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Established in 2006, CREW Teens (Creating Responsible, Educated, Working Teens) provides academic tutoring, college readiness and personal development services for students who graduated from Drew Charter School or who live in the East Lake community. This year, 42 of 51 active CREW Teens successfully met high school graduation requirements. With a total of 66 college acceptances (some were accepted to several schools!), the class had an average SAT score of 1272.

Your donations to the East Lake Foundation can help other East Lake teens prepare for successful futures. Contact Erik Day at 404-373-4351 for more information. ■

If your company is interested in volunteer opportunities, contact Erik Day at 404.373.4351 or email: eday@eastlakefoundation.org

You can help make a difference

The East Lake Foundation is nationally renowned for our holistic approach to community revitalization through support of excellent **Cradle-To-College Education**, **Mixed-Income Housing**, and **Community Wellness**. Your support makes programs like **CREW Teens**, **The First Tee® of East Lake** and **Drew's After School Program** possible.

To make your donation, call Erik Day at 404-373-4351 or visit eastlakefoundation.org



William Pate Joins Board of East Lake Foundation

The East Lake Foundation is pleased to announce that William Pate has joined its Board of Directors. Mr. Pate is President of the Atlanta Convention & Visitors Bureau (ACVB) and is responsible for maintaining tourism as one of Atlanta's top economic drivers.

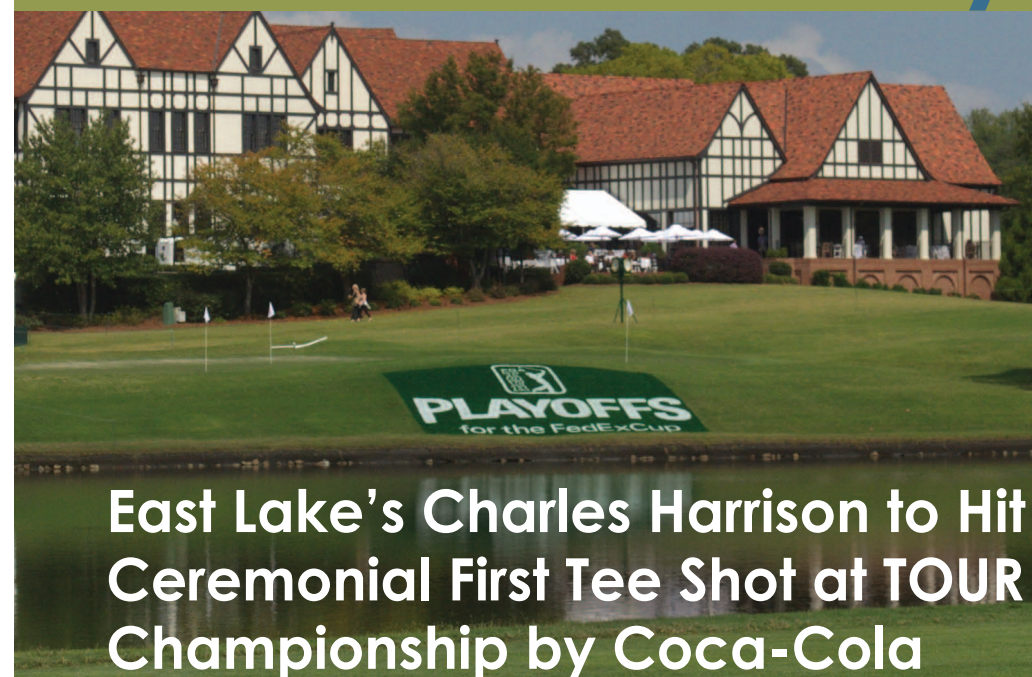
A dedicated volunteer and leader, Mr. Pate is involved in numerous civic and community organizations around the city. He currently serves on the boards of Destination Marketing Association International, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and the US Travel Association, as well as on the Board of Councilors of the Carter Presidential Center, the Georgia State University Board of Trustees, the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce and the Commerce Club.

A native of Atlanta, Mr. Pate grew up in Decatur and attended Georgia State University, with an undergraduate degree in journalism and a graduate degree in communications.

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East Lake's Charles Harrison to Hit Ceremonial First Tee Shot at TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola



Teamed with Darius Davis, a participant in The First Tee® of East Lake, in Opening Ceremonies

Charles "Charlie" Wickliffe Harrison's love for both East Lake and the game of golf began at an early age. A member of the Georgia Golf Hall of Fame, he has seen tremendous success in his career, including competing in The Masters. Charlie, an East Lake resident, was also instrumental in the creation of The First Tee® of East Lake, a cornerstone program of the East Lake Foundation, bringing "golf with a purpose" to daily life in East Lake.

