



ETU Community School Newsletter

"Keeping Youth Alive & Free"
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A Word from the Founder Nzinga Oneferua EI

Happy New Year!!! We have had a great year at the Entrepreneur Training University Community School. There is so much grand news we don't know where to begin. Let's start with our newly elected Mayor. We are excited to have the first African American female Mayor for Baltimore City. This action has taken almost two hundred years. Congrats, Mayor Shelia Dixon, you truly make us proud. History was being made as those of us looked on as our new Mayor was sworn in. Mayor Dixon is such an inspiration. In spite of all her trials and tribulations, she made it. She referenced her journey and said that God is leading her.

As we look at one of the Mayor's great visions, the development of community schools, we realize that we are also taking a walk; creating a journey that is making history. We have assembled awesome partnerships to support the students and families of Doris M. Johnson and Heritage High Schools at the Historical Lake Clifton Campus.

A Few Updates: We are launching the first campus wide implementation of the Street Soldier Violence Prevention Model January 2008. We have also began our in school suspension alternative, The Street Soldier Center. Some of our Street Soldier Ambassadors (youth) are working as facilitators with youth who are on long term suspension, expelled or transitioning from the Department of Juvenile Services. This program is being operated at the Harbor Campus of Baltimore City Community College.

Our youth in after school are participating in fitness, poetry, homework club, silk screening, horticulture, entrepreneur training, running a community school store and so much more. Youth are being taught

**Our Featured
Partner
University of
Maryland
Cooperative
Extension:
An Interview
with Manami
Brown, City
Extension
Director**

Ms. Brown is currently the City Extension Director for the 4-H Youth Development College of Agriculture and Natural Resources University of Maryland Cooperative Extension (MCE) in Baltimore City.

community and resource mapping along with youth leadership from our University of Maryland Cooperative Extension partner. Thanks to the Baltimore Chapter of the Links youth and parents are participating in financial literacy workshops on Saturdays.

In the fall, we launched this year's adult education offering through our Baltimore City Community College partnership, pre GED, GED, and computer classes. A series of workshops will be offered to parents and adults starting from January through June with pertinent topics for family strengthening. As one can see, we have been very busy. More than busy we are truly blessed to be able to provide a multi-faceted vehicle to our community that can offer so many supports.

We wish to give thanks to our principals, Ms Rock and Ms. Lawrence whose fortitude and vision make so many positive outcomes possible. We also give praise and thanks to all of our partners who have worked tirelessly to make the ETU Community School a grand success. Our parents are also such a vital part of the work we do and we honor and thank all of them. Most of all we want to give thanks, honor, and praise to our Creator. The opportunities have been boundless and the outreach has been immeasurable.

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Heritage High School Highlights

The MCE, Baltimore City is part of a statewide, community based educational component of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The MCE in the city of Baltimore addresses national and state initiatives and relevant city issues. Major programming initiatives in the city are: Urban Horticulture, Financial Management, 4-H Youth Development, Family Development, Nutrition and Food Education, and Community Development and Leadership.

Ms. Brown received her Bachelors of Social Work (BSW) degree from Morgan State University in 1975 and her Masters of Education (ME) from Johns Hopkins University in 1993. Ms. Brown obtained her Masters while simultaneously fulfilling the role



Picture here, are students from Heritage High School's Early Chi

as Program Director for Fellowships of Lights Youth and Community Services and Regional Director for Youth Advocate Programs Inc.

Ms. Brown has several publications in journals, monographs, and reports stemming from 2000 to the present that discuss the scope of the 4-H Teen Corps Leadership Model. She has been invited to present throughout the nation at National Symposiums and Conferences and she has designed exhibits that illustrates measurable outcomes of the Teen Leadership Model used in city-wide 4-H programming. Ms. Brown has also assisted in the development of the "Be the E" Entrepreneurship 4-H Curriculum, which is distributed nationally.

Among her many distinguished Civic awards, Ms. Brown is most

Idhood Development Pre-K Class

This 2007-2008 school year Heritage High School was selected to start an Early Childhood Development Pre-K program at the school. The inception of the this program was due to the lack of space at these students' zoned schools. Students are bused in from throughout the city. There are a total of 40 students attending, made up of two classes of 20 students. One teacher and one teacher's aide per class.

