE TREATED AS THE KINGS AND QUEENS THAT WE ARE AS BLACK PEOPLE.

SEMAJ WASHINGTON, 9TH GRADE

My dream for America is for people to stop trying to out do one another. I want people to stop the lies and stop the greed.
Cam'ron Picquet, student



Speak the Truth

"A House Divided Cannot Stand!" by Randy Fretwell

Lincoln, a great republican president, tried to unite the nation during a contentious conflict of the America civil war of the 19th century.

Lincoln declared unity as the only way that the nation could grow and remain a democracy. It was extremely ironic that a president who proclaimed to love America and honor Lincoln would use divisive rhetoric to instill fear, mistrust, and even hatred among Americans.

The basis of a democracy is the right of the people to choose their own leadership. When Trump attempted to use members of the house and senate to cancel the electoral vote as well as the popular vote, he displayed contempt for democracy and his own country. Trump crossed the rubicon line in the attempt to seize the electoral votes for himself. The act itself was treason.

If we want to maintain democracy, we owe

it to ourselves as American citizens to learn civics. To learn civics, we have to know about the rule of law and preserve our constitution.

History can be repetitive. In the mid nineteenth century, the nation stood divided and on the edge of civil war. Most Americans did not truly believe that America would actually fall into total division and conflict. Slavery and the civil and human rights of people of color were the major factors in the contention.

Mr. Trump and others played major roles as demagogues in manipulating the raw emotions of the most vulnerable Americans. They played with a fire of passion for personal gains, but the fire erupted into a volcano.

President Biden has a challenging job ahead. He has to try to re-unite the country and bring back harmony and mutual respect. We are all Americans,

and one nation. Lincoln stated, "With malice toward none and charity for all, we will proceed to bind the nation wounds and let God lead us to the right." A house divided cannot stand.



Ignominious Day at Nation's Capitol Our Beloved Capitol of Democracy has been Defaced by IGNORANCE!

I FEEL THAT THE SIEGE WAS A TOTAL DISRESPECT TO OUR COUNTRY AND TO THE INCOMING PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN. ALSO DONALD TRUMP SHOULD BE IMPEACHED FROM OFFICE. HE WAS TRYING HIS BEST TO MAKE ANY AND EVERYTHING A PROBLEM SINCE LOSING THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.
JANIAH COLLIER, STUDENT

WHAT HAPPENED AT THE CAPITOL WAS HORRIBLE AND UNNECESSARY. TRUMP WAS MAD HE DIDN'T WIN THE ELECTION SO HE GOT HIS SUPPORTERS TO STORM THE CAPITOL.
KASTIN-ITALIA ROACH, STUDENT

In my opinion, I think what happened at the nation's capitol was wrong and unacceptable. If Trump supporters were replaced with Black Lives Matter protesters then I would not have been surprised to see over 30+bodies laying on the ground.
Joshua Callahan, student

The events that took place at the capitol in D.C. on January 6, 2021 was absolutely crazy. The disregard for human life and democracy was disgraceful. What bothered me the most was the reaction from the police to get the situation under control. Why wasn't the National Guard called in? When the Black Lives organization were having peaceful protests, they were met with rubber bullets and tear gas for a situation that was seen as a high alert. This was an eye-opening situation to how whites have an undeniable privilege
Ms. Natasha Simpson

I thought what happened at the D.C. capitol was really an act of treason on the president's part. As for the Trump supporters, it was white people exercising white privilege.
Ashton Auston, student

THE ACT OF INSURRECTION INVOKED BY PRESIDENT TRUMP IS IN CONTRADICTION TO ALL THE VALUES AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAWS THAT THIS COUNTRY IS FOUNDED ON. THIS UNBELIEVABLE ACT HAS FURTHER DIVIDED OUR NATION AND TARNISHED OUR WORLD IMAGE.
GLENDA THOMAS