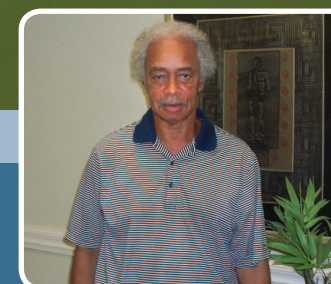
Honoring his ongoing dedication to East Lake and his impressive golf accomplishments, Charlie has been selected to hit the symbolic first tee shot at the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola. High school junior Darius Davis, from The First Tee of East Lake program, will join Charlie in the honor. Each year, one adult and one youth

hit the ceremonial shots, representing a celebration of Tradition and Hope for the community. When asked about the honor, Charlie commented, "In 1944, at age 13, I hit a tee shot off the first tee during a playoff for the East Lake Golf Course Junior Championship, which I won with a bogey five. It is hard to believe that, 68 years later, I'm hitting the TOUR Championship ceremonial tee shot from the very same tee. What an honor and a thrill for me!"

Charlie and his wife, Sylvia, continue to demonstrate their unwavering support of East Lake and its programs through the Charles W. Harrison Scholarship, benefitting students who work in the community and are pursuing an undergraduate degree. ■



Harrison Scholarship Recipients



Resident & Community Services at The Villages of East Lake



The Cox Pre-K Program at Drew Charter School

Great things are happening in East Lake everyday!

Find out more ►

The First Tee® of East Lake provides golf instruction to approximately 650 youth in the East Lake community. To learn more about the program, call 404.373.4351



Seven Recipients Accept 2012 Harrison Scholarships

East Lake resident Charlie Harrison. From left, Christopher Mulgrave, former Harrison Scholar Charles Banks, (former Harrison Scholar), East Lake Golf Club employee Brian Byrd, former Harrison Scholar and Drew Charter School Pre-K teacher LaShanta Davis, Thaddius Callaway, Arthur Charles Hagan and Charlie Harrison.

This summer, the East Lake Foundation recognized seven winners of the 2012 Charles W. Harrison Scholarship. **Gregory Addonizio, Kyle Barry, Thaddius Callaway, Arthur Charles Hagan, Graham Lutz, Christopher Mulgrave** and **Mark Putnam** received scholarships that will help support ongoing study at local universities. Gregory and Charles attend Kennesaw State University; Kyle, Thaddius, Graham and Christopher attend Georgia State University, and Mark attends Georgia Institute of Technology. Thaddius, Charles, Graham and Christopher are previous recipients.

The Charlie Harrison Scholarship, which until 2004 was known as the Caddy Scholarship, provides opportunities

for employees of the East Lake Golf Club and Charlie Yates Golf Course who exemplify character, integrity and leadership. Over 75 Harrison Scholarships have been awarded since the program began in 1998. The scholarship honors Charles W. Harrison, Georgia golf legend, East Lake neighbor and dedicated instructor in The First Tee® of East Lake.

Past Harrison Scholarship recipients have gone on to achieve success in both college and careers. **LaShanta Davis**, a three-time Harrison Scholarship recipient who worked at the East Lake Golf Club, is now a Pre-K teacher at Charles R. Drew Charter School. **Roi Johnson**, a four-time Harrison Scholarship winner, caddied at the East Lake Golf Club for several years. In May, he graduated with honors from Georgia State University and, after two summers of finance internships on Wall Street, began working with SunTrust Bank in Atlanta in June.

You can support these hardworking students by making a donation to the Harrison Scholarship fund. For more information, contact Erik Day at 404-373-4351. ■

News from Charles R. Drew Charter School



Cox's Nancy Rigby with Pre-K students

Cox Pre-K Program Dedicated

An important step in a child's "cradle-to-college" education journey, early childhood education, received significant support in late August with the dedication of The

Cox Pre-K Program at Charles R. Drew Charter School, supported by The James M. Cox Foundation.

Jim Kennedy, Cox Enterprises' Chairman, said, "before

founding our company and serving as Governor of Ohio, James M. Cox was a teacher and always valued the importance of education. Early childhood education is a great way to put children on the pathway to success. The James M. Cox Foundation is proud to support the Pre-K Program at the Charles R. Drew Charter School."

