

TMLCF



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

THETA MU LAMBDA CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Theta Mu Lambda Charitable Foundation is a 501(c)3 recognized not-for-profit organization dedicated to the mission of providing scholarships to deserving and at need youth in the Chicago metropolitan area.





The Chairman's Message

Mr. Eugene Blackwell

As Chairman of the Theta Mu Lambda Charitable Foundation, I am grateful for working with various committees and program leaders throughout my tenure. I began working with the TMLCF in 1995, and as I reflect on the beginnings, I want to highlight two individuals that had a tremendous impact. Mr. Eugene Varnado, who served as the first chairman of TMLCF, and Mr. Roger Bradley, who founded The Leaders for Tomorrow (LFT) Program. These two individuals had a vision that transformed how LFT and the scholarship program function today. As we highlight both individuals in this newsletter, I would be remiss if I didn't thank the Theta Mu Lambda Chapter for successfully running the 2022 Leaders For Tomorrow Program and the Scholarship committees for selecting the scholarship recipients for the 2022-2023 school year. This year is the first time we have awarded twenty-four (24) scholarships to students attending their first year in college.



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LEADERS FOR TOMORROW BANQUET 2022

On Saturday, June 4, 2022 our **Leaders for Tomorrow (LFT) Program** hosted its annual culminating banquet event at Glenwoodie Golf Course located in Glenwood, IL. This years' banquet hosted over one-hundred attendees who celebrated and highlighted twenty-four (24) scholarship awardees and participants for the 2022 school year. We look forward to awarding more scholars in 2022-2023.



OVER \$250,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Leaders For Tomorrow (LFT) Program, founded by Roger Bradley, is a result of ideas brainstormed many years ago to have a direct impact on transforming the lives of our young black male teenagers in the south suburban community. The program targeted black male youth who could benefit from mentorship from black adults who cared about themselves and their future. LFT focused on getting participants in the program to enhance themselves by becoming better academic students and future leaders of society. The male students who participated would be more engaged with leadership roles in their schools and community—becoming active in various clubs/activities such as the Chess Club, Science Club, Honors Roll, Class Leaders, etc. Our students would be more conscious of their manners, behavior, actions, and future possibilities. With the guidance of the men from TMLCF and TML, we would challenge them and have them in a safe and nurturing environment where they could grow, learn, and evolve into strong-minded black males. Embracing education and our potential is a must !!!



Mr. Roger E. Bradley,
Founder of Leaders For Tomorrow
Former President of TML Chapter

Thank You TMLCF!

"I wanted to take the time to thank you all for considering me for the Theta Mu Lambda Charitable Foundation's Scholarship this year. I feel very honored to receive this award. Because of your generosity, I am able to head off to Alabama A&M University this fall and focus on pursuing my life-long career goals. With a lessened financial burden, I will be able to prosper both academically and socially. I now have the freedom to join extra-curricular activities and participate in professional opportunities that will prepare me for my future as a veterinarian. I hope to one day pass on the generosity and make a similar impact within the community with donations and opportunities for those behind me."

-Makaela Miller



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Brother Harrison Alexander (deceased) was an energetic and thoroughly committed member of our Fraternity with an association with Governors State University (GSU), and who initiated and sustained the efforts of gathering all Alphas located in the Southern Suburbs. They held their initial informal gatherings on the campus of GSU, during which brothers shared introductions and reminisced. These sessions carried on for approximately 3 to 4 meetings and prompted them to contact National. They learned of a previous Graduate Chapter located in Joliet, IL, by the name of Theta Mu Lambda, which had gone inactive. On the advice/direction of National, the reactivation of TML would prove expedient for a South Suburban Grad chapter formation. Within due course, the question was raised regarding establishing officers, and since they were all relatively new to one another, an election seemed impractical. What followed was a request of who would be willing to fill which office. As various offices filled, the office of the President remained open, for which Brother Eugene Varnado volunteered. The following two years were a series of meetings and planning until, finally, the chapter embraced the concept and confidence of hosting the first Black and Gold Ball for the Theta Mu Lambda Chapter and established the Theta Mu Lambda Charitable Foundation (TMLCF).

Through the TMLCF, we awarded scholarships to deserving Black Youth in our region. We also adopted a group of Black Youth associated with the Jones Center in Chicago Heights, IL, in response to a plea from the Alderwoman who was concerned that the local Park District did not recruit African American boys. After some tough initial summers, under the stellar, patient, and loving leadership and coaching of Brother Anthony Mitchell, our youth went to the Youth Baseball World Series and played at Comiskey Park. I could not be prouder of the past and current membership who have shepherded our Chapter and Foundation further and higher, always Onward and Upward Toward the Light, in the name of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated. Thank you, Brothers, for all you have done and are doing through our Theta Mu Lambda Chapter and its foundation.