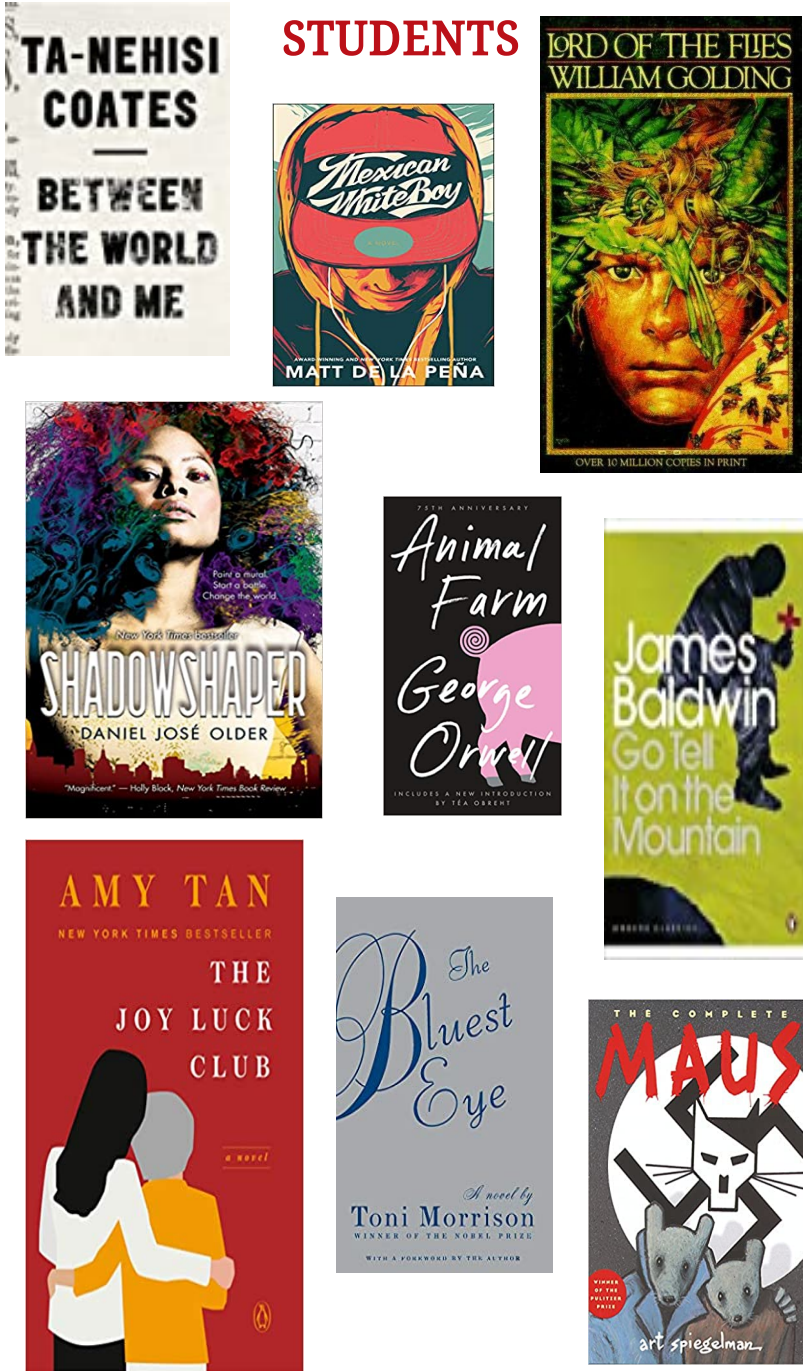
I felt as if everything was unacceptable. If the rioters were people of color, they wouldn't have been able to even get close to the capitol and the fact that nothing happened to them was wrong. They destroyed the capitol and was ready to kill people over their supposedly civil and human rights was ridiculous.
Semaj Washington, student

The thing that struck me is how many people kept talking about how the riot was "un-American," or how this was the first time Americans had so viciously attacked America, without taking into account the thousands of acts of violence that were perpetrated against Black Americans and indigenous people in the founding and in the decades and centuries following the founding of our nation. Yet again, we see white supremacy rising up to combat a perceived threat of the darker "other" taking over THEIR country, as if it was ever truly THEIR country to begin with.
Amy Shaw

Nothing good ever comes of violence. People were killed for no reason at all. Lives cannot be replaced.
Irene Mackson

