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September 2013

The Tassel

30th Annual Awards Ceremony honors 103 Scholars

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Awards Celebration
Hugh McColl to speak
Joseph Lipe: Volunteer
Alumna Ashley Mitchell

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You're Invited:

**Annual
Founder's
Breakfast -**

Thursday,
Oct. 17, 2013,

7:30 a.m.-9

a.m.

with

Hugh McColl
as featured
speaker!

(See link after
Annual Awards Day
article for details
and registration!)





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30th Annual Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund Awards Day attendees: CHASF Alumnus Christopher Moxley, Graduate Marva Welburn, Mrs. Tracey Smith with daughter, Graduate Penny Smith and seated, long-time supporters, Mr. and Mrs. John and Gladys Massey.

The Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund's 30th Annual Awards and Recognition Celebration was more than just a day of family and friends honoring recent college graduates and first-time college students. Founder John T. Crawford realized a dream come true by awarding \$165,000 to 103 student residents for the 2013-2014 academic year. Further, attendance surpassed last year's event with more than 650 guests filling the Ebenezer Baptist Church on West Sugar Creek Road.

The celebration continued to be a CHASF Alumni Association project with past recipients providing the invocation, serving as speakers, presenting awards and volunteering where-ever needed. Alumna Cianti Stewart-Reid was the keynote speaker and traveled from Virginia where she serves as the Executive Director of Planned Parenthood Advocates of Virginia.

Seven recipients celebrated their graduation this year and included Jayron Adams of Clinton Junior College; Tynesha Jackson of Elizabeth City State University; Evodie Kayembe of Central Piedmont Community College; Britany Littlejohn of UNC-Charlotte; Sean Massey of Howard University; Penny Smith of Central Piedmont Community College; and Marva Welburn of Johnson C. Smith University. Penny was recognized as CHASF Senior Student of the Year; Quentez Phillips was honored as Junior Student of the Year; and Ayonna Richardson won as Freshman Student of the Year.

CHASF awardee and Hampton University Freshman Javari Parks received national recognition as the 2013 Stephen J. Bollinger Memorial Scholarship recipient from the Public Housing Authority Directors Association. He was honored during a separate ceremony in Texas.

Planning is already under-way for next year's event and Mr. Crawford is working hard to one day double the number of students receiving scholarships!

Annual Founder's Day Breakfast:
October 17, 2013

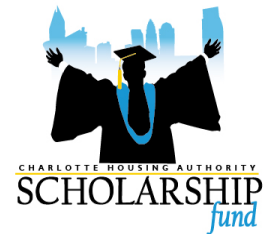
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CHASF Volunteer Spotlight: Joseph Lipe

There are few individuals who have been involved with the Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund (CHASF) for longer than Joseph Lipe. A Duke University graduate, Lipe has since spent his professional career as a financial advisor and has worked for a number of well-respected firms including Hemphill & Noyes, Smith Barney and currently for R.W. Baird and Company.



Motivated by a **Charlotte Observer** article highlighting CHASF in the mid-eighties, Lipe made a financial contribution to help "young people with ambition gain higher education." Founder John Crawford requested a visit with him for what Lipe assumed was only "going to be a short meeting." However, Crawford asked Lipe to become more involved with his program and really give his time to the recipients. That initial meeting with Crawford sparked Lipe's extensive volunteer service with CHASF, sitting first as a member and Chair of the Advisory Board from the late eighties until 1991, and later on the Selection Committee.

Like many individuals involved with the Scholarship Fund, Lipe found himself unable "to say 'no' to John Crawford" due to his unceasing drive and passion for helping the youth of Charlotte. From the many fantastic moments he recalls from his time with CHASF, the Annual Awards Ceremony stands out as his favorite.

Thank you, Joseph Lipe, for providing your time, talent and treasure to support the Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund!

Article compiled by CHASF Intern Scott Singletary.

CHASF Alumni Profile: Ashley Mitchell

Name: Ashley Mitchell

CHASF class of: 2008.

College or vocational institution: UNC-Greensboro- Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education

Job/Career: Fourth grade teacher (six years).

Favorite CHASF memory: During my senior year in high school, CHASF offered summer workshops to help us prepare for college. During those workshops I learned how to budget my money, decipher needs from wants and because of it. I graduated from college with only a \$2.500 academic



Ashley Mitchell

loan and no credit card debt. They opened my eyes to so much!

Who do you admire most and why? My Grandmother: Mary Mitchell. She always pushed me to be better than average. She was not given the opportunity to pursue higher education but she gave me no choice. She is supportive in every aspect of my life. She prays for me, teaches me and loves me.

What's your favorite food? Cake!!!

What type of music do you like? Reggae.

What's your favorite movie or TV show? "Law and Order."

What's the last good book you read? The Bronx Masquerade by Nikki Grimes (it's a great book for teens!)

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?
I would like to travel to Ecuador to see how they make toffee.

Where do you volunteer? Media, Inc., Thomasboro Academy, Goodwill Industries, the Soup Kitchen.

What are your favorite hobbies? Traveling and playing spades.

Do you have a pet (name and kind)? I have a Pit-bull named Roxie.

What do you hope to achieve over the next 5 - 10 years? To be a business owner and open a foster home.

What's the best advice you ever received? It's unfair to penalize others because they didn't say something or behave as you would have. They are not you! They don't have your heart, experiences or gifts.

Favorite quote and who said it? "I know the plans that I have for you."- The Lord

Names of Spouse; Children; and/or Grandchildren: I'm single with no children. I have two wonderful parents; Constance Mitchell and Ray Hughes; four siblings and two grandmothers.

Speakers' Bureau

The Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund changes lives and if you have an event where you'd like to hear from our Founder, students or alumni, please contact us and we'd be glad to have someone come out to address your group.

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