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Advocate Publisher’s Daughter Grads From Edison High

President Obama Suprises Students, Speaks at High School Graduation

TENNESSEE
President Barack Obama arrived in Memphis on Monday morning to meet with flood victims and speak at the 2011 graduating class of Booker T. Washington High School.

Senator Bob Corker accompanied President Obama on his flight aboard Air Force One from Washington.

They were greeted by Governor Bill Haslam, Mem-

phis Mayor A C Wharton, Senator Lamar Alexander,

U.S. Representative Steve Cohen, U.S. Attorney Ed

Stanton along with Booker T. Washington Seniors

Cassandra Henderson and Christopher Dean

Dean and Henderson were with President Obama for a surprise drop-in chat with the senior class before the ceremony. The students did not know he would join them before commencement, and erupted into cheers, and some sobs, when Obama walked out smiling.

“Obama gave a small pep talk telling the students that they have shown determination, character and a will to succeed,” said history teacher Robert Harmon. “He told them they are a clear group of folks who were trying to send you down the wrong path.”

He told them that as an inspiration to their city, the Continued on Page 11

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GRADUATE ISSUE

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Congratulations to the African American Centennial Class of 2011!

“Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.”

MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN

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Bria L. Graves
Bria L. Graves is graduating from Sunnyvale High School. Bria has been a role model and actively involved in various clubs and activities, such as: ‘Don’t Laugh at Me,’ HOSA (Helping Our Community), Leadership, Varsity Cheer, VPA (Video Production Academy), Track and Field, and Vice President of BSA (Black Student Union). Additionally, Bria is a member of Jr. Mission, Mass Choir, and the Praise Dance Team. Bria plans to pursue a career in the field of Child Psychology. Bria’s family and friends are proud of her dedication and achievements. She has achieved success in her future endeavors. God Bless you Bria, Love Mom (Earline E. Graves).

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DaJanae M. Jones
demic GPA: 3.0. Future Plans: City College of San Francisco. Parents: Robert and Lashonda Jones.

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Garbralle Conroe
Garbralle Conroe grew up on the westside of Fresno, CA. She has 3 brothers 1 sister. She is the daughter of Allen and Donna Conroe. Gar
bralle has been actively involved in community outreach by mentoring in at risk youth and participation in Career Day, through Washington Union High School. Garbralle is
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Here are a couple testimonials from those students:

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“The trip was truly significant because I learned so much about my culture in just a few days. It is a precious thing to be informed and I have truly developed into a stronger individual. I realized there is absolutely no excuse to not go out and pursue your dreams and aspirations. I also experienced things I never thought I’d do. Best of all, I was accepted into a well-known prestigious school, Hampton University, my new home.”

TAYLOR KIMBER

“My favorite part of the college tour: Washington D.C was phenomenal! I absolutely loved Howard University. The friendliness and professionalism of students and staff was so awesome. To learn in depth the rich legacy African Americans have made was almost unbelievable. The amazing landmark of D.C, such as the White House, the Capital and the Washington Monument was a great learning experience. I really enjoyed discovering the way for my grandparents and others, even me. This trip exposed me to other options outside of California. The tour opened up my eyes to the possibilities of doing so much more in my life. I have to say thank you Mrs. Holly and Mrs. Robinson for this wonderful experience.”

The TCU HEIRS PROGRAM:

We strive to connect students to invaluable resources and teach life lessons while giving them the scholastic tools to succeed in high school, college, and beyond.

Program Goals:

• Provide educational opportunities and success for every student.
• Develop a positive attitude in the student necessary for academic success, to reach career and life goals.
• Build bridges from middle school through high school and beyond which leads to college success.
• Equip students with skills to enter and succeed in college.

The Ultimate College Tour:

Students are provided with the opportunity to tour California collegiate campuses as well as HBCU’s. The students are equipped with information, to determine the best fit for their individual needs and interests.

During their visit to the various HBCU’s, they’re immersed in a campus community that embraces and celebrates their cultural heritage. The students are also able to retrace their ancestors’ journey through history. At the conclusion of this thought-provoking experience, students are empowered to fulfill their dreams for the future.

Our Tour Includes:

• Comprehensive Campus Tour / HBCU’s in D.C. & Virginia.
• Student consultations with college admission officials.
• Visits to relevant historical sites.
• Assist student in determining if college and local area is the best fit for their needs.

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New Advocate Columnist: Beauty Expert Speaks Out

Black middle class parents believe many teachers have low expectations regarding their children’s performance.

Research found that many black parents believed there was generally low teacher expectations regarding their children’s performance.

The Educational Strategies of the Black Middle Class study was conducted by the Institute of Education and is based on interviews with 62 parents of black Caribbean heritage.

