

Villages Residents Visit Wakanda During Private Screening of Black Panther Movie

East Lake Foundation's Resident and Community Support Program (RCSP) in partnership with the East Lake Family YMCA, For the Kid In All of Us, Inc. and Atlanta Pride hosted a Black Panther movie screening for teens in The Villages of East Lake and the YMCA. Eighty-one participants gathered at the Midtown Theater for a private screening of the Marvel cinematic film that was filled with stunning visual effects authentic to African culture. They were greeted by dancers, drummers and photographers for an engaging time. Even CBS News was on hand to interview the students who said they were excited to see a cast of predominantly Black actors in a positive light.

RCSP offers a variety of educational and cultural opportunities for the families in The Villages of East Lake. The visit to Black Panther's beautiful Wakanda was possible with the support of RCSP's community partners. Thank you to our generous partners! ■



Grants Support Critical Programs for Children and Families

The East Lake Foundation is grateful for all of its donors. We are proud to highlight a few of our foundation and corporate donors who are providing vital support this year for programs that benefit East Lake children and families.

A grant from **United Way of Greater Atlanta**, made possible through funding from the **Joseph B. Whitehead Foundation**, supports the East Lake Early Learning Academy and Cox Pre-K program to serve as sites for

research and innovation and as models of best practices in early learning. Grants from the **Bank of America Charitable Foundation**, **Georgia Power Foundation, Inc.**, **Wells Fargo** and **Northern Trust** are supporting the Resident & Community Support Program's classes and coaching that help Villages of East Lake residents secure and improve employment.

Grants from the **Georgia-Pacific Foundation**, **Chick-fil-A Foundation**

and **John & Mary Franklin Foundation** support Drew Charter School's innovative College & Career Readiness programming to help students graduate on time for college and career. The **John H. & Wilhelmina D. Harland Charitable Foundation, Inc.** and **Price Gilbert, Jr. Charitable Fund**, support Drew Charter's RISE After School Program's robust mix of academic, enrichment and project-based activities. ■

Elite National Scholarships for East Lake Foundation Interns



Posse Scholar Kenise Neal

Kenise Neal has shown his engineering prowess and advanced problem solving skills in a number of ways. He was Drew's Engineering InvenTeam Safety Manager helping develop a device that detects when an unattended child is in a hot car.

The team was selected as one of 15 teams nationwide to receive a \$10,000 Lemelson Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) grant for their innovative technology. In addition, he developed a mobile application for children who are scared to visit the doctor's office. Kenise has been a devoted employee of Drew's After School Program and an East Lake Foundation intern. He was awarded a Posse Foundation Scholarship, a nationally competitive 4-yr. full-tuition scholarship, to attend Boston University where he plans to study Mechanical Engineering and Social Work this fall.

Gates Millenium Scholar Jalil Spearman

Jalil Spearman was the brainchild behind the idea for the InvenTeam and served as the team's Technical Lead. While at Drew, he was captain of both Drew Charter's varsity soccer and state winning cross country teams. He is serving as a summer intern for the East Lake Foundation and hopes to apply his experience toward future endeavors in philanthropy. Jalil has been awarded a Gates Millennium Scholarship, one of the most selective scholarships in the country covering full-tuition, and all other costs through post-graduate education. He plans to major in bioengineering at Rice University in the fall.

The East Lake Foundation celebrates the many accomplishments of Kenise and Jalil. Both have made an indelible mark as Foundation interns, Drew Charter scholars and exceptional young gentlemen who undoubtedly will change the world. ■



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Drew Charter School Class of 2018 Flies Higher



On May 19, 2018, 75 scholars continued the legacy set by the inaugural graduating

Class of 2017, by graduating from Charles R. Drew Charter School. The Class of 2018 represents the first graduating class of Drew Charter to spend all four years of their high school career in the Drew Charter School Junior and Senior Academy at the Charlie Yates campus. Twenty-five percent of the graduates are affectionately known as our "Drew babies", having been in our education pipeline since Kindergarten.

This amazing class includes engineers, artists, athletes, social justice advocates and musicians, all of whom have raised the bar for excellence at Drew Charter. They were among the leaders for Drew's InvenTeam, who designed a device to keep children and pets from dying in hot cars, which now has a patent pending! With acceptances to over 100 colleges and universities, the Class of 2018 earned over \$9 million in college scholarships – the highest amount earned at Drew Charter to date.