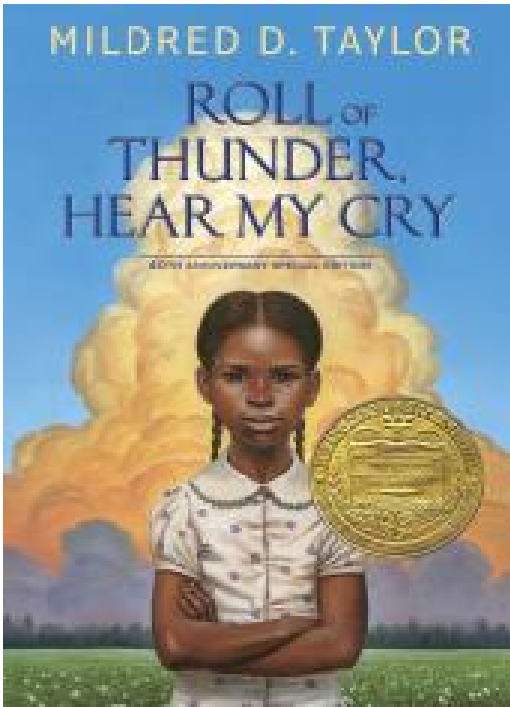
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BEST READS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



BOOK REVIEW

January Book of the Month



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Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry is a classic novel by Mildred Taylor who wrote a fictional novel based upon the real life experiences of her father. Mildred's father grew up in the state of Mississippi during the 1920s. At that time Jim Crow laws and culture were a cruel and brutal way of life not only in the south, but the nation.

Through the eyes of a middle school girl named Cassie, Taylor gives a poignant picture of the struggles of an African American family struggle to keep the land that they own. In brutal clarity, Mildred Taylor's characters Cassie, Stacey, and Little Man give a disturbing testament to the trials of life faced by African Americans in the Jim Crow era of the 1920s.

Jim Crow did not retire however in the 1920s. Jim Crow America is alive and lives in today's society. This novel is a classic because it helps young people to learn survival tactics for today by examining the lives of their ancestors. If we don't know our past, we could easily be doomed to re-live the trials of the past.



DAWOUD BEY: AN AMERICAN PROJECT Through March 14, 2021 HIGH MUSEUM OF ART

Dawoud Bey used his camera to create poignant meditations on visibility, race, place, and American history. From early street portraits made in Harlem to a recent series imagining an escape from slavery on the Underground Railroad, Bey explores photography's potential to reveal communities and stories that have been underrepresented or even unseen.

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MEGAN THEE STALLION

Legend in the Making
by Raven Joiner



Everybody knows that Megan Thee Stallion is known for her thick body, her impeccable knees and long legs. She adopted the name stallion after high school boys teased her about her size. Ironically, stallion refers to a male horse, but she is anything but masculine. Her lyrics are of

a strong feminist and confident woman. In her songs, she tells women they can be their own boss without a man and look good while they are at it. In her few years of rapping, she has had a #1 hit and 6 top 10 songs. It is a great accomplishment for someone who has been making music since 2016; compared to Cardi B, who has been rapping since 2015. Megan has shown people around the world that she is a fierce diva and a legend in the making.

In her four years of entertainment, Megan has brought her savage ways in her music. From songs like "Captain Hook" to "Girly N the Hood," she has brought a different music flare to hip-hop. The song "Savage" written by her began trending on tik tok and instagram and became a dance challenge phenomenon. She also appeared on Cardi B's single and video "WAP."

All in all, Megan has worked very hard in the success of being a female rapper. According to Megan's mother, Holly Thomas, a rapper herself who went by the stage name "Holly-Wood," rapping is in Megan's blood. From just writing her lyrics when she was 16 years old to having one of the most successful mixtape in 2019, Megan is rapping her way to stardom while being enrolled at Texas Southern University studying Health Administration. Indeed, with determination and confidence, she is a legend in the making.