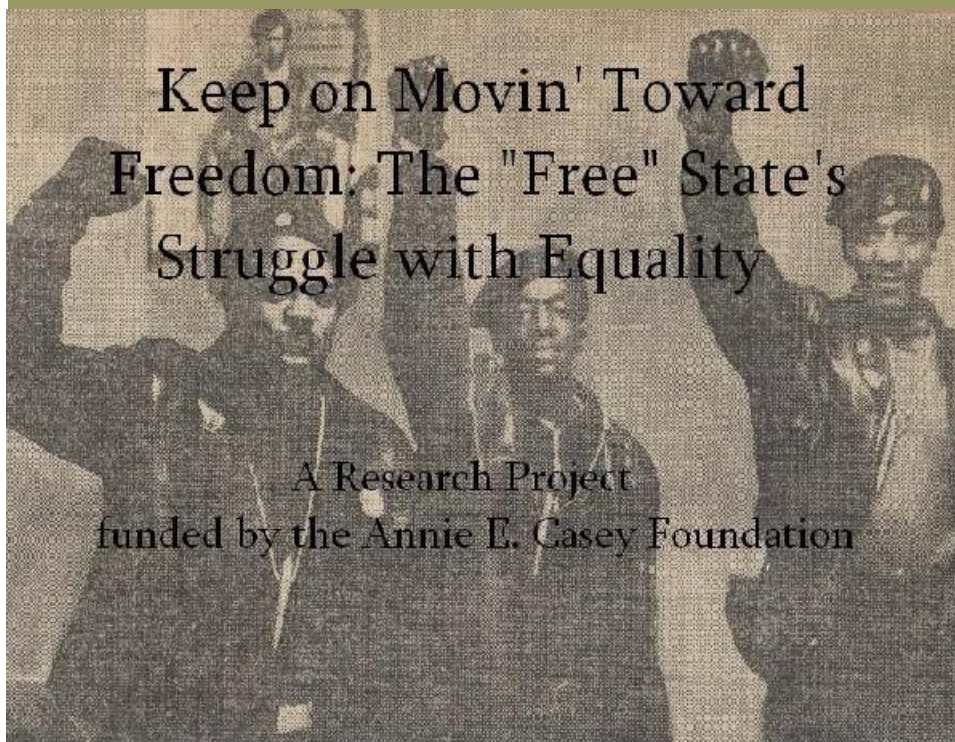
I had the privilege to sit down to speak with both teachers Ms. Barkenbush and Mr. Wildgoose. They both reported having a strong passion for teaching youth in all capacities, but felt it is important to reach the youth at their early stages of life. They enjoy reading to the students, drawing, and role playing with them as well. Mr. Wildgoose stated that the parents of these students are active participants, they donate supplies and volunteer their time to come in to the classrooms and go on field trips with the students.

Heritage High School students and faculty members are excited about an instructional model that allows students to develop their individual interests, abilities, and talents. Through the Schoolwide Enrichment Model (Renzulli, 1976), all students participate in an enrichment club of their choice for forty-five minutes during each school day. Participation in enrichment activities provides exposure to various topics, areas of interest, and fields of study. Also, the model further trains students to apply advanced content, process training skills, and methodology training to self- selected areas of interest. The thirty enrichment clubs available include; The Future Business Leaders of America, Theater in the Community, Modeling, Film Production, Newsletter, Street Soldiers, Debate, Student Government, Chess, and

the Spanish Club. All faculty members facilitate student leadership in each club. A culminating activity to showcase work and talents will be held in the Spring, 2008.

Heritage also has students who participate in the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) program . A big congratulations goes out to Danielle Smith, Myiehsa McDaniels, Erica Green, and Wendell Griffin for holding the top three places in the In-School Business Plan Competition. Danielle and Myiesha took 1st place winning \$100, Erica Green took 2nd place winning \$75, and Wendell took 3rd palce winning \$50. Please wish Danielle, Myiesha, and Erica good luck in their attempt to seize the top positons in the City-wide competition in January 2008.

Doris M. Johnson High School Highlights



The Maryland Historical Society and the Doris M. Johnson High School Research the Civil Rights Movement in Baltimore

Students at Doris M. Johnson (DMJ) high school created a web site that will enlighten and further educate each visitor to this site about the Civil Rights Movement in Baltimore. The information collected on this site is part of a three year collaboration between Doris M. Johnson High School and the Maryland Historical Society. This web site is a collection of student work on African- American history and civil rights in Maryland. Please browse the pages to learn more about the topics listed on the web site, listen to oral history interviews with civil rights activists from Baltimore collected from 2006-2007, visit the timeline of

proud of her 2006 Champions of Courage Black History Essay Competition Contest award. This contest is a showcase for students to honor those who have shared the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with young people. This student selected was out of a selection of 4500 submissions. Ms. Brown was honored by the fact that she made such an impression on that student and that student compared her to Martin Luther King, Jr.

Ms. Brown stated that, "it's not just a job to me, it's just a part of my life...it comes from my parents. My parents valued family and community. I'm supposed to do these things. These accomplishments are accomplishments done in collaborations with others." Ms. Brown goes on to say that her father was a

civil rights history, and learn more about Baltimore's Heros and [S]heros!

This project was made possible with a grant provided by the Annie E. Casey Foundation and distributed by Associated Black Charities.

A big congratulations goes out to the Doris M. Johnson JROTC Drill Team. The JROTC Drill Team took 1st place amongst all the other city high school drill teams at the Morgan State University Homecoming Parade.

DMJ Youth Ambassadors make a positive impact in the school. The focus of the Youth Ambassadors is to provide a safe environment. Youth are divided into three groups: Student Hall Monitors, Student Budget Committee, and Peer Mediation. Student Youth Ambassador, Dominic Cromwell was quoted in the December 2007 student letter as to why he participates. He stated, "It feels good, because it feels like I'm making a difference and working for a cause".