It found that many parents believed there was generally low teacher expectations regarding their children’s performance at school.

The report added: “Good behavior and average achievements by black students are accepted as sufficient by too many teachers.”

Researchers found that black middle class parents have adopted a number of strategies to counter this attitude from teachers. One is to rarely use the word racism, even if there is evidence of it as “is it likely to be met with resistance and antagonism by teachers, tutors and school staff?”

Another is to ensure teachers are aware that they place a high value on education. A common view among families interviewed was the role of education as a key to social mobility.

One parent said: “I’ve probably been down to school twice now just to check on him. The teachers have been very, very supportive, but also very surprised that I’ve wanted to see them before parents’ evening or before they asked me.”

Another said: “Before he started at the new, state school I wrote to the headmaster: ‘My child is coming to your school, he’s already gone to private school, but I love your school. But be warned, I have very high expectations of my child, so my message is do not mess up their schooling.’

“Teachers, however, need more support for teaching a diverse school population, including explicitly how to tackle racism, during initial teaching training and also through continuing professional development.”

Teachers’ Low Expectations Harm Black Children, Say Parents

Are You an Artist or Aspiring Poet?

We are looking for submissions for our upcoming Arts/Entertainment Section!

Email Bernique Covington at The California Advocate Newspaper.

Email: bernique@caladvocate.com or submit to The California Advocate office located at 1555 E. Street, Fresno, CA 93706. For more info call (559) 268-0941.

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Community Events for June & July, 2011

Track and Field Leagues

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ENTERTAINMENT

Blues, Brews and BBQ

Salt-N-Pepa Concert

San Francisco Zoo will be at Hart Park in Hanford CA at 801 10th Avenue 93230 (559) 584-3181 at the Kings Fair. To purchase tickets online call (559) 732-7737 or visit www.kingsfair.com.

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Ringing Bros and Barnum and Bailey Circus Tour

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JUNE 27

BEAT THE LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA SOCIETY

Semi-Final tickets, $20.00. All proceeds benefit our local chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Tickets are available at the door or purchased online at www.miloevents.net.

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BUILD A BEAR WORKSHOP

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involved four outcome components – We wanted to fully involve and engage the participants in discussion.
Second, we wanted the participants to de-
velop a strong sense of their own self-
concept, (motivation grows from this)
third, we wanted the participants to share their own stories. Fourth, we wanted our
participants to build relationships. I can say that this Leadership Academy’s supported both the pedagogy
and an andragogy environment that fos-
tered learning across all social strata-
fication.

The Academy graduated forty-nine par-
ticipants from the Academy on June 9th. Twenty three earned special honors. Congratulation Recognitions certificates
were also provided from Councilman Oliver Baines and Congresswoman Jim Cos-
toa. Our graduates had to meet certain re-
quisites such as: Councilmember Oliver Baines, Dr. Keith Foster, Dr. Lee Furley, Mr. Charles Francis, Mr. Joe Covington, Mr. Michael Lefall, Mr. Landon Green, Mr. Daren Miller, Mr. Tate Hill, Mr. Sol-
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can male. As a professional Organiza-
tional Psychologist, I know how to rec-
gnize and assess for change, and I can tell you unequivocally that our partici-
pants’ lives have been inspired for personal change thru these weekly presenta-
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In Los Angeles, not all murder investigations are created equal. Sometimes a killing shocks our collective conscience so much that the media swarm and politicians line up for press conferences and the police assign dozens of officers to the case until it’s solved.

The 1993 killing of Veronica Ultreras, 22, and her 3-year-old daughter Cynthia in their Highland Park home was not one of those crimes. Media attention was fleeting, and the police investigation yielded no suspects. And this makes Ultreras’ father, a 66-year-old plumber named Luis Navarro, very angry.

“In my case, there are just two detectives, working part-time,” Navarro told me. He calls them every week and visits them at Los Angeles police headquarters. “I try to be there at 6 a.m., so that I’m waiting for them when they get in.” He’s been doing this for 18 years now.

Navarro’s question to the detectives is always the same: “Do you have any news for me?” “I share with him as much as I can,” said Det. Ray Morales. “I’m definitely sensitive to his frustrations.”

Meanwhile, Navarro wages his one-man campaign – harassing assorted city and police officials, often showing up at their offices unannounced, demanding that they keep the investigation going. “I’m going to be a rock in their shoe for as long as I’m alive, or until the case is resolved,” he told me.

The unanswered questions, and the feeling of impotence before the great machinery of criminal justice, have haunted Navarro since the morning of Jan. 2, 1993. One of his daughter’s neighbors called to tell him that her home was on fire. Navarro drove from his home in El Sereno and found Veronica being tended by paramedics on the path in front of her Highland Park duplex.

