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FAIRMONT HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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ALUMNI PRESIDENT STEPS DOWN TO ORGANIZE FHHS HISTORIC CENTER

Although Fairmont Heights High School (FHHS) is already a historical icon, many are not aware of the role it has played in the education, politic, and community development of Prince George's County.

After being approved as historical Site at a public hearing on January 19, 2010 at Newton White Mansion, Mitchellville, Maryland a feasibility study and community hearing were done, FHHS did not meet the new high school criteria of 30 acres. (FHHS only had 19 plus acres.)

John Williams, President of FHHS Alumni Association, as well as a lead Plaintiff in the 1972 Desegregation suit vs. Prince George's County Schools, met with PG County African American Historic Group and county board members to assure that FHHS would be funded for the change of the existing building to a historic site to include three major phases: (1) Career and Job Learning Center (2) Museum History of African Americans of Prince George's County, etc., (3) Library and Community Use Program.

He will be meeting with committee volunteers in April to officially approve the program and future use of the new historical site, which was scheduled to open in 2013 upon completion of the new school site for the present school population. However, due to cuts by Governor O'Malley of \$14 million previously approved FHHS Construction Budget in 2011, completion of the new building was estimated to be done by 2013. Apparently, that did not happen. However, we will continue to plan the present building for the Historic Site and Community Service Center.

Note: Volunteers will be notified by e-mail, phone, alumni website: www.fhhsaa.org of date, time, and location of meeting.

Nomination and Election Of Alumni Officers for 2014

In accordance with Article IV and VI, Section 8 of the FHHS Alumni Constitution and By-Laws, the following members were selected to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2013: Diane Cooks – 1966, Christine Tilghman – 1953, Isaac Floyd – 1966, Edward Jordan – 1965, Mario Williams – 1990.

All members in good standing of the Fairmont Heights High School Alumni Association (FHHSAA) are hereby notified that the Nominating Committee may nominate no more than three (3) candidates for each office. Also, if you wish to nominate a member of FHHSAA, you must first contact that member to ascertain if he/she is interested in serving before you submit his/her name to the Nominating Committee.

All nominees must be in good standing in order to be considered for officer. This means that the nominee must have paid his/her Alumni dues in full in order to participate in the election process. The FHHSAA will continue to operate during the development of the FHHS Historic and Culture Center.

All nominations must be submitted to the Nominating Committee by May 15, 2013. Election of officers will take place on June 15, 2013 by the FHHSAA membership (time and location to be announced at our Annual Reunion Spring Dance on April 27, 2013, Glenarden, Maryland. The term of office will begin September 2013 and will expire in September 2015.

Formation of FHHS Alumni Heritage Society

As part of the organization of FHHS Historic and Culture Center, we must first call upon community volunteers to formulate the FHHS Heritage Society.

The FHHS Heritage Society is charged with the following objectives:

- *To collect, archive, and appropriately display the history of the school, faculty, students, school life and other significant historical events impacting the school.
- *To foster interest in FHHS Alumni history and heritage presentation.
- *To foster interest in FHHS historic and heritage preservation.
- *To strengthen and initiate fund development strategies through grants, scholarship memorials, fund raising events and planned giving(wills), for scholarships and disbursements.
- *To secure Maryland Incorporation status of federal 501©3 tax status.
- *To monitor and distribute scholarships annually to local youths.

Alumni volunteers signed up to be a member of the formation of FHHS Alumni Heritage Society will be contacted by mail, phone, or website – www.fhhsaa.org of date, time and location of first meeting.

New info-Tech Program at FHHS Endorsed by County Executive Baker

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 a MacBook Pro Laptops, which cost the county school system \$1,060 each. Each of the incoming 280 freshmen is to get the laptop to use in class.

Fairmont Heights program is a school system technology distribution center, where as many as 300 computers are built or repaired each day. The IT Program is funded by a \$50 service fee paid by county schools 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. We can hardly wait to show Mr. Baker and the school board our gratitude for a long-overdue site and job/career producing opportunity for community students.

FHHS Alumni Scholarship

Recipients for 2012 (total + financial aid=\$3,000)

- *Andrielle Guns – Delaware State University – Veterinarian Med.**
- *Eric Jefferson – Prince George’s Community College – Drama**
- *Chancelle Ndomfeng – UMD Eastern Shore – Psychology**
- * Kira Hemphill – French Pastry School, Chicago – Culinary Arts**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- *April 27, 2013 – Annual Alumni Reunion Dance – Glenarden, Maryland**
- *May 11, 2013 – Fairmont Heights High School Awards Program 8:30am-10:30am at Martin’s Crosswind in greenbelt, Maryland.**
- *May 30, 2013 – FHHS Graduation – 10:30am at the Showplace Arena**
- *June 15, 2013 – FHHSAA Elections**

FHHSAA Annual Memorial Service

We held our Fairmont Heights High School Alumni Association Annual Memorial Service program at the New Mt Nebo Baptist Church in Capitol Heights, Maryland on December 01, 2012. This is an annual event held for all of the Hornets who have passed away during the year. It is always held on the first Saturday in December and it encompasses the deaths that have occurred from Thanksgiving Day of last year to Thanksgiving Day of the current year.

Before God called our dear angel home she, Thelma Spriggs Battle, planned the whole event. She was honored at that service along with the other fallen Hornets and it was most beautiful. Apostle Dr. Dee Dee Freeman, an alumnus of Fairmont Heights High School, delivered a dynamic eulogy for our fellow alumni. The Color Guard and Liturgical Dancers from Fairmont Heights High School were there to contribute to the festivities. Our beloved principal, Mrs. Nakia Nicholson, used her God given talent and sang a magnificent solo. There were over 150 people at the service. There were many other treats for us to enjoy during this program. Everyone was blessed and commented on how much they enjoyed the Home Going Service for all the loved ones. We hope to see you there at our next service on December 07, 2013.

24th Annual reunion **DANCE**

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2013

8:00 PM UNTIL 12:00AM

AT THE

GLENARDEN COMMUNITY CENTER

8615 McLain Avenue

GLENARDEN, MARYLAND 20706

Tickets \$25.00 - No Sales At The Door

Proceeds To Benefit:

**FAIRMONT HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Disco Music by: DJ Mickey

Purchase tickets by mail: FHHS Alumni Association , P.O. Box 2727, Landover Hills , MD 20784-0727
or contact:

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CHRISTINE TIGHMAN.....301-627-4867

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zipcode: _____

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: \$ _____

Help us by joining and working with a committee

Budget: _____ Historical: _____

Membership: _____ Scholarship: _____ Ways And Means: _____