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The Tassel

Annual Awards Ceremony to honor 88 Scholars!

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John T. Crawford

I am excited to invite you to the 32nd Annual Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund Annual Awards and Recognition Celebration where we will honor 88 scholars. This year's event will be held on Sunday, July 26, 2015 at 4 p.m. at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, 2020 West Sugar Creek Road in Charlotte.

We are proud to continue our partnership with the Charlotte Housing Authority and the Foundation For The Carolinas, allowing us to help students reach their potential by obtaining a higher education. We will award over \$154,000 in scholarships and recognize 13 graduates. Of the 88 scholarship recipients, 54 have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better for the last school year.

Tradition continues with our alumni leading this year's ceremony and recognizing outstanding community service with their 2015 Trailblazer Award. The HEART Honors will celebrate outstanding middle and high school students from our CHA communities and serves as a pipeline for future CHASF candidates.

Finally, I want to thank our other partners who provide 25 special scholarships and include the Dream Maker Society; the James

G. Babb, Jr. Scholarship; the Samuel Lerner Scholarship; the Carole Ann Hoefener Scholarship; the Charles & Dorothy Earp Scholarship; CCHRCO Scholarship, SERC/NAHRO Scholarship and The Levine Scholarship.

So, come fellowship with us on Sunday, July 26! Seeing these young people begin the next phases of their lives will put a smile on your face!

John T. Crawford,
CHASF Founder

Save the Dates:

June 26, 2015 - Mandatory Enrichment Workshop for current CHASF Scholars at CHA Headquarters, 400 East Blvd.

July 16, 2015 - [A Day in the Life at Belk, Inc.](#) (Career development & networking workshop for CHASF Scholars.)

July 26, 2015 - [The 32nd Annual Awards and Recognition Celebration](#) honoring scholarship recipients and graduates. Event will be held at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, 2020 West Sugar Creek Rd.,

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Dr. Ohmar T. Land exemplifies CHASF Legacy!

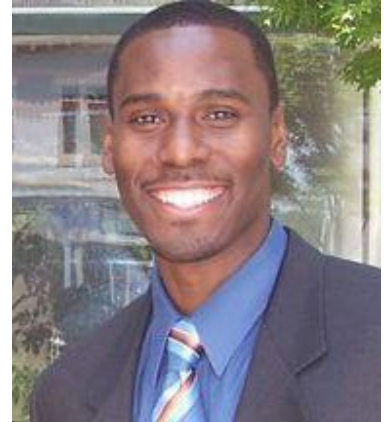
Dr. Ohmar T. Land is a member of the Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund Class of 2001 and is a graduate of Appalachian State University, earning a bachelor of science degree in business administration. He also holds an MBA degree from Pfeiffer University and a doctorate in management from the University of Phoenix.

Dr. Land currently works for Bowie State University and serves as the Director of the Office of Major Gifts in the Division of Institutional Advancement.

"My favorite CHASF experience came when I had the opportunity to give back to CHASF as the first Executive Director, said Dr. Land. "I was able to secure the largest gift the organization has seen to date of \$500,000 from The Leon Levine Foundation and lead the organization to grow the endowment to \$3.5 million dollars. Ultimately, this allows CHASF to support up to 100 scholarship recipients in perpetuity. I was able to build many relationship in the community, more importantly with dozens of scholarship recipients and their families - many of whom I still keep in contact. My favorite memory was when CHASF Board Member Dr. Marcia Conston publically challenged me at an Annual Founder's Breakfast to pursue my doctorate. Needless to say, I accepted the challenge!"

Dr. Land admires his Mom most for raising three children as a single parent and ensuring they were well-equipped to face life's challenges with faith, fun, and confidence. He believes her commitment to wanting to ensure a better life for their family remains the cornerstone to his success.

Dr. Land volunteers on Bowie State's campus as a mentor to two young men through its Male Initiative Program. One is a freshman and the other is a junior. He also volunteers with small nonprofits in the Washington, D.C. metro area providing training on funding, leadership and board development. Congratulations to Dr. Ohmar T. Land for carrying on the legacy of the Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund!



Dr. Ohmar T. Land

A Star is being born: Raven McCall pursues acting dream!