10 SECONDS

WE ONLY HAD 10 SECONDS
LESS THAN A MINUTE NOT EVEN A DAY
I MEAN 10 SECONDS
WATCHING THE BRIGHT LIGHT FADE AWAY
WATCHING THE LINE GO STRAIGHT
FEELING YOUR EYES CLOSE
WE ONLY HAD 10 SECONDS, IT WASN'T EVEN A DAY
10 SECONDS
ENOUGH TIME TO SAY I LOVE YOU
ENOUGH TIME TO SAY OUR GOODBYE
ENOUGH TIME FOR THAT BALL TO DROP
10 SECONDS
YOU DIDN'T EVEN MAKE IT TO THE NEW YEAR

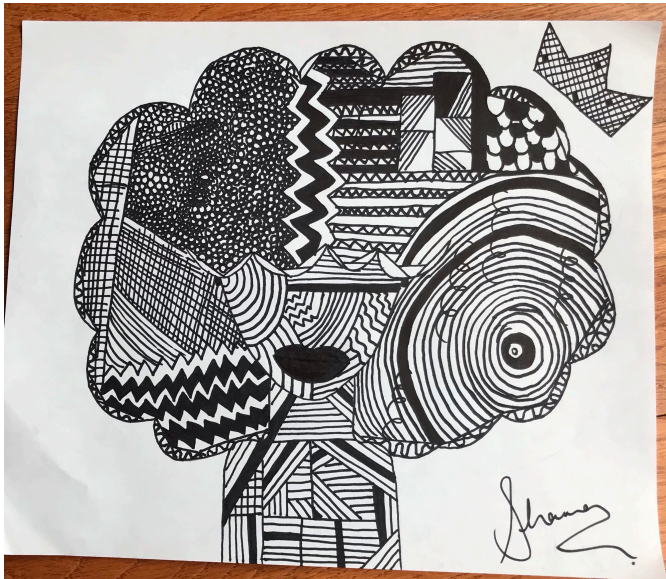
EBONY GALES



EVIRA REYES



TITAN
TALENT



SHANNON O'NEAL

My black is beautiful! It has made me strong from slavery to segregation especially when you had to ask the Tukegee Airman to help you win the war.

We picked your cotton and worked the land, we even fed your babes with our beautiful black hands. My black is so beautiful just look at me, some of my fair skinned brothers and sisters lay in the sun just to look like me.

My black is so beautiful just sit down and think without my very existence you would become extinct. My black is beautiful this I know because it is made of all the colors of rainbow.

My black is beautiful, it comes in all different shades, from charcoal to mocha, to caramel and even beige. My black is definitely beautiful this I know is true. We were carefully and wonderfully made by our Creator who loves us all, no matter what shade or hue.

MY BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL

MICHELE BROWN



ITIERA DAVIS

MY BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL
THE WAY MY MELANIN GLOWS
AS I STRUT DOWN THE ROWS
MY BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL
WHEN I ENTER THE ROOM
IT AUTOMATICALLY GLOWS
ONE OF A KIND IT SHALL NEVER DIE
MY BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL
THE WAY MY HIPS WIDEN
AND MY HAIR COILS
WITH THE MOST NATURAL OILS
I AM TOO BLESSED TO BE STRESSED
THANKS TO GOD
MY BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL

SYLVANNAH DAVIS

See, I'm really *terrified*
Every time I see my mama, sister, brother, aunt, cousin
and daddy step *outside*
Knowing that there is a chance they won't make it back
alive
Knowing that their color is a target and it doesn't
have a warning sign,
so yea, I'm *petrified*
we live in a country so *uncivilized*
that taking a jog around the neighborhood could turn
into a *homicide*
and the man responsible for those actions get told
that his actions are *justified*,
We are living in a great *divide*
Where racism is *amplified*
Discrimination is *glorified*
Injustice is brushed *aside*
But wait, let me clarify
My black is beautiful and even with all the odds against
me I still choose to rise
I still choose that my light will shine so please don't
think that I lie when I say, **My Black is Beautiful!**

RENEA SMITH



KRISTNA HARRIS



ASHONDRA FOUNTAIN



Teacher/Staff Page

What Would You Do If You Won the Lottery?

