

» Eagle Scout and Scholar



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is soaring like an eagle. He defies the common stereotype of the young inner-city African American male in every way. Guided by the determination, strength, and wisdom of his mother, DeGerald has overcome reading deficiencies, the sudden accidental death of his father, and the temptations of street life to obtain the prestigious Eagle Scout medal from the Boy Scouts of America. A senior at duPont Manual High School, he maintains a 3.2 grade point average, and will soon graduate from the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program®.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America's Scouting Program. The requirements to attain this esteemed rank are significant and include earning at least 21 merit badges, participating and planning community service projects, and demonstrating solid leadership skills.

DeGerald is a committed student athlete and volunteer. His numerous awards and honors include The National Society of High School Scholars award and the Greater Louisville Football Coaches Association 2008 All-District award. A Whitney M. Young Scholar since the ninth grade, DeGerald recently shared the following comments about the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program® (WYSP): "My favorite WYSP activity was when we stayed on the Georgetown College campus during the Summer Institute. The Scholars program has helped prepare me for college, be successful in life, and perform well in the classroom. It (WYSP) keeps me out of trouble because I could be doing other things on a Saturday morning but I choose to come every Saturday to the Educational Clinics so that I won't be another statistic."

DeGerald further stated, "People should support the Lincoln Foundation because they have programs that help



DeGerald Watson-Morton, a proud Eagle Scout.

students who want to succeed in life and awards them for their success in the classroom. They (Lincoln Foundation staff) guide us down the right path from middle

school through high school and on to college so we can graduate and live a prosperous life."

DeGerald will attend Western Kentucky University in the Fall. He is pursuing a major in broadcasting with a focus in radio and television and a minor in business administration. Well done, DeGerald!



DeGerald Watson-Morton and his mother, Sandra Watson.

» Scholar Highlights



Olivia Edison is a freshman at St. Francis High School and a Whitney M. Young Scholar who loves to write. The poem below was written for an Educational Clinic assignment.

I AM FROM HOT SUMMERS AND CROWDED HOUSES

— Olivia Edison

I am from hot summers and crowded houses
From having to share my bedroom
Clothes everywhere
And from love and hatred

I am from noon day practices
A baseball bat
A softball

I am from running with the boys
Flag football
Racing
And pool parties

I am from endless pans of Mac-n-cheese
Musubi
Turkey
And banana pudding

I am from if you don't find it then you'll have
to wait
Wash the dishes
I don't like you's
And you learn from your mistakes

I am from Tiffany and Tony
From music and dancing

From Roger and Aaron with water balloons
in hand
A fun fest waiting to happen

I am from hiding my emotions
And putting a mask up
To hoping he makes the right choices
And awaiting his arrival home

I am from tears and broken hearts
From anger and sadness
From wanting and needing that shoulder
to cry on
From teaching myself to be the bigger person

I am from using poetry as my
Therapy
My coping mechanism
My listener
My love.

Future Non-Profit Leader



In December of 2008, Kendrick Quisenberry received an undergraduate degree in Electronic Media with a minor in Youth and Non-Profit Leadership from Murray State University. He graduated Cum Laude and was the recipient of a \$20,000 scholarship from the National Association of Broadcasters Education

Foundation. Kendrick is a member of the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program® class of 2004 and is a devoted volunteer for the Lincoln Foundation. This is Kendrick's story in his own words.

Growing up, my mother was the most influential person in my life. She made so many sacrifices for me through her life I often feel there is no way to pay her back. I grew up not knowing my biological father but was lucky enough to have a caring step-father. I'm the oldest of four children; two sisters and one brother. My two sisters were both graduates of the Scholars Program. I started the Scholars program as an 8th grader in Phase 9. When I first entered the program, I had not blossomed socially and often just sat back and watched others instead of participating. However, I soon learned it is impossible to not get involved in the Saturday Educational Clinic sessions. The teachers were outstanding at making sure that all the Scholars participated. I soon discovered how beneficial the Scholars program was. I never had a problem in school with grades, but I had a problem with becoming more social with my peers. The Scholars Program helped me deal with this. I soon found myself speaking out more.

In the 9th grade I started having trouble academically for the first time in my life. I feel blessed that the staff at the Lincoln Foundation was there and offered me the math tutoring I needed. During my years in the Scholars Program I wanted to make sure that I got the most out of it, so I volunteered for everything. Whether it was helping with fashion shows, Senior Banquets, or simply moving furniture, I was always around to help in any way possible. While completing my undergraduate studies in Electronic Media at Murray State University, I found myself seriously interested in non-profit work due to my time as a Scholar. This led to my decision to minor in Youth and Non-Profit Leadership. Thanks to Mr. Larry McDonald, I had the unique opportunity to complete an internship at the Lincoln Foundation in leadership. During my internship, I had the opportunity to interact with Scholars and observe all the things that go on behind the scenes to make sure that all Scholars are taken care of by the Lincoln Foundation.

