

## The Tassel: March 2014/Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund

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## The Tassel

### New Board Chair Focuses on Mentoring

Ward Davis has been a board member of the Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund since 2002. A former teacher, Ward has a passion for kids and education. When he was invited to the CHASF breakfast in 2001, he met John Crawford, in whom he found a kindred spirit and a mentor. Our new board chair transitioned into his role in January and has been focused on re-igniting what he believes is a critical element to the success of CHASF recipients: mentoring.



CHASF Board Chair  
Ward Davis

Ward, a partner with the law firm of Bell, Davis and Pitt, P.A., understands the importance of mentoring

and the role mentors played in his own personal and professional development.

"There is little in life more important than mentors, on whom we lean for support and advice," Ward stated. "Whether they are parents, professional partners or colleagues, or community leaders, mentors provide guidance and comfort through life's challenges, and share in life's joys. John Crawford is the epitome of a mentor, and embodies all that we want to provide to our CHASF scholars through our mentoring program."

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Ward is working with fellow board member Skip Tappy, who is chairing the mentoring committee. Initially, they will target CHASF's Board, Selection Committee, and the Alumni Association to provide a class of approximately 15 mentors. Eventually, they hope to expand opportunities to the broader CHASF Family and partners so that any recipient who wants a mentor has access to one.

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## **SAVE THE DATES:**

The Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund is excited to announce dates for the following events:

**The 31st Annual Awards & Recognition Ceremony** featuring the President of West Virginia State University, Dr. Brian Hemphill at 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 20, 2014. The Ceremony will occur at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, 2020 West Sugar Creek Rd. in Charlotte. For more information, please contact Millard McCluney at 704-336-5782.

**The Annual Founder's Breakfast** *hosted by John T. Crawford*, on Thursday, Oct. 16, 2014 from 7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. This year's fundraiser will feature Dr. Philip L. Dubois, Chancellor of UNC-Charlotte. and returns to the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 3400 Beatties Ford Road in Charlotte. For information on sponsorships, please contact Faith Triggs at 704-572-7987.

## **Blake honored for work in Iraq**



Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund Alumnus Albert B.R. Blake was honored by the Facilities Services Directorate during their quarterly town hall and awards ceremony held on Feb. 18. Known to his CHASF Family as "AB," he was recognized with the Joint Meritorious Civilian Service Award. During his time as Director of Public Works and Installation Manager at both the Tikrit and Besmaya, Iraq Office of Security Cooperation sites, AB distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service. His accomplishments were considered extremely valuable to the strategic mission during his 10-month deployment in Iraq.

Congratulations to AB Blake for serving our country and continuing to be a role-model for the CHASF Scholars who follow behind him.

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## ALUMNI NEWS

***The Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund Alumni Association will be holding elections at its May 28 General Body Meeting for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Send nominations thru May 21 to Crystal Davis at [cadavis3000@yahoo.com](mailto:cadavis3000@yahoo.com). For more information on joining a committee or volunteering, please contact: Alumni Association Chair, Ladreon Hare at 704-651-4449.***

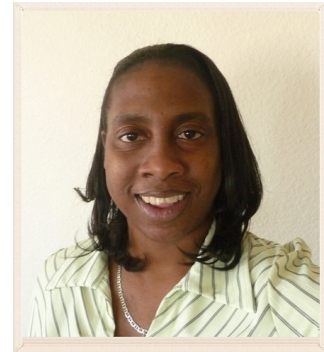
## CHASF Alumni Profile: Bertille Regis

**Name:** Bertille Octavia Regis.

**CHASF class of:** 2003

**College:** Completed undergraduate degree at Livingstone College. Currently receiving my Master's in Divinity at Hood Theological Seminary.

**Job/Career:** Resident supervisor at Hood Theological Seminary. Once I graduate, I will be going into the Ministry.



Bertille Regis

**Favorite CHASF memory:** My favorite CHASF memory was when I did an internship with the Charlotte Housing Authority which was set up by Ms. Virginia Massey Jamison. A few other recipients were afforded the same opportunity. This gave us a chance to get to know each other and become friends. These were friendships that I came to appreciate in my growth mentally, spiritually and scholastically.

**Who do you admire most and why?** I admire my mother the most. Life or death, she did everything she needed to do to separate us from the danger of our father to give her children a safe and happy life.

**What's your favorite food?** Kalalou: a St. Lucian dish which is where I was born.

**What type of music do you like?** Gospel, Christian, Calypso, and Classical music.

**What's your favorite movie or TV show?** Divine secrets of the Ya Ya Sisterhood and Criminal Minds.

**What's the last good book you read?** The Shack by William P. Young.

**If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?** Jerusalem because being at Seminary has made me curious.

**Where do you volunteer?** Helping Ministries.

**What are your favorite hobbies?** Writing and playing basketball.

**What do you hope to achieve over the next 5 - 10 years?** In the next five to 10 years, I hope to help my church build our summer camp into a larger outreach program for children. Our summer camp is non-profit and we do not charge for the children to attend and we also make sure that they are fed throughout the day (breakfast, lunch and a bag meal to go home). The name of the camp is C.A.R.E. (Children Are Reason Enough). Our target is low-income housing families who cannot afford to send their children to camp. It is also a way of providing them something to do so that they do not get into trouble. Although we have had two successful years, it has been hard trying to raise money or get donors. My goal is to get the camp as much exposure as possible so that people can see what we are doing and want to be a part of our endeavor.

**What's the best advice you ever received?** You can achieve anything you put your mind to do.

**Favorite quote and who said it?** "I can be changed by what happens to me. But I refuse to be reduced by it." *Maya Angelou*

**Names of Spouse; Children; and/or Grandchildren:** None of my own, but I do have three spiritual children and two spiritual grandchildren who have been a part of my life for over 10 years whom I love dearly!

## 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 can schedule someone to address your group.

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