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## The Tassel

### "Finding Money for College" workshops breaks down barriers



Michelle Lair teaches potential CHASF scholars and their families about college financial aid at the Carole A. Hoefener Community Center.

The Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund offers workshops designed to motivate and inspire young people by giving them "a hand up, not a hand out!" The recent "Finding Money for College" workshop attracted 15 participants, helping CHA students navigate the funding process as they seek resources to further their education and achieve economic independence..

Educational consultant Michelle Lair offered solutions to remove barriers that hinder students and families

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to remove barriers that hinder students and families from completing the FAFSA (Federal financial aid form), scholarship applications, and understanding the different types of resources available to them (i.e. scholarships, grants, student loans and work-study opportunities).

Further, Ms. Lair guided participants in drafting personal plans to assist them with implementing their scholarship search. The workshops are held throughout the year and also introduces families to the Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund as another potential option for educational support.

For more information on the workshop series, please contact Millard McCluney at 704-336-5782.

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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.

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**Supporters enjoy "meet & greet" with scholars  
and alumni**





Long-time supporters Mary Lou and Jim Babb, and Bob Culbertson (all left of center) join Founder John Crawford for a "Meet & Greet" luncheon with CHASF Alumni and current recipients.

The Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund hosted a "Meet and Greet Luncheon" with long-time supporters Bob Culbertson and Jim and Mary Lou Babb. Founder John Crawford, CHASF Alumni and current students gathered in late March to talk about their experiences with CHASF and how the scholarship has made a difference in their lives. Mr. Culbertson and Mr. and Mrs. Babb shared their own personal journeys and how having access to an education positively influenced their own lives, families and careers.

Before the luncheon, scholars attended a mini-session on the benefits of networking and writing thank you notes, skills that will help them in college and in their future professional pursuits. The luncheon quickly allowed them an opportunity to put those skills to work.

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## ***Success Stories***

**CHASF Scholar Destinee Green** has been selected among students across the nation by the Public Housing Authority Directors Association (PHADA) to receive the 2014 HD Supply Company Scholarship and will receive \$5,000 toward her education.

**CHASF Alumnus Albert "AB" Blake** has been accepted into the 2014-2015 African-American Federal Executive Association's Fellows program. This executive mentoring program was created to develop leaders within the Federal Government.

**CHASF Alumnus Chris Davis** was highlighted as a Charlotte Housing Authority success story and shared remarks during a CHA 75th Anniversary program honoring its employees earlier this month. Separately, Davis will be recognized June 13 by Elevate Lifestyle and Suite during their Fourth Annual TOP 30 Under 30 "Future Leaders of Charlotte" reception.

The Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund is always delighted when our current and past recipients stay involved with the fund by volunteering, mentoring, serving on the Alumni association or the CHASF Advisory board, as well as giving back financially to provide for additional scholarship support. Congratulations to **Destinee, "AB"** and **Chris**.

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## ***ALUMNI NEWS***

***The Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund Alumni Association will be holding elections on May 28 at 6:30 p.m. during its General Body Meeting at the Hoefener Community Center, 610 East 7th St. in Charlotte. Send nominations for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer thru May 21 to Crystal Davis at [cadavis3000@yahoo.com](mailto:cadavis3000@yahoo.com).***

***The 2014 CHASF Alumni Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 19 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the Greenville Recreation Center. The event is open to CHASF Alumni and current scholars. To RSVP, join a committee or volunteer, please contact:***

***Sheila Weaver at [tailormde2@hotmail.com](mailto:tailormde2@hotmail.com).***

**Name:** Jonneshia Smith

**CHASF class of:** 2016

**College:** North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

**Major:** Psychology & History (double major)

**Favorite CHASF memory:** Meeting John T. Crawford for the first time. It was a remarkable moment which words could never bring justice.



Jonneshia Smith

**Who do you admire most and why?** Throughout my life I have encountered many individuals with experienced wisdom and an abundance of youth who inspired me to approach life with divine purpose. Thus, it would be a dishonor to discredit the many who have influenced my journey thus far and those to come.

**Favorite food?** It would have to be a tie between sweet potatoes and rice!

**Favorite music?** I have an ear to spare for universal tunes that soothe my spirit and permits me to dance off rhythm without reservation.

**Favorite movie?** There is not a movie that can compare to **The Temptations!**

**Favorite book?** I have recently read an enlightening book titled **Perfect Peace**, which illustrates the excruciating and undisclosed experiences that can transform family and friends.

**Dream trip?** I am passionate about going on an African Safari in Kenya but for now I would love to travel to Johannesburg, South Africa to study abroad!

**Volunteer activities?** Downtown Greensboro has a really tight knit community-oriented atmosphere that inspires me to spend my leisure time volunteering at Center City Park when I'm not volunteering on campus.

**Hobbies?** My favorite hobbies include taking walks downtown to Center City Park while listening to music and reflecting on my week. I also love writing poems and short essays!

**Favorite pets?** Well I don't have a pet but I always carry a notebook and a pen for unplanned ideas and inspirations that devour my concentration throughout the day.

**Where do you see yourself in five years?** I am not afraid to admit that at times, I find myself a bit troubled regarding the career path that would best suit my distresses for the progression of the human race. Nonetheless, with a particular interest in human rights and international law, after obtaining my bachelor's degree, I will attend law school.

**Nicest thing that someone has said that made you smile:** A comment from a close colleague: "I'm really counting on you to help make a change in this world. There is something in you that is influential and you are one of the most powerful thinkers I know. But gosh, I'm waiting for you to stop being so apprehensive. Once you get going, you will be a force to be reckoned with."

**Best advice:** On a daily basis (even from my younger brother) I'm told to calm down, take a deep breath, get some sleep, and to stop allowing the future to destroy my experience of the present.

**Favorite quote:** "Now what did I say?" by Faith Triggs. Randomly after endearing conversations she would ask me this, absolutely catching me off guard. I now say it to others randomly and they know to listen up every time I speak.

## 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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