After my internship experience, my desire to give back to the community as much as possible grew. I decided to become a mentor in Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentuckiana. I am blessed to be surrounded by individuals at the Lincoln Foundation who want to see me succeed and feel that it is now my turn to help influence a young mind in the right direction. As with me, sometimes all a person needs is to be surrounded by individuals who have their best interest at heart and to see someone who looks like them, comes from a similar background, and can understand what is going on in their lives. I hope I can make a positive impact on a child's life as much as the Lincoln Foundation has made on my life. *Kendrick is currently pursuing a graduate degree at Murray State University.*

» Did You Know...

Joseph Wimsatt, Trustee Emeritus, has served on the Lincoln Foundation Board of Trustees over fifty years. He became a Trustee when J. Mansir Tydings was Executive Director of the Lincoln Foundation and Whitney M. Young, Sr. served on the Board. During this time of racial tension, Joe's interests were equal employment and open housing for all. After J. Mansir Tydings retired and Dr. Samuel Robinson was named President of the Lincoln Foundation, Joe served a term as Chair of the Board of Trustees. Joe continues to be an avid supporter of the Lincoln Foundation. A former Chair and member of the Property Use Committee, Joe is dedicated to enhancing and preserving the Lincoln Foundation's property in Simpsonville, KY as a national and state treasure for future generations.



Joseph Wimsatt, Trustee Emeritus

Dear Friend,



It has been an outstanding year for the Lincoln Foundation's educational programs. Our programs are truly having a positive and profound impact on the lives

of youth in our community. You will find evidence of a few of our successes throughout this issue of the LINC. The Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program® class of 2008 was the largest in the program's history with 64 Scholars. They are an impressive and deserving group of talented young adults with unlimited potential. I am pleased to welcome six outstanding professionals to the Lincoln Foundation's Board of Trustees; Ed Chestnut, Vice President Administration, Louisville Water Company, Robert K. Holmes, Jr., President & CEO Louisville Real Estate Development Company, Janice Porter, C.P.A., Steven P. Sexton, Chief Executive Officer and President New Entertainment, Churchill Downs Incorporated, Deborah Benberry Williams, Vice President Regional Community Reinvestment Act Manager, National City, and Mark Boles, marketing executive and grandson of Whitney M. Young, Jr., continues the legacy of the Young family. Their time and commitment to the Lincoln Foundation and the youth that we serve is invaluable. Last but not least, please mark your calendar for our 14th Annual Evening of Jazz fundraiser. The event will be held on August 22 at The Kentucky Center's Bomhard Theater at 7:00 p.m. Once again, I humbly ask for your support of our one and only fundraiser to benefit the exceptional students in our Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program®.

Our Mission

To provide educational enrichment programs that develop and support youth in overcoming barriers to achievement.

Summer Math & Science Program



Lincoln Foundation's summer Math and Science Program provides a unique educational opportunity for high school students to prepare for their next level of science and mathematics. This year the program will focus on issues related to global warming and the environment. Students will improve their knowledge of science and math while

learning about global warming and the impact of climate change on Kentucky. Technology such as computer mapping will be used for geographical investigation and to demonstrate changes in the local climate. Students will participate in service projects focused on sustainability issues such as waste management, energy use, and carbon sequestration. Exciting field trips are planned to give students experience in gathering data and expose them to how global warming affects our natural resources. All courses are taught by certified Jefferson County Public Schools teachers. The program is in partnership with JCPS and the University of Louisville College of Arts and Sciences. This experience is one that students will not likely forget. The program will be held June 8 through July 2 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the University of Louisville's Belknap Campus. The registration fee is \$75; however, fee waivers are available for qualified students. Register online at www.lincolnfdn.org or call the Lincoln Foundation at 502.585.4733.



Evening of Jazz



Ron Jones

Please come out and support our 14th Annual Evening of Jazz fundraiser at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 22 at The Kentucky Center. Ron Jones and Maestro J are the featured artists. This will be an evening of great entertainment you won't want to miss. Tickets are \$50 and will be available soon at The Kentucky Center. Proceeds from this event benefit the talented and deserving Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars.



Maestro J



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» Summer 2009 Calendar of Events

- May 30** **Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program® Senior Banquet**
Bellarmine University – Frazier Hall
6:00 p.m. Tickets – \$25
- June 8 - July 2** **Math & Science Program**
University of Louisville
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Registration Fee – \$75*
** Fee waivers available for qualified students*
- June 8 - July 2** **Project BUILD**
University of Louisville College of Business
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
- June 7 - 19** **WYSP Summer Institutes**
Centre College
- June 21 - July 3** **Georgetown College**
- June 8 - 19** **Computer Camp**
Lincoln Foundation – Computer Lab
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
- July 27 - Aug. 1** **Hands-On/Minds-On**
University of Louisville
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- August 15** **Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program® Opening Educational Clinic for 2009-2010 Academic Year**
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
- August 22** **14th Annual Evening of Jazz**
The Kentucky Center – Bomhard Theater
7:00 p.m. Tickets – \$50
Proceeds benefit the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program®.

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If you are a past participant or graduate of the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program®, Math & Science Program or Project BUILD we want to hear from you. Do you have a special talent or skill you would like to share? The Lincoln Foundation seeks volunteers for our special events, fundraisers, tutoring, and Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program®. Please call or contact the Lincoln Foundation at www.lincolnfdn.org.