[Read on to view the MD Civil Rights website...](#)

ETU After School Highlights!



The ETU After school program celebrated Kwanzaa on December

19th. Kwanzaa is an African American holiday celebrated over a period of seven days. Each day is dedicated to a principle which represents one of the basic values of African culture. All of the principles and symbols of Kwanzaa have Swahili names. Kwanzaa itself means first fruits. Kwanzaa starts December 26th and ends January 1st .

Youth Development Coordinator and was called "The Mayor of the Community" and among the many things he has taught her was to value the community. Ms. Brown reports that her mother, an educator, taught her the importance of education and learning from others. Ms. Brown further stated that these values are what she imparts on those around her.

Reflecting back on how the partnership between MCE and the Entrepreneur Training University (ETU) Community School began, Ms. Brown stated that she met that founder of the ETU, Mama Nzinga Oneferua-EL at a meeting about two years ago and was attracted to the vision of Mama Nzinga.

In April 2007 a formal partnership between MCE and the ETU

In the spirit of Kwanzaa, students, parents, and community members came to the celebration for food, fellowship, and to learn about more about the ETU Community School.

Students in the Horticultural program made holiday wreaths and presented them to their parents during the festivities. Parents spoke about their experiences at the ETU. One parent reported seeing the excitement in her child's eyes when she would speak of the things she was involved in at the ETU After School program. She goes on to say that her daughter was making jewelry and selling the jewelry as part the the Entrepreneurship program. This sparked further interest in the parent and through this interest encouraged the parent to make jewelry on her own. The parent then reads two poems that she wrote and made a commitment to become a volunteer at the ETU Community School.

There are more encouraging stories of this magnitude that continue to create an energy of excitement here at the ETU Community School. Please come out to the ETU Community School to witness the excitement and to seize an opportunity to participate in unique educational events and fulfilled activities.

ETU Street Soldiers!!!

The ETU, Community School at the Doris M. Johnson and Heritage



High School campus is proud to announce that there will be an all staff Street Soldiers training on January 31st and February 1st 2008. Teachers, faculty, and administrators will be trained by certified trainers that will be coming from the headquarters in San Francisco to conduct the training. The major goal of the Street Soldiers Model is to

Community School was solidified. Through collaborative efforts the partnership strives to meet the vision of the Community School. The vision is to embrace excellent instruction, provide enrichment and recreational opportunities, health and social services that remove identified barriers to learning. Further to promote leadership opportunities and support for our students' families, and provide resources that develop and nurture a vibrant community.

In the spirit of this shared vision, a future endeavor is for the MCE-Baltimore City Office is in the process of developing a Unit Plan that will focus on several diverse Baltimore Communities, which include District 14 and the ETU Community

"Keep Youth Alive and Free".

As part of the ETU efforts to engage the parents of the community, ETU is offering a Street Soldiers training for the parents in February 2008 at the Doris M. Johnson and Heritage high school campus.

[To find out more on the Street Soldiers Model](#)

Adult/Community Education Workshops

FACILITATORS NEEDED!!!! Looking for facilitators to lead the ETU, Community School Adult/Community Education Workshops. (See Details below)

[Adult/Community Education Workshops](#)

January 16th Intro to Street Soldiers Model "How to Keep your Child Alive & Free" -Nzinga Oneferua-EL

February Topics - (3PART Series) Taxes, Financial Management, & Workforce Development

March Topic- What is family and how can we strengthen it?

April Topics - (2part series) #1 Effective Parenting- working with a difficult child #2 Understanding Childhood Disorders

May Topics - (2part series) #1 Sexuality/Gender Making yourself emotionally available to your child #3 Surviving Mental Illness in your Family

June Topic - (2part series) #1How to prevent and/or address Substance Abuse in your family. Facilitator Ms. Stokes #2 Closing Ceremonies-

***NOTE:** Times and dates will be solidified once facilitators are confirmed.

Facilitators are asked to lead these workshops on an In-Kind basis. The ETU, Community School is encouraging all facilitators to market their services while conducting the workshops.

To sign up: Contact Derek Gilchrist at 410-235-2846 or www.indyca@hotmail.com

Baltimore City Community College GED & Computer Classes

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BCCC is offering Free Pre-GED/GED and Computer classes, for those

School at the Doris M. Johnson and Heritage high school campus.

The Unit Plan will implement educational programs in the areas of urban agriculture, youth development, nutrition, workforce preparation, financial management, entrepreneurship, and career development. The Unit Plan supports each of the areas targeted in the City's Master Plan (LIVE, EARN, PLAY, and LEARN).

[Find out more....](#)

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16 yrs. or older, at the ETU, Community School located at the Doris M. Johnson and Heritage High school campus. 2801 St. Lo Drive Baltimore, MD 21213

Pre-GED/GED Classes are Mondays & Wednesdays 5:30pm-8:30pm
Computer Classes are Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:30pm-7:30pm

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