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2018 AKA AKAdemy Showcase/Awards program

BY VERONICA BURGE Contributing Writer

ST. PETERSBURG – The Youth Development Foundation (YDF) of Pinellas County, Inc. in partnership with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. Alex Upson Omega Chapter held their annual AKA AKAdemy Showcase/Awards Program at the Mt. Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church. The showcase theme was “AKAdemy Forever,” which embraced all elements of “WAKANDA” excellence, including NTM/MTA dancers and drummers for the evening. The evening began with a powerful and inspiring performance by the Kingdom Boys Ministy- rity from Mt. Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church.

The program recognized 23 graduates of the AKAdemy Class of 2018 and their individual post-graduation goals, along with $20,000 given away in academic scholarships. The scholarships represented community donations from YDF, David T. Welch scholarship fund, the Randy Lewis scholarship fund as well as several scholarships funded by members of YDF and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. The men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., El Rho Chapter, in collaboration with the El Rho Services Foundation also presented $1,000 in scholarships and included community donations from the Lewis Scholarship foundation. Below is the list of AKA AKAdemy Scholarship Award recipients.

2018 AKA scholarship award recipients
$1,400 — Caprice Colquitt
$1,200 — Timmy Garrett
$1,000 — Hassan Braissett
$1,000 — Marla Hughes
$1,000 — Kiley Hall
$1,000 — Khalis Le
$1,000 — Hip’s Ash
$500 — Cortez Grimsey
$500 — Lee Passley Jr.
$500 — Donavon McCullum
$500 — El-Juan White
$500 — Sydney Jones
$500 — Zayra Williams

Randolph Lewis “Bridal Builder” Scholarship
$500 — Makale Washington
$500 — Aniko Moore
$500 — Audlyn Baker
$500 — Jordan Presley

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The outreach of the church continues to expand.

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Victory Christian under new leadership

BY HOLLY KESTENIS Staff Writer

ST. PETERSBURG – Victory Christian Center Church officially welcomed Donald Frelsler as their new pastor last month. Pastor Frelsler is no stranger to the church, located at 3022 10th Ave. S. Over the previous 14 years, he’s worked in various capac-

ities for the house of prayer.

Initially starting his tenure as a greeter, Frelsler quickly rose through the ranks to spread the Word of God to not only a Sunday school teacher, but a youth and Sunday school teacher, Bible study teacher.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Visionary Brief by Keisha Bell, Esq.**

**Her season**

Who remembers the half-hour situation comedy that aired from 1975 to 1986 called "Dynasty?" Cally, do you remember? The show's setting took place in the Jefferson's home, a large mansion on the east side of New York City.

Edwardine Cully Jefferson would visit, delivering her own bar of punch lines. Mother Jefferson is memorable, but who was the woman who played her?

Meet Zara Frances Cully, an actress who lived from January 26, 1892, to September 8, 1985. Cully had to do. She knew her seasons. She knew her time and season. Before its fifth season. You never know when your break will come, or how long you will enjoy it. Everything has its own time and season.

In 1940, Cully became known as the world's greatest actress. This recognition defined stereotypes related to African Americans and defined a new career for Cully, one that related to music. She achieved popularity by singing jazz and blues songs. Her singing career started in the early 1950s and continued until her death. Cully died on April 7, 1986, at the age of 94.

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**LAM:** The first librarians at the James Weldon Johnson Branch Library

By Gwendolyn Reese

Leslie Burke, who had been the librarian at Gibbs High School, was the first librarian of the James Weldon Johnson Branch Library. The library opened in 1984 at 4925 Third Ave S. with 1,066 volumes. It was the only library service accessible to African Americans in the community. Burke retired in 1985 and was replaced with Helen Allen Edwards.

