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FAIRMONT HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Obama saluted FHHS in a letter during the 60th anniversary celebration in October 2010, stating: "Over the course of your history, Fairmont Heights High School has prepared countless young minds to face the world's challenges and build a better tomorrow. Generations of students, educators and staff have passed through your doors and made your school a valued place of learning for all who celebrate this milestone. I hope you take pride in your many contributions and achievements, and look ahead to those sure to come." Sincerely, Barack Obama



Fairmont Heights High School has been approved as a historical site, after many attempts to close the school failed. After a feasibility study and community hearings, the existing site does not meet the criteria of the new 30-acre minimum. Thus the existing building will be used as a Historical and Culture Center providing (1) an Instructional Program (Small Learning Initiative- Career and Technology) (2) Museum History Program (African American History- Prince George's County) (3) Community Use Program- (Library, Athletics and Park Facilities) and -Alumni Gym.

Alumni interested in becoming an organizing member of the FHHS Historical and Preservation Committee should contact me by phone: 301-336-7913, or via e-mail: fhhsalumni@comcast.net . We would like to call a meeting within 30 days.

The State of Fairmont Heights High School Nakia Nicholson, Principal

Fairmont Heights High is an exciting place to be, especially if you are a student! For alumni and our school community, believe me when I say that Fairmont is upholding the long tradition of turning out fine young women and men.

Last year, I had the pleasure of accompanying some of our students to a meeting with the First Lady, Michelle Obama. Last week, the Counseling Staff announced thousands of dollars in scholarship awards earned by our students in the class of 2012. I believe we have some of the finest students in high school today!

While the world of education is changing ever so quickly, Fairmont Heights is keeping pace with the worldly change and the latest state of technology. Our current 9th grade students are among the few in the country to have one-to-one computer capability. They have some of the best laptop computers available to use at school and take home.

Our teachers have state of the art SchoolMax Information System-SchoolMax Family Portal. Fairmont Heights is one of the leaders in the county, where students and parents have 24/7 access to individual student performance data.

How are our students performing? Based on the State of Maryland High School Assessments (HAS), we are making excellent strides with some of the best gains in student achievement. How are our students responding? Based on the State of Maryland High School Assessments (HAS), we are making excellent strides with some of the best gains in student achievement. Based on PGCPSC Countywide Fast benchmark assessments,

FHHS students scored second in the county for the second year in a row. I am extremely proud of the work our students have demonstrated.

The exciting news for FHHS and the Alumni is the continuing of plans to build a new facility. The thing that is exciting is the plan to build the school with “Green” environmentally sensitive technology. That means it will be designed to meet the future needs of our students in our ever-changing world. While we are excited about our future facility, we have to understand the financial situation of our State and county, which means priority and time constraints.

While we are excited about our new facility, we will never forget the legacy of those who have waited and walked the halls of Fairmont Heights High School since 1950. We love and value the support of our school community, especially our Alumni. We promise to continue to make you proud of what we do. Our goal: “To deliver on the dream of educating every child, every chance, every day!” Nakia Nicholson

Scholarship Recipients for 2011

The number of scholarship recipients continue to grow. As college tuition and expenses continue to rise, we need more means of fund raising to support our graduates in financial needs. Thus, our Annual Reunion Dance in April, donations from faithful alumni, family, and friends can make their dreams come true. Thanks to all who made it possible to award the following students (some with financial aid) more than \$5,000.00 .

Talaya Austin – Howard University
Kelvena Beynum – Westwood College
Emeka Brooks – Howard University
Takeya Brown – Bowie State University
Toteana Robinson – Trinity College
Chidiebube Nwanen – Howard University

Aujah Griffin – University of Maryland, College Park
Dale King – University of MD, Eastern Shore
Omar Hernandez – Prince George’s Community College
Jasmine Kelly – Morgan State University
Melissa Pearson – Salisbury State University

FHHS New Info-Tech Program

Offer Students Jobs – College Opportunities

Fairmont Heights High School students are first to receive Prince George’s County Information Technology Program. The four-year curriculum, which started this school year, is the county’s first program that trains students to troubleshoot computer problems and also earn professional certificates.