The James M. Cox Foundation has committed \$2.5 million over the next five years to support Pre-K education at Drew Charter School. Currently, 66 students participate in what is now known as The Cox Pre-K Program. The program first opened in 2007 with just 20 students. ■

Poised for growth: Drew Charter School Senior Academy

With the 2012-2013 academic year underway, the Drew Charter School leadership team continues to work to gain approval of an amendment to the school's charter, authorizing the addition of a Senior Academy, grades 9 – 12. The Atlanta Public Schools' Board of Education gave its approval in July and the Georgia Department of Education will rule on the amendment later this year.

Once approved, construction is planned to begin in early 2013, with the first class of freshman launching the school next fall. By 2023, Drew Charter School hopes to be at full enrollment, serving over 2,000 students from Pre-K through 12th grade. The Senior Academy has

ambitious goals including achieving a 100% graduation rate.

Community support has been an important factor in the approval process. A sincere thank you goes out to everyone who worked tirelessly early this summer to prepare

for the APS Board's vote. Together, we're working to ensure a strong educational foundation is available to everyone in East Lake.

Below are Drew scores from the 2012 Criterion Referenced Competency Test (CRCT). ■

The % of Drew Charter Students who meet or exceed state standards

Grade	Reading	Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
3	100%	100%	97.5%	97.5%	98.7%
4	98.9%	100%	94.8%	97.9%	96.9%
5	98.7%	98.7%	97.4%	92.1%	96.1%
6	97.9%	100%	98.9%	91.8%	95.9%
7	100%	98.9%	100%	97.8%	95.6%
8	100%	98.9%	97.8%	91.1%	92.2%

Resident & Community Services Program Takes Off at The Villages of East Lake



Villages of East Lake resident Gary Lee Murphy

Resident and Community Services Program (RCSP) at The Villages of East Lake.

"We provide the resources and support that allow residents like Mr. Murphy to thrive, creating the type of community anyone would be proud to call home," said program manager Jennifer McCrary. Launched last fall, the program assists Villages residents with economic stability and self-sufficiency through classes, workshops, partnerships and activities that work together to build a strong community.

Mr. Murphy enrolled in the Career Development Series, sponsored by **Bank of America**. This series teaches job readiness fundamentals including

resume writing, dressing for success and interviewing skills. Mr. Murphy also enrolled in computer training classes, offered in partnership with Drew Charter School, and gained valuable online job search skills. Jennifer and her staff also connected him with Goodwill Industries' Floor Technician training program to refine his skill set. Using the new Resident Resources Room, with access to computers, printers, copiers, phone and fax machines, Mr. Murphy had all the tools needed to successfully secure a job as a part-time custodian with the City of Atlanta, starting in August.

In addition to helping residents find work, the RCSP offers workshops

on topics like financial literacy, basic budgeting and credit management, home ownership, healthy relationships and even a class on entrepreneurship, in partnership with DeKalb Microenterprise. RSCP is also tasked with creating opportunities for residents to interact, meet neighbors and enjoy being a part of The Villages. Through New Resident Mixers, Family Fun Days, a Mothers' Day luncheon, Summer Fest and Back to School Jam, among other activities, the RCSP is working to build an active and engaged community. ■



CREW Teens

Creating Responsible, Educated, Working Teen.

CREW Teens Class of 2012

It's hard to believe, but the very first class of students who attended Charles R. Drew Charter School when it opened in 2000 graduated from college this year! In June, the East Lake Foundation's CREW Teens program hosted a luncheon for those graduates.

We thought you'd enjoy learning what some of these talented young men and women are going to do next.

Jessica Stillwell, who graduated from the University of Georgia, has joined the corps of Teach for America and was a featured speaker at the recent East Lake Invitational event.

Ashley Davis, graduated from Valdosta State University with a B.A. in Fine Arts – Mass Media, and plans to become a news anchor and producer.

Lois Young, with a B.A. in Political Science degree from Ball State University, plans to attend law school and work in the private sector before getting into politics.

Douglas Peters, a 2005 graduate of Drew Charter School, graduated from Georgia Southern University a year early with a B.A. degree in Political Science. He's now back at Georgia Southern, pursuing a masters degree in higher education administration.

Georgia Tech graduate **Bethaney Wright** is preparing to take both the LSAT and GRE in order to attend a joint graduate/J.D. program.

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