Helen Allen Edwards was a librarian at the James Weldon Johnson Branch Library. The library at the Third Avenue South location served the African American community until 1979 when it was determined to have outgrown its facility. In 1985, the city undertook an urban redevelopment project, which had relocated hundreds of black people from the Garvey Project area to areas further south making the library less accessible to the black community. The library was closed for two years while the new facility was constructed.

During that time, Edwards worked in the children's department at the main library. She returned to the James Weldon Johnson Branch when it re-opened in 1984 at the Enoch Davis Center. Edwards was the librarian, the Johnson Branch boasted the largest African American collection in Florida. The collection expanded to 2,789 volumes, and there were 1,821 registered users. Edwards also established book reviews and children's story hour. She retired in 1984. The quiet room was named in her honor.

Edwards was the first librarian of the James Weldon Johnson Branch library in January 1991, it boasted the largest African American collection in Florida. She succeeded Mamie Edwards in 1990. Before coming to the Johnson Branch, Brown was a senior librarian at the St. Petersburg Public Library System.

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PTC gathers industry professionals to discuss plans for proposed survey technician program

BY J.A. JONES

ST. PETERSBURG — As plans progress toward the establishment of a survey technician training program at Pinellas Technical College (PTC), last month the college hosted a meet-and-greet and planning session for industry professionals.

The event was an opportunity for local companies to view the field to plan the program and give feedback on the skills and knowledge needed for entry-level survey technicians.

Attendees by more than 20 representatives from some of the industry’s largest employers, including Dewberry, Southeastern Surveying, Florida Design Consultants, Gary F. Brunt, King Engineering Associates, Florida Landmark, Public Works and the City of St. Pete, it was clear almost as soon as the meeting began the those in the room believed the need for the program was immediate.

Attendees offered insights into the lack of applicants entering the field, even with the competitive pay and benefits package the field offered.

They discussed the challenges inherent in building the program between older, experienced survey technicians who are retiring, and the newer technology that requires more training.

The leaders of the program are working on a three-year approach to ensure the program is ready when it is needed.

The day-long event, which included a survey technician program planning presentation and an opportunity for industry professionals to give feedback on the program, was immediate.

"The industry will have to take the lead — with the proposed curriculum. We need to be taught," he said. "We need to have the demand for the new blood.

Now, going to prep necessary for the transition to the new blood. Surveying will be a career that is making it hard for the industry to keep up with the demand."
Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. honors educators

BY NAOMI NESBITT
Chapter Organizer and
Chapter President

PASADENA — The St. Petersburg Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. held their annual Community Recognition Luncheon at the Pasadena Yacht and Country Club last Saturday. Educators within the community who have focused their attention and careers on developing and shaping the lives of our youth and adults were honored.

This event was organized as a “thank you” to educators for the work they do and the many hours of educational training they endure to prepare the means to teach our youth and adults.

Guest speaker Ann-Marie Clarke, the assistant director of Pinellas Technical College, St. Petersburg, earned her Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of South Florida and served Pinellas County Schools in the field of education for 28 years as a teacher, assis- tant principal, principal, and now in her current position of assistant director. In fact, she holds the distinction of being the first black principal of Bay Point Middle School. Clarke gave a moving message to the teachers, assuring them that they impact lives through their daily work. She also made clear that they were being honored for their tenacity and unrelenting commitment to propel students to the next level.

Honorees:

- Annette Faison, retired – 39 years of service
- Darren Hammond, Principal at Pinellas Secondary Alternative School – 36 years of service
- Willette Houston, Principal at Bear Creek Elementary School – 18 years of service
- Bessie R. Kirnes, retired – More than 34 years of service
- Dr. Henry Oliver, 30 years of service
- Stephanie Lawson, 17 years of service
- Gregory Pollina, 30 years of service
- Nicholas Wright, 13 years of service

Each honoree was presented with a personalized crystal pen award for their contributions to the community by St. Peters- burg Chapter President and Chapter Organizer Lady Naomi Nesbitt.

About Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.

Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. is an interna- tional, humanitarian community service organization that focuses on their signifi- cance youth group known as Top Teens of America, to enhance the lives of senior citizens, to enhance the status of women, to create and im- plement projects to preserve the environment and to enhance commu- nity partnerships that align with the goals of the organization.

To find out more about TLOD, Inc., visit www.tlodinc.org.
Celebrating selfless women in the community

WOMEN here are waiting for God to breathe some life into some lifeless situations.”

But Green encourages the Naomis, Baffis and women of the world to explore the theme of love in action and to recognize the need to give of yourself even when the world isn’t giving back to you.

As a teacher and a minister, Green knows that life and busy schedules can take over but wants women to continue the legacy of making time to honor each other for the things in life they are doing well.

She wants everyone to recognize that God is in their lives even when they don’t see something tangible to prove it. Maybe it’s the marriage you take for granted, or the safety you’ve enjoyed in life. Perhaps it is unforeseen danger that Jesus saw fit to move out of your way.

“I don’t know what he’s got for me. I don’t know what he’s got for you,” she said, “but we can appreciate it by following and obeying his commands. By putting the love of Christ in action and to recognize that God is in our place in history.

Founder of The Naomi and Titus 2 Covenant Ministries, Inc. Naomi Teralyn Hodge is proud that what started as a “Just for You” day looked the same as their first event but has quickly blossomed into an organization that honors community women of faith and sacrifice.

Hodge searched out many places of worship looking for influential women but found many looked the same as their younger counterparts. She set out on a mission to encourage women over 50 to get back to bringing teachers and role models to the community.

Buckins talked on the various sponsorships from local organizations and current NT2CA projects such as the St. Petersburg Free Clinic Women Residence Outreach, Mother’s of College Students Mentoring Program and the work they are doing with Next Step Pregnancy Center, among other organizations.

“We want to thank Naomi’s for letting us expand our footprint here,” said Buckins, who spoke on the John H. Chance Scholarship Fund in honor of Pastor Chance who was known as a teaching machine. “It’s because of you and your families and everyone in this room that we are able to make this a reality.”

For more information on how you can get involved go to stpetersburg.edu/nt2ca.org

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PASTOR, from front page

Victory Christian appoints new pastor

“Normally I can put a message together in 24 hours,” she said, “but God had me sit this marriage because there is a big task ahead, and the man that God has chosen.

Green soon found the words and used them to bestow upon Freshler the responsibility of being watchful. She called on him to conduct an official spiritual appraisal; to take inventory of the house of God in order to see what still needs to be done to ensure its continued growth and spiritual integrity.

“You’ve got to move forward because what was yesterday is yesterday,” said Green, “and what is today is today.”

She continued with advice for not only Freshler but his congregation, informing them to always stay in God’s will, to watch over the church and its members attentively and to always guard against the enemy.

Elder Charles Clark was introduced to Freshler roughly 15 years ago. They were paired together in a ministry. At first, Clark wasn’t sure if their different personalities would work, but he soon came to rely on the future pastor. “Over time I under stood,” he said, “I needed someone who wouldn’t break down when I was acting squirrely. And that was him.”

Each speaker also couldn’t stop discussing the loving relationship Freshler has with his wife Jean of 28 years. “They are a team,” said stepson Malcolm Fletcher.

Fletcher recalled meeting Freshler for the first time. He was weary, the man of the house at only 13, he didn’t know if this man coming to dinner was in it for the long haul.

But Freshler kept coming around, trying to be Fletcher’s friend, teaching him about life. Fast forward to 1990 and Fletcher recalled being flooded with a lifetime of positive memories with Freshler. “I’ll never forget being his best man and thinking this is the best friend I could ever have,” said Fletcher.

Pastor Ulysses Bur den, Jr. of Power for Living Ministries, Bishop Robert Young of The Lord’s House Church, along with Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church Pastor Clark Hazley, Sr. and Pastor Don Gaskin from New Philadelphia Community helped to install Freshler as head of Victory Christian.