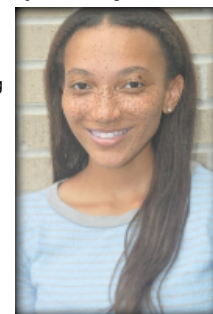


Raven McCall: Actress, Model, Film Writer.

Raven McCall is a CHASF Scholar in her senior year at Clark Atlanta University. Her major is mass media arts with a concentration in film. She has big dreams and her education is opening doors as she pursues her film career.

While attending Clark Atlanta, Raven has paved her own way to jump-start her profession, from modeling for **Queen Virgin Remy**, to working on films such as **The 5th Wave**, **Captain America**, and **POWERS**, to name a few. Also, she writes and directs her own films. Expect to see some of Raven's work at one of the renown film festivals, another dream of hers.

Raven served as a photography intern during a CHASF Summer Internship Program, taking photos for The Tassel and writing stories. When it comes to success, Raven believes through perseverance and hard work, one can accomplish anything. Her words of wisdom to fellow CHASF Scholars include to "never stop investing in yourself as you can never go wrong."



Raven McCall:
College Student

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Sabrina O. Leshore

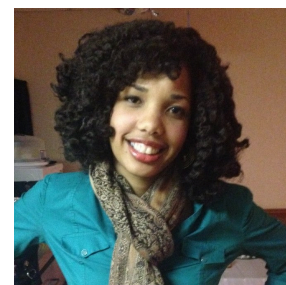
CHASF class of: 2009.

College or vocational institution: UNC-Pembroke; Campbell University, Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law.

Job/Career: Private Youth Advocate/Defense Attorney; The LeShore Law Firm, Lumberton, NC.

Favorite CHASF memory: Attending the CHASF workshop on business dinner etiquette

Who do you admire most and why? Pastor Benny Hinn. I admire his character and



Sabrina O. Leshore

ability to persevere through adversity and unfavorable circumstances. His love for Christ and commitment to his ministry provides encouragement as I work towards my future goals.

What's your favorite food? Light brown toast w/ a crunchy peanut butter spread.

What type of music do you like? Gospel and Contemporary Christian.

What's your favorite movie or TV show? Audrey Hepburn's (black and white film) Sabrina."

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go? I would visit several counties in Africa including the Congo; Egypt; Ghana; and the Ivory Coast.

Where do you volunteer? I volunteer with the Robeson County NAACP. Also, I have created the Parents and Friends of Incarcerated Youth Initiative (PFIYI) that serves families and community members connected to youth in the North Carolina justice systems.

What are your favorite hobbies? I enjoy singing, writing poetry, and hanging out with my friends and family.

What do you hope to achieve over the next 5 - 10 years? I plan to open and operate a youth law center in southeastern North Carolina. The Center will focus its efforts on juvenile/youth criminal defense, education law representation, and supportive service connections for families. Further, I plan to be a national expert presenter on juvenile justice issues. Lastly, I plan to be married and have children.

If you could do anything in the world and money was no object, what would you do or be? I would travel around the nation and world encouraging individuals and instilling a renewed sense of hope within our communities through motivational speaking and leadership skills training workshops.

What's the best advice you ever received? To allow Jesus to be the main focus of my life by submitting to his will for my life; and that my submission will lead to a prosperous life.

Favorite quote and who said it? "Be the change that you want to see in the world."- *Mahatma Gandhi*

CHASF Alumni Association Announcements:

The CHASF Alumni Cookout is slated for Saturday, July 25, 2015, so please mark your calendars. This event complements the Annual Awards & Recognition Celebration and offers alumni, current recipients, family and friends an opportunity to informally gather before Awards Day. Alumni are encouraged to join a committee to assist with this year's weekend of events. Details coming soon.

The CHASF Alumni Association is encouraging alumni to update them with announcements pertaining to their personal lives including good news, as well as challenges. The association wants to be of support and through their "Sunshine Committee," connects with past scholars through cards, emails, and phone calls to offer best wishes! They are here to support in any capacity that they can. To share updates, volunteer or join a committee, please contact Committee Chair Sheila Weaver at tailormde2@hotmail.com.

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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