Charles R. Drew Charter School

"We are particularly proud that the overwhelming majority of our students (91%) received some type of scholarship to support their college dreams," said Rachel Kaney, Drew Charter School's Director of College and Career Readiness. Among the scholarships awarded, the class of 2018 earned some of the most coveted and generous scholarships in the country including a Gates Millennium Scholarship, and two Questbridge Scholarships– both firsts for Drew Charter; and one Posse and three Five Strong Scholarships. ■



Drew Student Selected for Congaree Golf Club Initiative

Congratulations to Drew Charter student Anthony Ford for his nomination and acceptance into Congaree Foundation's 2018 Congaree Global Golf Initiative! A member of the First Tee of East Lake, Anthony spent time in Ridgeland, South Carolina this summer at one of the country's most exclusive golf clubs. Congaree was founded by golf enthusiasts Dan Friedkin and Bob McNair as a world class golf

club with a philanthropic purpose. Anthony, along with 20 other participants from around the world worked with academic advisors, fitness counselors and golf professionals to prepare for the college admissions process and future success on the golf course and in the classroom at a four-year college or university. We are proud of Anthony's hard work and incredible skill guaranteed to take him far. ■



East Lake Foundation Welcomes New Additions to the Team

Chad Cox joined the Foundation's staff as the Manager of Annual Giving after having worked at ELF as a graduate fellow. In May, Chad graduated from Georgia State University's Andrew Young School of Policy Studies where he earned his Masters of Public Administration with a concentration in Management and Finance. His responsibilities include overseeing annual development efforts and working with individuals, corporations and community partners to provide the residents of East Lake with resources and opportunities needed to achieve success. He lives in Roswell with his fiancé and their dog Teddy.



Jeannine Blanco has recently been hired as Manager of Fundraising Events and Volunteers. Jeannine comes to ELF after a 17-year career with State Farm Insurance. She served in several roles, from Agency Recruiter to Multicultural Markets Specialist in New York City, Washington (state), and most recently Georgia. In her role at State Farm in New York City, she executed small and large (city-wide) events while leading volunteers and being responsible for overall stakeholder engagement. A resident of Alpharetta, Jeannine is married to Miguel and has two elementary aged children. ■



The East Lake Foundation is nationally known for its integrated approach to community revitalization that focuses on three pillars: **cradle-to-college education**, **mixed-income housing** and **community wellness**. The Foundation serves as the lead organization working closely with its partners within and across these pillars to benefit our youth and their families. To make a donation, call **404.373.4351** or visit **eastlakefoundation.org**.



Congratulations to the Eva Davis and the Ann and Tom Cousins Scholars!



The East Lake Foundation was honored to launch the **Eva Davis Empowerment Scholarship** last year, and awarded the scholarship to ten deserving students from the class of 2018 this year. Named in honor of the late Eva Davis, this scholarship is awarded to Drew Charter School students who demonstrate academic excellence and promise, and are engaged in a meaningful way in the Drew Charter School community. Each of these students will receive a \$3,000 scholarship annually, renewable for their four years in college.

2018 Eva Davis Empowerment Scholars:

- Hasan Amour – Attending University of West Georgia
- Chandler Daniel – Attending Clark Atlanta University
- Rodderick Hardness – Attending Valdosta State University
- Sinderia Hood – Attending Tennessee State University
- Anthony Heard – Attending Tennessee State University
- D'Arius E. Kelly – Attending Augusta University
- Jalil Lipscomb – Attending Valdosta State University
- Eyshea McCorkle – Attending Langston University
- Anaiya Nina Shakir-Pool – Attending Tennessee State University
- Casey Sheppard – Attending Tuskegee University



Nine Drew Charter School graduates from the Class of 2018 are the newest recipients of the **Ann and Tom Cousins Scholarship**, presented by the East Lake Foundation to Drew students who demonstrate academic excellence and active leadership in the community. Each of these students will receive a \$5,000 scholarship, annually renewable for their four years in college.

2018 Ann and Tom Cousins Scholars:

- Taneshia Arnold – Attending Fisk University
- Julia Blackwell – Attending Agnes Scott College
- Ariana Cason – Attending Georgia State University
- Jeremiah Furlow – Attending Kennesaw State University
- India Girault – Attending University of Georgia
- Noa Holloway – Attending Georgia Institute of Technology
- Carolyn Muhammad – Attending Kennesaw State University
- Kenise Neal – Attending Boston University
- Brooke Turpeau – Attending Washington University in St. Louis

Interested in supporting Drew Charter School's College and Career Readiness Program? Contact Aaron James at 404-974-4508 or ajames@eastlakefoundation.org. ■



Drew Charter School's Ashley Young Wins Prestigious Counselors That Change Lives Award

Ashley Young, a College Counselor at Drew Charter School, has been selected as one of eight recipients of the 2018 Counselors That Change Lives Awards, given by Colleges That Change Lives (CTCL), a non-profit organization dedicated to the ideal of a student-centered college search.

Admission officers at CTCL-member colleges and universities nominated counselors who are dedicated to students and their success, not

only during the college search but throughout their entire high school career. These counselors work with students and their families to ensure they are thoughtful about their college choices – developing a list of schools that will cultivate their strengths, help them improve in challenging areas, and offer students a transformative college experience.