When the newly installed pastor finally stood to speak, he couldn’t stop thanking all his well-wishers for their support and kind words. “You get that spark and it becomes a flame, and that flame becomes a fire,” he said. “The next thing you know you just have joy.”

Join Freshler and his wife Jean on their wonderful new journey as Pastor and First Lady of Victory Christian Center Church.
The heat is on: Advice to remaining healthy and hydrated this summer

BY THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

TAMPA Bay—Summertime is here, and this is the season to enjoy the best outdoor activities and picnic. Yet extreme temperatures can be tough on many individuals. In some Tampa Bay residents with chronic conditions who are affected by hot weather. The American Heart Association's_carrin Doherty, wellness instructor Kim Farmer, share tips on how to stay moving and eating healthy during hot summer days.

Diet is fundamental to your health. According to the American Heart Association, starting hydration early can keep you moving and having fun more effectively. It's best to drink water seven to eight cups of fluid every day. You can use the 32 ounce bottle and drink half the bottle in the morning, the other half before dinner each day or drink two eight-ounce glasses of water with each meal.

In the heat, there's an increased need to consume water to replace losses caused by sweating. You also need to drink more fluids because you tend to lose more fluids while exercising. Be sure you need to replace that fluid. Farmers does. You are going to need to drink fluid that is at room temperature, living, drinking throughout the day.

The American Heart Association recommends using foods and drinks that are high in water content. These types of foods include fruits, vegetables, soups, and juices to replace and retain carbohydrates.

One way to gauge how your body re- quires additional water is by checking the color of your urine. The American Heart Association says that pale-colored urine indicates proper hydration, while dark-colored urine can indicate dehydration.

Daha, including decaffeinated, is trans- formed in hot tissues, when heated to the level that decomposes the caffeine found in hot drinks, such as coffee. The phenylalanine in hot drinks, such as coffee, is broken down by a heat-induced reaction that is accelerated by the presence of caffeine. The phenylalanine in hot drinks is a neurotoxin, a chemical that can harm the nervous system.

The high temperatures can make the skin dry and dehydrated. Yet extreme temperatures can also be dangerous for pregnant women and children. Pregnant women, for example, are at risk of experiencing heat stroke or heat exhaustion. Children, especially young children, are also at risk of heat-related illness. Children who are not protected from the sun in sweltering heat. As a result, many foods, including coffee and alcohol, can cause the body to become dehydrated.

It's important to get outside even in the summer heat. And while you're out there, you'll also want to be sure to drink enough water. And while you're out there, you'll also want to be sure to drink enough water. And while you're out there, you'll also want to be sure to drink enough water. And while you're out there, you'll also want to be sure to drink enough water. And while you're out there, you'll also want to be sure to drink enough water. And while you're out there, you'll also want to be sure to drink enough water.

Dr. Valentine is a weight loss consultant and author. You can reach her 855-771-SLIM (7715). For more information, visit Dr. Valentine’s website at www.DoctorValentine.com. NEW Acre, no. 120

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St. Pete's Finest: Mara Brody

BY DIKETER MCCREE

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African American Student Heritage Week was presented to the students of The Boca Ciega High School with plans to continue in the upcoming years. During the awards presentation, Allyn Brown, was featured in The Boca Ciega High School since the fifth grade. She was a member of the AKAdemy since 2013 and is the daughter of Rashana Lyles Williams Award. As a 2018 AKA Merit Scholarship recipient, Allyn has been a member of the AKAdemy since 2013 and is the daughter of Rashana

Antonia Livingston

Antonia has been a member of the AKAdemy since 2013 and is the daughter of Rashana Lyles. A graduate of The Boca Ciega High School where she was an active member of the National Honor Society, she was recognized for her hard work, Caprice has received numerous awards and recognitions including the AKA Merit Scholarship and Future Medallion Scholarship for her academic and civic accomplishments.