If I won the lottery, I would first, tithe the proper portion to my church, pay the debts of my parents off, and get them what they desire; plus a lump sum. Next I'd take care of my debts, build my dream home, and get the best financial advisors in the world so I can begin investing. I will give to my desired charities, and community beautification, invest in our HBCUs. Then I would invest further into my business ventures, build a non profit to help the homeless and people less fortunate. I would help empower girls and women. Lastly, I would travel the world And absolutely, positively never work for anyone again.
Crystal Thomas

If I won the lottery, I would pay off my house, then rent it out, buy a bigger house with a 3 car garage and 3 mustang convertibles, firepit, play set, and a bigger yard for my 2 dogs. I would travel to Israel, Japan, Alaska, and take a train ride across Canada
Coach Young

IF I WON THE LOTTERY, I WOULD SET UP A TRUST FUND, SO NOBODY KNEW I WON, PAY OFF ALL MY OUTSTANDING DEBTS, INVEST THE REMAINDER, PLAN A GREAT SUMMER VACATION, AND COME TO WORK AND DO MY BEST EVERYDAY.
DR. MACMASTERS

I will get my money in one lump sum. I will give some to family, friends, and the church. I will pay off debts, invest for long term, buy land, create a business, set up college and trust funds for my niece and nephew, create a scholarship fund, donate to my alma mater and create a building in my family name.
Ms. West



I would take Towers Staff to Little Alley Steakhouse in Roswell.
Mr. Beerman



If I won the Powerball, I would create a college/career fund for my family. I would hire therapists, financial counselors, and business managers prior to them receiving funds. I would hold a family retreat to focus on goal setting, emotional intelligence, and traumatic stress. I would have them agree to accept these services and monitor them for a period of 1-5 years if they want to receive and establish long term wealth. I would create scholarships for others, invest in businesses, faith based organizations, donate to HBCUs and to Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc.
Mrs. Keisha Davis



IF I WON THE LOTTERY I WOULD REACH OUT TO ALL MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN AN EFFORT TO CLEAR ALL THEIR DEBT. MORTGAGE, STUDENT LOANS, CAR NOTES, CONSIDER IT ALL GONE. I DOUBT I WOULD QUIT MY JOB. I DEFINITELY WOULD TAKE SOME TIME OFF.
MR. K. LESLIE

Towers "January" Educator of the Month MARVAVIER HURTS



"When you can't Change the Direction of the Wind, ADJUST YOUR SAILS"
H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Puckett Says....



I am encouraged by the reaction and work ethic of a lot of young people in this country. Many young leaders have shown themselves more than capable of being the next great leaders of our country. One hundred (100) Black Men and one hundred (100) Black Women are two of the groups making advances in America today. If we continue on that path then the changes we want to see will happen sooner than later. I was so proud to see so many first time voters vote this last time around.
KEITH PUCKETT

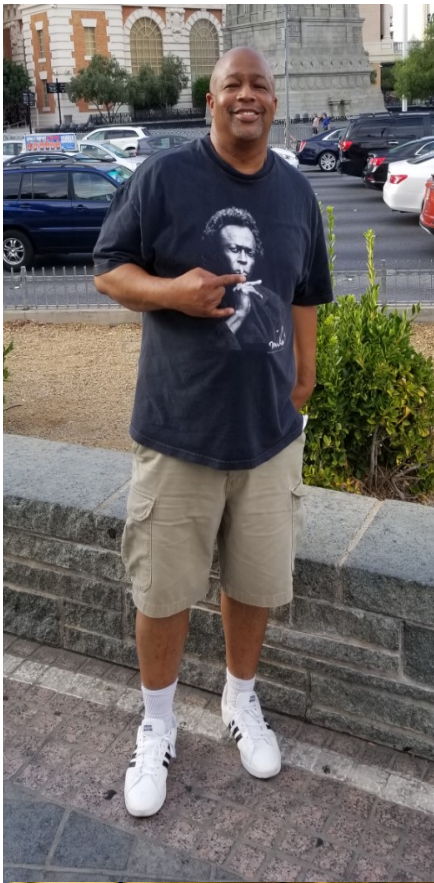
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TOWERS TITANS BASKETBALL



This is Coach Grier. I am the Towers Boys Basketball coach for 2020-2021 season.