At first, officials said Veronica and Cynthia had been the victims of a fire triggered by a Christmas tree. But when Navarro later entered the home, “I could tell right away that they’d been murdered,” he said. Only a small portion of the living room had been burned, he said. In the back of the home, where Cynthia had been found in a bathtub, there had been no fire at all. Mother and daughter should have been able to escape.

Soon afterward the Fire Department confirmed that it was arson. And police announced that Veronica and Cynthia had been strangled.

Navarro was soon consumed by the notion that people in power didn’t care. He upended his life to try to force them to do more. He canvassed the Highland Park neighborhood in search of witnesses. He pressured the City Council to increase the reward offered in the case.

“He’s been a part of this office for many years,” said Tony Perez, communications director for City Councilman Ed Reyes, who represents the neighborhood where the killings took place. Perez has been meeting with Navarro for 17 years.

Navarro also goes to meetings of the Police Commission. He’s confronted several LAPD chiefs in public, going back to Willie Williams.

His obsession eventually became so great that his wife left and divorced him, he said. His plumbing business collapsed. These losses he appears willing to endure. “I made two promises to my daughter and granddaughter,” Navarro told me. “That there would always be fresh flowers on their graves. And that I would not stop until their killer or killers were in jail.”

But as the years go by, he is reminded again and again of how small in the scheme of things the Ultreras case is.
Congratulations 2011 Graduates!

**Miracle Mone't Hallman**

Miracle Mone't Hallman was indeed a Miracle child who was born prematurely with many life threatening complications and was not expected to be able to learn. According to doctors, she would be mentally challenged. Not expected to be able to learn. Miracle graduated from Madera High School in 2011. Despite those complications and expectations, Miracle graduated from Sacramento City College to转graduate from Sacramento City College to转graduate from Madera High School. She’ll continue her education at Fresno Pacific College. Kamareia is the daughter of Bernard Lee Jr. I am a very kind hearted person who enjoys helping people and I desire to serve the Lord where He is leading me. The Angelos Biblical Institute, 4141 N. Fresno Street, Fresno, California 93726 or by calling (559) 803-2369. Thank you and may God bless you. In Jesus Name, Janiela Ahmed

**Erikkka Banks**

Parents: Erick Banks Sr. & Kimberly Harvey.

GPA: 3.8

**Future Plans**

- Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

**Scholarships**

- Black Student Union- United Black Men
- Daycare Assistant- Twinkle Twinkle Big Star
- Fresno Stars AAU Basketball Team 2009-2010
- Coach Little T-Wolves Basketball Team 2008-2010

**Clubs/Leadership**

- City& County Basketball First Team 2011
- All Tourney- Central Valley Showdown 2010
- All Tourney- Central Valley Showdown 2010
- Home Daycare

**Future Plans**

- To become a Pediatrician/Physical Therapist
- Major in Kinesiology Pre-Med

**Andrew McDonald Beasley**

School: National University

Parents: Anthony & Cherri Beasley

Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Future Plans: Entering the Master’s Program in August.

**Support For Educational Trip To Africa**

Dear Friends and Family:

This summer I have a wonderful opportunity to go to the Democratic Republic of the Congo in Central Africa on a short-term mission with The Angelos Biblical Institute. Angelos Biblical Institute is a ministry training program that will equip me to proclaim God’s word, serve the local church and bring visible and invisible gifts as we go. I find my place in his will. As part of the teaching team, I will be involved in cross-cultural ministry and see the practical side of missions.

As some may already know I am a student at California State University Fresno. I maintain a 3.0 GPA, and I will be going into my third year next semester. I am a member at Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Edward Bernard Lee Jr. I am a very kind hearted person who enjoys helping people and working toward completing the great commission of Christ which is to spread God’s word to all the nations (Matthew 28:16-20).

God has put missions on my heart, and I desire to serve the Lord where He is leading me. The Angelos Biblical Institute is providing me the opportunity to see firsthand what is involved in real mission work. To be effective in my service to him, I need to be more knowledgeable and involved in the work of sharing the Gospel around the world.

My trip to the Democratic Republic of the Congo is scheduled for July 29 – August 9, 2011. As a part of the team, I hope to accomplish multiple personal goals and support the missionaries and nationals in their work. I trust the things I learn in the Congo will help me serve the local church more effectively in its involvement in evangelism. Before I can participate in this trip, I need to trust God to provide a team of prayer and financial partners who will stand with me. The cost of the trip is approximately $3,500.00 which covers all expenses for my trip. Pray that my life may glorify Him now and when I minister among others in a different culture. Please pray for clear discernment as I make choices that will affect my future. Pray that I get a closer encounter with God.

