

FHHS ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

John Williams

Greetings Alumni and Friends:

Thank you for the role you played in being a part of the great history of Fairmont Heights High School, or in sharing in the momentous celebration of the school's 50-year tradition of "family spirit" in our continued quest for academic excellence.

As you probably know, the 50 year anniversary banquet was a sellout and a great success. Thanks again to everyone!

Now we face a new challenge. Mario Williams and his staff at FHHS completed the 2001 yearbook entitled: Reflector – The Golden Years— The Legacy of Fairmont Heights High School 1950-2000. However, due to a shortfall of \$5,000, the yearbook was put on hold. With pledges and donations, all but \$1,000 was raised. I chose to contribute the \$1,000 in order to publish the 2001 yearbook within a reasonable timeframe. In order to reimburse me, the G. James Gholson Endowment Fund is appealing to alumni and friends to make a tax-deductible (501C(3) contribution. Checks should be made payable to the GJGEF and mailed to Mary McKinney-9006 Ardmore Road-Springdale, Maryland 20774.

Thanks again for your support and have a blessed Thanksgiving and a wonderful holiday season.

\$1,750 AWARDED TO THREE STUDENTS

FHHS Scholarship Fund awarded \$1,750.00 to three graduating seniors for the year 2001:

Daisy Avelar – GPA-3.31 - \$1,000, attends University of Maryland, College Park, majoring in Accounting

Sanya Spencer – GPA-3.62 - \$500, attends University of Maryland at Baltimore, majoring in Chemistry

Rebecca Shasanmi – GPA-3.48 \$250, attends Depauw University, Greencastle, IN.

Thanks to the FHHS Alumni and friends who made these awards possible.

FAIRMONT GRADUATE PRESENTED \$16,000

Dr. N. Joyce Payne, from the Class of '58 was the Keynote Speaker at the FHHS 2001 Commencement Program at Prince George's County Equestrian Center, May 29, 2001.

Joyce, Chair of the G. James Gholson Endowment Fund and founder of the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund, awarded a four-year scholarship to Terrence Cox of Fairmont in the amount of \$16,000 on behalf of the TMSF. Terrance plans to attend North Carolina A&T State University and will major in engineering. Terrance is the first recipient of this merit scholarship, which will be awarded

annually at Fairmont's graduation exercises. This award will be awarded annually to an academically exemplary student. TMSF has awarded over \$14M in merit scholarships to students attending historically black public colleges and universities. The fund was created to support public black institutions, since UNCF is exclusively serves private black colleges.

50th ANNIVERSARY YEARBOOK AND YOUR PERSONAL YEARBOOKS

Mario Williams, Jr.

Purchase your **Reflector** entitled **The Golden Years – The Legacy of Fairmont Heights High School 1950-2000** or your **respective year for the price of \$65.00**. To place your order, contact Mario at Fairmont Heights High School, 1401 Nye Street, Capital Heights, MD 20743 (301) 925-1360 X278

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REUNION DANCE

DATE: Friday, April 26, 2002

TIME: 10:00pm until 2:00am

PLACE: James R. Cousins Jr. Municipal Center – 8600 Glenarden Parkway
Glenarden Maryland

LIVE BAND – Jacques Johnson & Friends
Featuring: Vocalist Marjorie Clarke

**“Dress to Impress”- Door Prizes - B.Y.O.L.
Donation: \$20.00 in advance**

FOR TICKETS CONTACT:

Loretta Ligon-(301) 249-2527
Lavata Woods – (301) 336-8541
John Williams – (301) 336-7913
Christine Tilghman – (301) 627-4867
Otis Broadwater – (301) 773-8858

Tickets will be available by mail until
April 15, 2002 – FHHS Alumni Association –

P.O Box 2727, Landover Hills, Maryland
20784-0727.

MESSAGE FROM GHOLSON

Principal from 1950-1969

Dear FHHS Family, Teachers, & Friends:

We find ourselves at this time in history, in the midst of a great upheaval. We are not quite sure what our next steps should be. We ask ourselves, why, what, and when. In spite of this catastrophic event, we must continue to fortify our unity and reaffirm our commitment to:

- Human dignity and worth
- Education and intelligence
- Health, prosperity and the well being of our communities
- Beauty and civility in our personal and professional endeavors

These commitments were important in 1950 and are even more important in 2001. Indeed, they are more than worthy of our reaffirmation. During this overwhelming yet uplifting time of life, let us hear from you. I would be very interested in knowing what you have done with your life and how you are contributing to the well being of your community. A short message from you would be most rewarding.

May God continue to shed his grace upon you with great peace.

With Love,

G. James Gholson

(To respond, simply send a note letting us know your name, profession/occupation, which will ultimately be developed into a directory. Send to GJGEF c/o Mary McKinney 9006 Ardmore Road-Springdale, Maryland 20774)

ALUMNI ALERT

Fairmont Heights High School

Dr. Carolyn Blue, Principal, Fairmont
(301) 925-1360

- ◆ Is there anyone in the FHHS family that has resources for wiring the school for the internet.
- ◆ In search of mentors to assist students

The G. James Gholson Endowment Fund – \$50,000

Joyce Payne, Chair (202) 832-7128

The FHHS Alumni Association created the Endowment Fund in 1997 for the sole purpose of securing, managing and distributing endowed resources to support merit scholarships for academically exemplary students and for programs at FHHS designed to foster excellence and achievement. The Fund is incorporated as a non-profit tax exempt 501©3 organization. As a “permanent” endowment, the Fund is committed to sustaining the rich legacy of Fairmont and the historic contributions of G. James Gholson. The members of the Board includes Joyce Payne, Chair; Melvin Yates, Vice Chair; Barbara Gainey, Treasurer; Mary McKinney, Secretary; and Jean Neal. The Fund is now a member of the newly created Institute For Black Charities #5606 which participates in the Federal Combined Campaign. Please make your contribution through the campaign or directly to the Fund. Make checks payable to GJGEF c/o Mary McKinney, 9006 Ardmore Road, Springdale, Maryland 20774

FHHS Alumni Association

John Williams, President

Special kudos to the Class of '61 that contributed \$1,025.00 to the Scholarship Fund, we need more dedicated classes or reunion groups to follow this example of true hornet spirit. Every reunion group should give to the scholarship Fund. We need your support as well as the students at FHHS need your support.

MEMBERSHIP

Michael Marshall (301) 773-2126

We currently have 2,240 addresses in our mailing list database. If anyone has class graduating mailing lists for the following years, please send to the FHHS Alumni Association. Years: 1959;1966;1971 to 1979;1980 to1983; 1989; 1990 to 1999 and 2000.

Alumni Association membership dues are \$10.00 annually. Keep your membership in good standing by paying your dues today! Lifetime memberships are also available for \$200.00. Please contact Michael Marshall at (301) 773-2126.

Please complete the application below and make your check payable to FHHSAA and mail to address on membership application.

FHHS Alumni Association
Post Office Box 2727
Landover Hills, Maryland 20784-0727

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Maiden _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **Graduation Year** ____

Membership \$10.00 ____ **Lifetime \$200.00** ____

List of Lifetime Members

Diane Bragg
Grace Yvonne Countee
Jerome T. Countee, Sr.
Barbara T. Gainey
Anthony R. Gantt
Ann Moore
N. Joyce Payne
Denise E. Pogue
Constance J. Rouse
Teresa Strong