Ms. Young was nominated by colleague Alexis Skeen, Admission Counselor at Agnes Scott College. In

her nomination, she noted, "Ashley specifically challenges students to consider schools that will foster personal growth and development and reinforces the notion that choosing a college isn't just about a major." Ms. Skeen added, "One of her greatest talents is the ability to help students realize their full potential and explore college options they otherwise would find to be out of reach. Ashley truly is an advocate for powerful, impactful change." ■

TOUR Championship Announces 2017 Charitable Donation of \$2.5 million to Atlanta-Area Nonprofits

This past spring, the PGA TOUR and TOUR Championship announced that \$2.5 million was donated as a result of the 2017 TOUR Championship, with a total of \$26 million invested in local nonprofits since the event was first hosted at the East Lake Golf Club in 1998. Proceeds from the tournament primarily benefited the East Lake Foundation and other local nonprofits including The First Tee® of Atlanta and the Bobby Jones Golf Course Foundation.

PGA TOUR Commissioner Jay Monahan made the announcement at Drew Charter School with several student from the senior academy. "Helping others is in the DNA of what we do at the PGA TOUR, and we're proud of the role the TOUR Championship plays in Atlanta as the primary fundraiser for the East Lake Foundation," Monahan said. "This donation is a celebration of the TOUR Championship's continued commitment to the East Lake community, which has become a community where every child – and every family – has a chance to succeed. Our thanks to Proud Partners Coca-Cola and Southern Company for their tremendous support of the TOUR Championship and their commitment to charitable giving."

The 2018 TOUR Championship will return to East Lake on Sept. 19-23 where the top 30 players from the FedExCup standings will vie for the tournament and FedExCup titles at the PGA TOUR's season-ending event. Perfect for the whole

family, the event will offer premier dining, beverage and entertainment options in addition to watching top athletes compete at the finale event. ■



Start:ME East Lake Graduates Fourth Cohort

In its fourth year, Start: ME East Lake is excited to graduate its latest cohort of 14 entrepreneurs. The program, a partnership with Social Enterprise @ Goizueta at Emory University with Access for Capital for Entrepreneurs (ACE) and the East Lake Foundation, supports cohorts of small businesses in the East Lake and Kirkwood communities.

The 14-week program offers business training, mentorship support and early-stage financing as the entrepreneurs work to develop sustainable businesses. While most ventures include food, fashion, art, and professional services, there are also some unique companies, including dog hiking adventures and specialized senior services.

This year's Start: ME Showcase and Graduation was held on April 10th at

Emory University. The event featured a marketplace for entrepreneurs to showcase their products and services, unique food sourced from past program participants and five minute pitches from each of the three Start: ME communities.

Five East Lake participants were selected by their cohort peers to receive grants from \$500 up to \$5,000 to grow their businesses in the East Lake and Kirkwood neighborhoods over the next several years. The 2018 grant recipients from East Lake are:

- **Kevin Rodgers**, SHWAXX Laboratories – Haircare product manufacturer
- **Sam Mugavero**, Smugs Fitness – fitness coaching
- **Tchaas Omijeolukore**, Minw Learning – tutoring and academic coaching



- **Quianah Upton**, Arbitrary Living – Handmade and vintage housewares
- **Danielle Osofsky**, BRMB Radio – Broadcast and Media production

Contact Joi Jackson, Special Programs and Partnerships Manager at the East Lake Foundation for more information (jjackson@eastlakefoundation.org or 404-974-4507. ■



2nd Annual Party on the Green Raises \$584,000 for Early Childhood Education



The East Lake Foundation's 2nd Annual Party on the Green, held on May 19, 2018 at East Lake Golf Club, raised more than \$584,000 to support the East Lake Foundation's early childhood education initiative. Presented by Cox Enterprises, Inc., the event honored the philanthropic legacy of Sarah and Jim Kennedy recognizing their support of the Cox Pre-K program at Charles R. Drew Charter School and their long-standing commitment to education and literacy in the East Lake community, throughout Atlanta, and across Georgia.

Highlights from this memorable night include musical performances

from the Joe Grandsen Band and event design by Tony Conway. More than 400 guests attended the event led by Event Chairs Shearon and Taylor Glover, Patron Chairs Beth and Tommy Holder, Corporate Chairs Melissa and Steve Nowak, and Board Advisory Chairs Jenny and Phil Jacobs.

We want to thank all our corporate and patron sponsors for making it a great evening! Planning is already underway for the 2019 Party on the Green. ■



East Lake Foundation Brings More Affordable Housing to East Lake

The East Lake Foundation, in partnership with the CF Foundation and Columbia Residential, is excited to announce The Villages of East Lake Phase III, a new mixed-income apartment complex in the East Lake community.

High-quality affordable housing is becoming more difficult to find in Atlanta. This new affordable development provides new housing options for families and furthers the East Lake Foundation's goal to broaden our impact in the East Lake community and at Charles R. Drew Charter School by serving more lower-income families, many of whom may not currently be able to afford to live in East Lake.

This state-of-the-art 108 unit apartment complex, being built behind the Publix facing Fayetteville Road, will include 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments, a community building and other apartment amenities. 30% of the apartments will be rented at the market rate and 70% of the space will be rented at an affordable rate to families who earn 60% of area median income (AMI) and below, including 20% of units at 50% of AMI and below.

Construction is scheduled to begin by fall 2018 and to be completed by fall 2019. ■