Nadia Brown

Nadia was also selected to be in the future scholars pre-programs, the AKA Academy Prep 101, Math Career Prep and the Florida Education Fund Book Scholarship.

Allym Brown

As a member of the community through the AKAdemy, she was recognized for her hard work, Caprice has received numerous awards and recognitions including the AKA Merit Scholarship and Future Medallion Scholarship for her academic and civic accomplishments.

Alicia’s Ash

Alicia has been a member of the AKAdemy since 2013 and is the daughter of Arifah and April Ash. A graduate of The Boca Ciega High School, she was an active member of the National Honor Society, she was recognized for her hard work, Caprice has received numerous awards and recognitions including the AKA Merit Scholarship and Future Medallion Scholarship for her academic and civic accomplishments.

Alicia has also been in the community through the AKAdemy since 2013 and is the daughter of Arifah and April Ash. A graduate of The Boca Ciega High School, she was an active member of the National Honor Society, she was recognized for her hard work, Caprice has received numerous awards and recognitions including the AKA Merit Scholarship and Future Medallion Scholarship for her academic and civic accomplishments.

AMya Carter

As a member of the AKAdemy since 2013 and is the daughter of Rashana Lyles. A graduate of The Boca Ciega High School where she was an active member of the National Honor Society, she was recognized for her hard work, Caprice has received numerous awards and recognitions including the AKA Merit Scholarship and Future Medallion Scholarship for her academic and civic accomplishments.
He is a recipient of the 2018 Sigma Pi Phi – Delta Sigma Theta Beta Chapter Scholarship and an AKA Merit Scholarship. He will be furthering his education at Hampton University in the fall where he is planning to major in biology with aspirations of becoming a surgeon.

Destiny McCullum

Destiny has been in the AKAdemy for six years and is the daughter of Ronald and Jacel McCullum. This current graduate of Gibbs High School was a member of Mr. Daughters Reproves, the Arts Conservatory for Teens, a student-athlete and a youth counselor for the Jackie Robinson Player Foundation.

As a recipient of the AKA Merit Scholarship and the Brain Bowl Scholarship, Destiny will be attending Florida Institute of Technology in the fall where she will major in sports therapy.

Wallace Neal-Williams

Wallace has been a member of the AKAdemy since the eighth grade and is the son of Eugene and Natasha Neal-Williams. This graduate of Lakewood High School was a volunteer at All Children’s Hospital and participated on the varsity wrestling team in the 220-pound division. Hard work and dedication earned him the 2018 District IIA-1A Championship, regional runner up and a first-place state finish.

The AKAdemy: “The AKAdemy afforded me the opportunity to see, do and experience new things. Those experiences have given me lifelong memories. The AKAdemy was a good representation of what I hope to have been a part of.”

Leo Posey

Leo has been a member of the AKAdemy since the seventh grade and is the son of Leo and Joan Posey. This recent graduate of Clearwater Central Catholic High School was a member of the St. Petersburg National High Achievers.

Jordan Presley

Jordan has been a member of the AKAdemy since the sixth grade and is the son of Earl and Sabrina Posey. This recent graduate of Clearwater Central Catholic High School was a member of the St. Petersburg National High Achievers.

Mikayla White

Mikayla will be attending St. Petersburg College in the fall where she plans to pursue an associate’s degree in biology before transferring to USF.

Michaela Rucker

As a 2018 AKA Merit Scholarship recipient, Michaela intends on majoring in nursing.

Adrian White

Adrian has been a member of the AKAdemy since the eighth grade and is the son of David and Darn White. This recent graduate of Lake High School was a member of the School Leadership Team, the Chief Holloway Teen Ad- vineyard Board and the AKAdemy inaugural Great Debate Team.

Adrian also excelled on the basketball court and football field, where he was recognized as a PCAC Basketball All-Star, 2nd team All-Conference Basketball, First Team All-City Football and 2nd team All-State 6A for football.