The class instructor, Mr. Cullen White, uses MacBook Pros Laptops, which cost the county school system \$1,060 each. Each of the incoming 280 freshmen is to get the same laptop to use in class.

Fairmont Heights program is a school system technology distribution center, where as many as 500 computers are built or repaired each day. The IT program is funded by a \$50 service fee paid by the county school and school system offices for new equipment the center builds for teachers throughout the county. Thus, the money goes back into instruction. The good thing is that Fairmont Heights has the needed space, and the students and parents are both excited.

Thirty Alumni, Faculty, Veterans Honored at Annual Memorial

On December 03, 2011, a Memorial Service was held at New MT. Nebo Baptist Church, Capitol Heights, Maryland, Rev. Robert R. Johnson, Sr., Senior Pastor.

The Memorial Service is held each year to pay tribute to deceased Fairmont Heights High School alumni, faculty, staff, family and veterans of the current year. Among the 30 departed alumni and friends include former faculty members Agnes Edwards, Frieda Murray, Parthenia Pruden, and Alonzo Grisby.

Guest minister was Rev. Joseph A. Robinson, ’55, Pastor, Royal Oaks Pentecostal Church, Landover, Maryland; Chairperson was Thelma Spriggs Battle, ’51; Worship Leader, Ricky Black, ’63. The Occasion was given by Denise Haskins Parker, ’71. Solos by Eleanor Trayham and Nakia Nicholson. Following a Memorial Candlelight Ceremony and the Alma Mater led by Valary Morrison, a repast was held in the church annex.

Fairmont Heights Veterans Association

The Fairmont Heights Veterans Association has been in existence for more than two years. This is a photo that is one of many that was taken when the group visited “The Wall” on Memorial Day of 2011.

If you are interested and need more information, please go to “Veterans Corner” on the FHHSAA website. www.fhhsaa.org



Upcoming Events

1. Annual Reunion Dance – April 27, 2012
2. Picnic – August 12, 2012 at Watkins Park – noon until closing
3. Cruise – October 28, 2012: see Valary Morrison and website posting
4. Annual Memorial Service Program – December 01, 2012

FHHS 2012 Essay Contest



**“The Importance of African-American History to Me” - Chidiebube Nwaneri
WINNER OF 2011 ESSAY CONTEST**

Grade 12

Fairmont Heights High School community played a vital role in the 1972 Desegregation of Prince George’s County schools. Explain how your knowledge of this history has had an impact on you and on the Civil Rights Movement.

Topic: Fairmont Heights High School and Its Impact on The Civil Rights Movement

- Prizes: 1st Place ...Phillips 8.5” TFT LCD iPod with an A735 Digital Camera/SDHC multi-use card
2nd Place ...\$25.00 gift certificate
Guest at Chic-fil-A Restaurant
Ticket to Magic Johnson Movie
3rd Place ...\$25.00 Old Navy Gift Certificate (or cash)

Rules/Criteria:

1. Research the topic.
2. Must be creative/original.
3. Essay must be a minimum of 5 typed pages.
4. Use correct grammar, spelling & punctuation.
5. On the cover page give: The topic, your name, and teacher’s name.
6. Deadline: April 20, 2012

Sponsor: John J. Williams, President
Fairmont Heights High School Alumni Association



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please make check or money order payable to FHHSAA and send to the above address

Name: _____
Address: _____

Year Graduated: _____
Today's Date: _____
Phone Number: _____
E-Mail Address: _____
Annual Membership Donation - \$10.00 _____
Lifetime Membership Donation - \$200.00 _____
Student: _____ Faculty: _____ Staff: _____
Donations for Scholarship Fund: \$ _____ Donations for Endowment Fund: \$ _____

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!!!

Help us by joining and working with a committee

Budget: _____ Endowment: _____ Historical: _____
Membership: _____ Scholarship: _____ Ways And Means: _____



23rd Annual DANCE
reunion

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2012
10:00 PM UNTIL 2:00AM

AT THE

JAMES R. COUSINS JR. MUNICIPAL CENTER
IN THE GOLD ROOM
8600 GLENARDEN PARKWAY
GLENARDEN, MARYLAND 20706

Tickets \$25.00 - No Sales At The Door

Proceeds To Benefit:

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B.Y.O.L. - Free Setups

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