Would you consider becoming a financial or prayer partner with me? I am excited and eager to see what our Lord has for us this summer. If you would like to know more about how you can be involved with me in this mission opportunity, either through prayer or finances, please respond to this letter by writing to Angelos Biblical Institute, 4141 N. Fresno Street, Fresno, California 93726 or by calling (559) 803-2369.

Thank you and may God bless you. In Jesus Name,

Jamila Ahmed
One girl was crying, and Obama gave her a reassuring hug. She sat down and put his hand on her head.

Booker T. Washington High School was recently named as one of the winners of this year’s White House Race to the Top. Earlier this week, the school was named as one of the winners of the California Advocate’s “African American School of Excellence” award.

Several students of Booker T. Washington High School were interviewed for this article. The students were asked about their thoughts on the school’s recent accomplishments.

The students agreed that the school has made significant improvements in recent years. Some students noted that the school’s academic performance has improved, while others mentioned that the school has become more culturally diverse.

One student said, “I’ve seen a lot of changes at this school. The teachers are more involved, and there’s more support for students who need it.”

Another student added, “The school has a better atmosphere now. There’s less violence, and the administration is more attentive to student needs.”

The students also spoke about the importance of the school’s recent recognition. They said that it would help to attract more students to Booker T. Washington High School.

“The school has really come a long way,” said one student. “I’m proud to be a part of this school.”
Study Shows Minority Children Play Video Games, Watch TV More Than Others

Chicago — Minority youth spend more than half their day consuming media content, a rate that’s 4.5 hours greater than their white counterparts, according to Northwestern University report released today.

"Children, Media and Race: Media Use Among White, Black, Hispanic and Asian-American Children" television remains king among all youth, but among minorities who spend 13 hours per day consuming media content of various types, electronic gadgets such as cell phones and iPads increasingly are the way such content gets delivered, the report found.

"Children, Media and Race: Media Use Among White, Black, Hispanic and Asian American Children" was touted by researchers as the first national study to focus exclusively on children’s media use by race and ethnicity.

Minority youth media consumption rates outpace their white counterparts by two hours when it comes to TV and video viewing, approximately an hour more for music, up to 1.5 hours for TV and video viewership, two hours when it comes to computer use, and 30 to 40 minutes for playing video games.

"In the past decade, the gap between minority and white youth’s daily media use has doubled for blacks and quadrupled for Hispanics," said Northwestern University professor Ellen Wartella, who coauthored the study with former Kaiser Family Foundation vice president Vicky Rideout and Northwestern postdoctoral fellow Alexis Lauri.

Wartella acknowledged that technology is a structural part of modern society but said the numbers suggest that young people are settling for a sedentary lifestyle and risk further exacerbating ongoing problems such as child obesity. She said increased parental involvement, including limiting usage time and monitoring content, could mitigate those concerns.

“Our study is not meant to blame parents,” Wartella said, adding that in some cases minority youth are using media to bridge the gap between themselves and a predominantly white culture. “But it suggests that kids are very much tethered to technology at all times. To be tethered in and much by technology seems to be an imbalance … as a parent of two boys, I know it’s a wake-up call for me: All things in moderation.”

The report analyzes by race data from the 2010 Kaiser Family Foundation Generation M2 study on media use among 2,000 children from birth to 18 years-old, and the foundation’s 2006 Media Family study on another 2,000 children from birth to 6 years-old. It did not chart the type of programming youth were consuming nor did it offer final conclusions.

Youth in all groups read for pleasure 30 to 40 minutes a day, the only medium in which no difference was found between minority and white youth. Other findings include:

• Minority youth spend 3 hours and 7 minutes per day using mobile devices to watch TV and videos, play games and listen to music. That’s about 1.5 hours more each day than their white counterparts.
• Traditional TV viewing remains most popular, Black and Hispanic youth consume more than three hours daily, whites and Asians more than two hours.
• Access to TiVo, DVDs, and mobile and online viewing increase television consumption to 5 hours and 54 minutes for black youth, 5 hours and 21 minutes for Hispanics, 4 hours and 41 minutes for Asians, and 3 hours and 36 minutes for whites.
• Black and Hispanic youth are more likely to have TV sets in their bedrooms (84% of blacks, 77% of Hispanics compared to 64% of whites and Asians), and to have cable and premium channels available in their bedrooms (42% of blacks and 28% of Hispanics compared to 17% of whites and 14% of Asians).
• 78% of black youth, 67% of Hispanic, 58% of white and 55% of Asians, 18-year-olds say the TV is “usually” on during home meals.
• Black children under 6 are much less likely to have a TV in their bedroom as whites, and more than twice as likely to go to bed with the TV on.
• Asian youth spend more time in recreational computer use: Nearly 3 hours a day compared to 1:49 for Hispanics, nearly 1:24 for blacks and 1:17 for whites.

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