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Our 2022 Scholar



Arianna Rolle

Our 2022 Northwestern Scholar has been inducted into the Tennessee State University Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society for first year success.

*She writes,
"I wanted to reassure you that everything is fine right now. And I will always be appreciative to the class of 1965 for the chance they offered me."*

Generation X

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Our children, born between 1965 to 1980. Gen Xers are typically described as being resourceful, independent, and keen on maintaining work-life balance

Thom & June Garwin are So Proud of These Two



Meet our first born who showed evidence of artistic talent as she was growing up, but her parents missed it. Thankfully, she knew her talents and embraced them as an adult. The English degree from Spelman still serves her well in her Graphic Design business. Her business name is a play on her name, **Loren Statia—STATIANery**. She credits her mother with the initial product idea, though mom has trouble remembering that.

Twenty three years later, STATIANery has a strong following with African-American Male & Female organizations, School systems, colleges, and a sprinkling of wholesale businesses. For this niche market, “anything on paper” is a good description—Write Now! - the perfect tag line. She loves to do classy invitations. www.statianery.com. Check it out.

In addition, Loren likes to do event planning (as well as host) for small intimate parties. If you think the products on her website are attractive, you should see how her Christmas packages are wrapped, or a monetary birthday gift with the bills folded in origami.

Loren has served for many years as co-chair of the Ladies ministry at her congregation. She, her husband, and their daughter who graduates high school this year, live in Roswell, GA.



Our 2nd child, son **Khari Garvin**, first showed an interest in the development of young children when he was himself a child. Most Sundays after services I would find him on his knees talking to a 2 or 3 yr old.

His career launch into Head Start as a Fellow in the National Headquarters in his late 20’s was no surprise, and it directed his path. Also no surprise was his Master’s thesis “Integrating Algebra into Early-Childhood Instruction to Lay a Foundation for Future Learning”. His 2016 Congressional testimony on early childhood homelessness led to a new Head Start regulation.

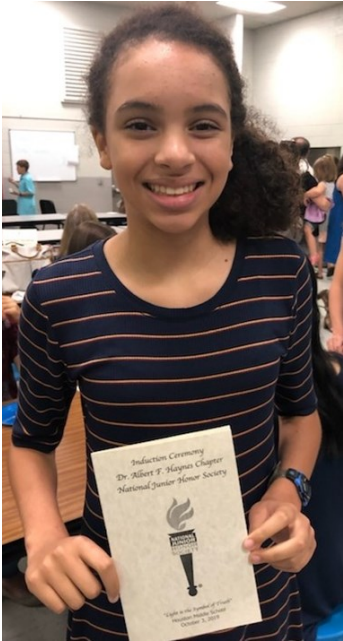
In 2021 he took a side step from Head Start to serve as the CEO & President of the Greensboro United Way. During his 18 month tenure he developed and implemented the organization’s 2025 strategy to end local poverty. Late last year, he received a call from the White House Office of Personnel announcing that he had been recommended as a candidate to be the Natl Director. As you cannot apply for this position, you have to be recommended. After months of interviews and vetting, he was appointed by the Biden/Harris administration, being sworn in on March 6th this year.

So far, he is loving every day, and his four (4) proposals for improvements have been accepted wholeheartedly by his staff. Khari lives in Greensboro, NC with his wife Leslie.

The Pride & Joy of 6T5

Our Grands

Charles & Minnie Buffington's Grands' accomplishments read like a night at the Academy Awards



- ◆ National Recognition through Duke's TIP talent search program
- ◆ Won a graphic design logo contest for school
- ◆ Received high school art student recognition award
- ◆ Yearly, state champion in Science Olympiad competitions, I in Tennessee and Minnesota, Middle & High School
- ◆ Leader of Science Olympiad teams
- ◆ Won short story competition at the Univ of Mississippi, and was published in their youth magazine
- ◆ Regional recognition from the Scholastic Writing Awards
- ◆ Won a rowing quad race in Canada as the bow seat
- ◆ Speaker at Midwest Lutheran church youth gathering
- ◆ Made perfect score on pre-ACT last month
- ◆ Made Straight A Honor Roll every semester of school

Ella "Jos" Buffington 16 years old

- ◆ Made Minnesota Olympic Development Program Soccer
- ◆ Made Straight A Honor Roll every semester of school
- ◆ Made 26 on ACT as 7th grader
- ◆ Made Minnetonka Junior Varsity soccer team as an 8th grader and became a starter by second game
- ◆ Made it to Elite Club National League (ECNL) soccer nationals
- ◆ First place in Germantown municipal school district art contest
- ◆ Taking honors algebra 2 through Minnetonka high school in 8th grade
- ◆ Double accelerated in math
- ◆ Accelerated in science
- ◆ Taking a physics and chemistry preparatory course in 8th grade, going to take AP physics in 9th grade
- ◆ Won an award for scores in the Continental math league
- ◆ Standardized testing scores reflected being in the 99th percentile for peers in terms of mathematics, language arts, and science
- ◆ Asked by school district to take both ACT and SAT in middle school



Anne Frances Buffington 14 years old

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Our Grands

Grandson Javon Crawford a Freshman at Brown University; performed a lead role in Hair



Granddaughter Jonette Miller, graduated from Rowan University May 2022, and joined the Ocean City, Maryland Police Department as the first American -American woman hired in that capacity.

The Family Celebrates & Sandrel Beams



Following in the footsteps of her father Jon Miller (deceased) and her grandfather Benjamin Isom MNW 6T4.

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Greats

Sandrel is not finished yet



This cutie is Sandrel Jones Webster's great-grand daughter who placed 4th in the Maryland State AAU tournament.



Looking in the stands for great grandma



- April 8th – Ida Louise Johnson
- April 10th—Charles Holiday
- April 15th—Fred Johnson
- April 16th—Allen Tymes
- April 20th—Robert Wilson
- April 23rd—Mary McCall
- April 28th—Edith Humes Newbold
- April 29th—Archie Gallon