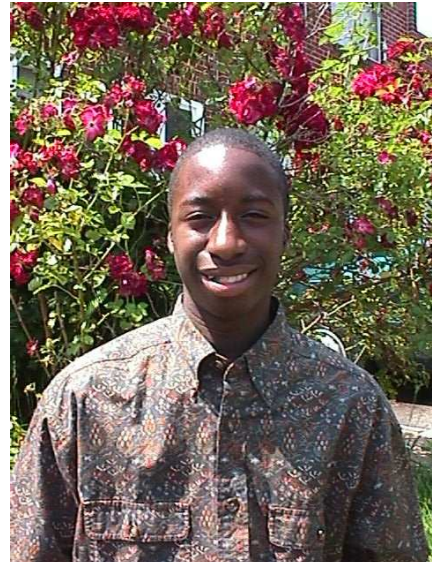


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The Lotus Class Of 2000



We will miss all of you, but we are so happy to see you go on to high school, and make your mark as a Lotus Academy graduate. Make us proud, fulfill your own destiny, and always remember that we will be with you, forever.

TALIAH FRAZIER

My name is Taliah Frazier. I was born on July 15, 1986. I am now 13 years old. I enjoy reading whenever I have nothing to do. Sometimes I read three books at a time. The books I am reading now are "Heal Thyself", "What They Never Told You In History Class", and a book by Marva Collins. Besides reading, I like to cook, socialize with my friends, and listen to the radio. I also like to sit and think about my future.

This will be fifth year at the Lotus Academy. I started in the 4th grade, and now I am in the 8th grade. For 9th grade, I will be attending the Center for Economics and Law Charter School. My future plans are to be a teacher or a lawyer. I also want to own my own business.

While attending the Lotus Academy for five years, I have learned a lot about the achievements of Africans and African-Americans, past and present. When I leave Lotus, I will take with me the knowledge, pride, and faith in my history, culture, and race. What I learned here at Lotus, I will probably never learn anywhere else. And for that I would like to thank my parents for spending their money on my education. I would also like to thank them for supporting me. I would also like to thank all of the teachers I have had since the 4th grade for supplying me with information I will use in the future.

AMIYNAH MUHAMMAD

My name is Amiy Nah Muhammad, and I was born on October 17, 1986. I have been attending the Lotus Academy for nine years. And to sum it up, all that I can say is that these have been the *best years of my life*.

After graduation, I will be attending Walter Biddle Saul School for Agricultural Sciences September. While there, for four years, I will be taking many classes dealing with agriculture so that when I graduate from high school, I can go on to Penn State's agricultural college.

After graduating from college, I want to become a horticulturist, a scientist who deals with landscaping, plants, vegetables, flowers, and important branches of gardening. I plan on owning a flower shop that will feature things such as flowers and organically grown fruits and vegetables.

Well, now you have heard about my amazing experience at the Lotus Academy, and what an impact it has had on my life. I want to thank my parents for making it possible for me to attend the Lotus Academy, especially my mother, Mothura Marcia Butler (the science teacher here at Lotus) for encouraging my career in agriculture. I would also like to thank the staff, students, alumni, and supporters of the Lotus Academy for making my stay here as meaningful as it could ever be!!!

CHARLES DAVID BURNETTE, JR.

My name is Charles David Burnette, Jr. I was born on June 9, 1986. I have been attending the Lotus Academy for nine years. The high school that I will be attending next school year will be Northeast High Medical Engineering and Aerospace Magnet School. When I grow up and finish college, I would like to become a graphics artist.

In the year 1991, at the age of five, I started attending the Lotus Academy in kindergarten, or Shana III. I am now in Vishna II, the eighth grade class. I am 14 years old. I have been eagerly awaiting this precious moment.

The fact that I have been attending the Lotus Academy for my entire life is why I have learned a lot from here. I have learned about my history, culture, and present society. I will make certain that I will never forget about what I have learned.

I enjoy reading, particularly the Holy Scriptures and comic books. My favorite major subject in school is mathematics. I also enjoy drawing and watching "Anime". As a result, this has moved me to make a comic book.

I would like to thank my parents for allowing me to come here and helping me throughout the years. I would also like to thank every teacher who taught me at this school. To all of them I am eternally grateful.

MATTHEW HACKETT

My name is Matthew Hackett. I was born November 30, 1985, in Fayetteville, North Carolina. I am going to Parkway High School. When I grow up, I want to be an environmental scientist or a businessman. I have been at the Lotus Academy for five years, since 1994. In my spare time, I enjoy reading the newspaper, socializing with my friends, and just thinking.

The Lotus Academy has taught me about African and African-American heroes I would never learn about in public school. The Lotus Academy has also taught me African values, African contributions to history, and African achievements. My teachers have taught me what to look out for in the real world.

I would like to thank my mother, Paula Hackett, for sending me to Lotus Academy, and my father, Earl Hackett, for supporting my mother and me. I met a lot of people, and some are friends for life. And for all that I have acquired, I am grateful.

THE LOTUS ACADEMY PASSAGE XXVI

**June 24, 2000
Taulane Auditorium**

Welcome To Our Guests

Pouring Of Libations

Procession Of Lotus Academy Students

Opening Remarks

Musical Selection: Michelle Dennis

Awards Presentations:

C.I.B.I. Science Expo

Youth Jazz Ensemble

Age-Groups

Parent Partner Fellowships

Community Scholarships

Kuumba Scholarships

Merit Scholarships

Vishna Graduation Address: Taliah Frazier

Presentation Of Diplomas

Lotus Passage Ceremony

Lotus Academy Staff 1999-2000 School Year

Administrative Staff

Ina Walker
Serquurr Heru-t
Barbara Jackson
Cynthia Way

Teaching Staff

Malika Abdullah
Ebony Berry
Marcia Butler
Sam'her Corinaldi
Michelle Dennis
Vena Edmonds
Amina Hassan
Eashia Jones
Darryl Kofi Kennon
Evelyn Levy
Badara Ndaw
Evelyn Poe
Anna Strickler
Lauralynn Sweet
Mykeeya Walker
Tania Wallace-Bey

Images From A Very Good Year!



OUR LAST EVENT OF THE YEAR IS FAMILY DAY. IT WILL BE HELD AT THE NOCKAMIXON STATE PARK ON SUNDAY, JULY 2nd. COME OUT AND ENJOY A GREAT TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY!

THE YOUTH JAZZ PROGRAM WILL BEGIN ITS SUMMER SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 5th. CALL THE OFFICE FOR DETAILS AND TO SIGN UP.