THETA MU LAMBDA CHAPTER REACTIVATION



Mr. Eugene Varnado Sr.
Former President,
Theta Mu Lambda Chapter

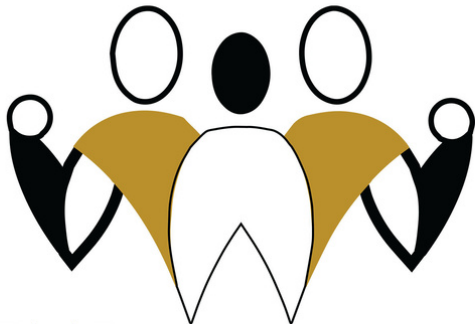
UPCOMING EVENTS



25TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING



JULY 30, 2022



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Proceeds will be used to fund youth college scholarships.

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GLENWOODIE GOLF CLUB
19301 S STATE ST | GLENWOOD, IL 60484

MESSAGE FROM EVENT CHAIRMAN

The Foundation is marching towards our 25th annual Golf Outing and as always you should expect to have a great time for a great cause. Our cause is clear, the Foundation provides scholarships to aid youth in their endeavors for a college education. The annual golf event is one of the means in which we raise funds to be successful in this task. To date we have raised over \$250,000 over the past 25 years and have had the pleasure in seeing the smiles on the faces of the recipients.

The pandemic continues to place burdens on households and although we have had some relief there still is an insurmountable need for financial aid for aspiring college students. Here is where the call for support has been even higher than before. The world is dealing with the up and downs of the pandemic, but families are still struggling financially. With the support of our great sponsors and our faithful annual participants, we will continue to seek those who are in need and put our best foot forward to provide financial aid to these students.

This year's golf event will continue to be packed with fun in a safe and fresh air environment. We will have plenty of contests, raffles that seem to have all participants on edge in excitement, good food, and we are adding in some music this year with a smoke lounge for those who like to just relax and smoke. Remember, it's all for a good cause. Please come out and support us at Glenwoodie Golf Course on July 30th, 2022.

Mr. Verdell Williams
2022 Golf Outing
Committee Chairman





2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT HIGHLIGHTS

MS. HAILEY M. LUNCEFORD

Miss. Hailey Lunceford is a 2022 graduate of Homewood Flossmoor High School where she attained a 6-point weighted GPA of 5.87. She served as the Vice President for the Black Student Union and a member of the Water Polo and Debate Teams. As a debater, she received several awards and qualified for a national debate competition. Additionally, she volunteered as a Computer Coding Instructor at her school's STEM Camp, the Cancer Support Center, and Pathfinder Club. Miss. Haley Lunceford will be attending Wellesley College in Massachusetts majoring in Psychology. She plans to use those debating skills to break the stigma around mental health within the African American community.

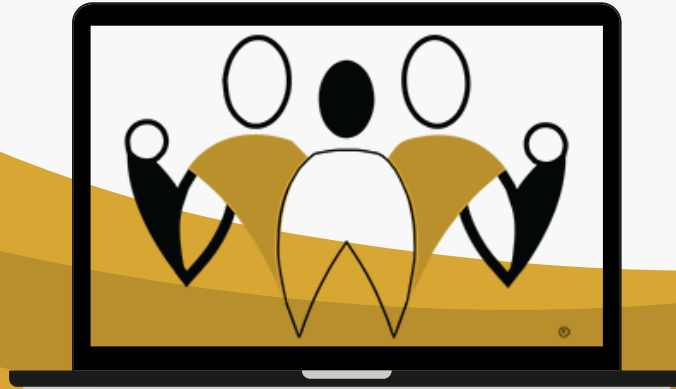


MR. CARTER G. LANGSTON

Mr. Carter Langston is a 2022 graduate of Homewood Flossmoor High School and will be matriculating to The Ohio State University. Like many of our other awardees this afternoon, Carter is a true representation of being a scholar athlete. While at Homewood Flossmoor, he attained a 4.0 Weighted GPA of 4.0 and number 1 out of 726 students. He's been an active member of Key Club International, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, and HF's Summer STEM Camp. All while participating in the Bands and Lacrosse Team and volunteering with Operation Snowball, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Foundation, and the Principal's Advisory Committee. He will be majoring in Computer Engineering to continue advancing technologies and make life better for all.



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