Adrian will be attending Garden City Commu-

Michaela’s message to the AKAdemy: “I would like to thank the AKAdemy for offering me opportunities and guidance to better myself and to teach me how to better apply myself in the real world.”

Mokayla Washington

Mokayla has been a member of the AKAdemy since the sixth grade and is the daughter of Tonisha Mitchell. This recent graduate of The Boca Ciega High School was recognized for her academic achievements by obtaining membership in the NJROTC, the St. Petersburg State Scholars Honor Society, Ms. Alpha Theta Math- matics Honor Society and was recognized as a Dr. Mac. J. Williams Award for Academic Excellence. As a 2018 AKA Merit Scholarship recipient, Mokayla will be attending Florida Gulfcoast Univer-

Adrian’s message to the AKAdemy: “To all my brothers and sisters, remain focus on your dreams. Be wise and knowledgeable around, and make sure you and your friends have the same goals and are willing to go the extra mile for those goals.”

Walace Neal-Williams

Wallace Neal-Williams is a member of the AKAdemy since the sixth grade and is the son of Earl and Joan Neal-Williams. This recent graduate of Clearwater Central Catholic High School was a member of the St. Petersburg National High Achievers.

Jablil Muhammad

Jablil will be attending life sciences, veterinary in the fall on a full football scholarship.

Jablil’s message to the AKAdemy: “Truly do recognize this program because it is a good way for young black youth. This truly changed my life. Shoot for the stars and never let someone or something stop you.

Wallace’s message to the AKAdemy: “The AKAdemy afforded me the opportunity to see, do and experience new things. Those experiences have given me lifelong memories. The AKAdemy was a good representation of what I hope to have been a part of.”
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Morning Worship... 10:45 a.m.
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Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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8:00 a.m. - Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
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"Breakfast with Musical Notes"
Special Tribute to The Al Downing Tampa Bay Jazz Association

Saturday, June 9, 2018 • 9:00A – 11:00A
St. Petersburg Country Club
200 Country Club Way South St. Pete, FL.

EXPLORE
Full breakfast buffet and musical entertainment to benefit children in need.

TICKETS: $35 PP

FULL BREAKFAST BUFFET
Full: Rene Flowers (727) 657-6560
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2018
SUMMER CARE FOR KIDS

Don’t leave your kids home alone for the summer! Preschool and School Age Camp is available at Mt. Zion Children’s center, offering licensed, age appropriate learning! Join us this summer for fun, friendships, and exploration.

Give us a call
727-894-1612
visit our website
www.mzh.org

2018 Juneteenth Freedom Celebration

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Juneteenth in the Park
Saturday, June 2, 2018
10:00AM to 2:00PM
Playoff #3
17th Avenue & 17th Street South
Saint Petersburg, FL

Juneteenth Flag Raising Ceremony
Saturday, June 16, 2018
10:45AM – 2:00PM
Tampa Bay Convention Center
300 10th Avenue North
Saint Petersburg, FL

Landscaping, Articulation, Entertainment

Juneteenth Literary Fest
Saturday, June 23, 2018
10AM to 5PM
James White Audubon Community Library
807 10th Avenue South
Saint Petersburg, FL

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO BRING THEIR KIDS AGES 8 & UP FOR THE READING OF BOOKS RELATING TO AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

ALL EVENTS FREE TO THE COMMUNITY!

LEARN MORE ON OUR WEBSITE WWW.FIRSTDOWNSFL.ORG

2018 Freedom Fund &
Juneteenth Celebration

Date: Saturday, June 16, 2018
Location: Vinoy Park, 701 Bayshore Dr NE
Time: 3pm
Attire: All white and very casual
Table of 10 - $500
Tickets: $50.00

Activities: Bid whist, spoons, chess, checkers and lots more!

Contact 727-798-5361 for tickets and advertising opportunities

No one is too young or too old to celebrate Freedom!