First, I want to say that I am excited to be named the new basketball coach at Towers High School along with Assistant coaches, Anthony Neal and Earl Eberhart. We hope to bring an exciting brand of basketball to Towers High School this year.

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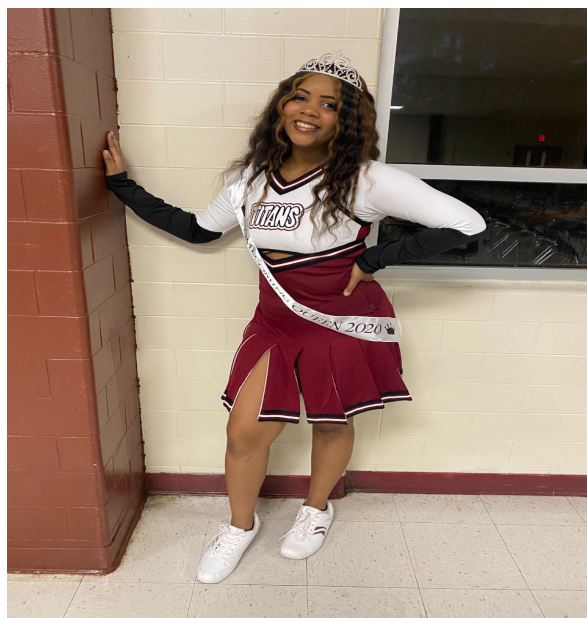
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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



RENEA SMITH

LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL:

I've been accepted into 13 schools such as Clark Atlanta, Georgia State, Spelman College, Valdosta State, LSU, Jackson State, Michigan State just to name a few. So my plan is to attend one of them and major in education and double major in music production and business administration

FAVORITE TEACHER

Mr. Gibson because no matter how many times I was ready to give up he always encouraged me to keep pushing and keep striving for greatness.

GREATEST FEAR

Failure. I want to accomplish my goals and my biggest fear is that I will fail and never accomplish my goals.

WHAT MAKES ME SMILE

My siblings make me so happy even though they get on my nerves sometimes it makes me happy to see them happy.

WHERE DO I SEE MYSELF IN 10 YEARS

A music teacher at a high school or college and very happy and successful

FAVORITE MOVIES

Love and Basketball, Freedom Writers

SONG THAT BEST DESCRIBES ME

Savage by Megan thee Stallion

FAVORITE FOODS

Sushi, Mac & Chesse, Fruit Salad

I AM GRACEFUL FOR

My family because where would I be without them.

BEST ADVICE I GOT

Ms. Savage told me to be "unapologetically me."

FAVORITE MUSIC ARTIST

Toni Braxton

READING IS THE BASICS FOR ALL LEARNING

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



DESTANI JYNIAH JOHNSON

LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL:

Georgia State University for Biology, advancing to Dentistry

FAVORITE TEACHER

Ms. Harris because she watched me grow from a freshman to a senior

GREATEST FEAR

Not taking a risk and regretting it later on in life

WHAT MOTIVATES ME

Myself. Nobody can complete tasks for me but me

WHAT MAKES ME SMILE

Traveling and Food

FAVORITE MUSIC ARTIST

Brent Faiyaz

BEST ADVICE I GOT

It was from my mom, "Just because someone is having a bad day, don't let it affect you.

I AM GRACEFUL FOR

Being alive and everything that has happened to me, even the bad things taught me lessons

FAVORITE FOODS

Cheese fries, lobster, and seafood pasta with mushrooms

FAVORITE MOVIES

Shrek, Croods: New Age

SONG THAT BEST DESCRIBES ME

Smile by Duval

WHERE DO I SEE MYSELF IN 10 YEARS

Financially stable, well-travelled, and starting a family

Anyone interested in playing
Tennis should contact
Coach Eberhart at 404-490-2055 or at
earl_eberhart@dekalbschoolsga.org.
Students can come by Towers HS on
Friday, January 22nd from
4:00 -4:30pm to get the
necessary paperwork to be cleared
for practice which will begin
tentatively the week of January 25th.

LEADERSHIP

**"Anyone who claims
to be a leader must
speak like a leader.
That means
speaking with
integrity and truth"**



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