

The President's Message **John J. Williams**

We are ready to embark on the promises and hope of year 2008. Thanks to all members and supporters of Fairmont Heights High School Alumni Association for your dedication and service in helping to meet the needs of students and faculty of FHHS during the year 2007.

We were faced with many challenges and obstacles, including the future of Fairmont Heights High School. Because the school did not meet the physical requirement for a high school according to Prince George's County Public Schools, a feasibility study was done. In February, after protests and a public hearing, options were presented;

- to build a replacement on the existing site
- to modernize and upgrade
- to renovate and add minimal upgrades and repairs
- Leave the school as is with Capital Investment of the building and infrastructure.

The final decision was to build a new high school on a new site. The site has been selected and plans for constructing the new Fairmont Heights High School proposed facility are underway. At the request of the Alumni Association, an update of the proposed development of the new school and the use of the existing facility will be presented at a Parent-Community Meeting on February 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

In November 2007, FHHS underwent evaluation by the Middle States Commission. Every ten years high schools are evaluated for their accreditation. Even though the inspection of the school has been completed with a brief oral report to the staff, the school will not receive a full report until next year. There is no doubt in the mind of the Principal, Mrs. Nicholson, that the school passed.

On December 1, 2007, the legendary Mr. G. James Gholson was honored at a Special Memorial Service at New Mt. Nemo Baptist Church, Capitol Heights, where Rev. Robert R. Johnson, pastor, delivered the message. The participation of the G. James Gholson Middle School Choir and Mt. Nemo Baptist Church Youth Choir, along with memorable tributes to Mr. Gholson, made the program a success. Refreshments, provided by Mr., Jerome Navies of McDonald's, culminated the program. The next memorial program is scheduled for December 6, 2008 at the same location. Further details will be forthcoming

Super Donor of the Year

Congratulations to Joseph and Brenda Hart, new Lifetime Members of Fairmont Heights High School Alumni Association, who donated \$2,000 to the FHHSAA Scholarship Fund. Contributions are tax deductible under IRS 501 © (3).

We urge others to likewise help make it possible for a graduating student to pursue his/her academic goals in college.

Nomination Of 2009 **Alumni Officers**

The following FHHSAA members were recently selected to serve on the 2008 Nominating Committee in accordance with Articles IV and VI of our Constitution and By-Laws:

Thelma Battle 1951
Jerome Countee, Sr. 1958.
Carolyn Moody Scriber 1966
Isaac Floyd 1966
Mario Williams 1980

All FHHSAA members are hereby notified, according to Article IV, Section 8 of our Constitution, that the Nominating Committee shall nominate no more than three (3) candidates for each office to be filled. Also, if you wish to nominate a member of the FHHS Alumni Association, you must first contact such member(s) to ascertain if he/she is interested in serving before you submit his/her name(s). All nominations must be submitted to the Nominating Committee on or before March 15, 2008 at the following address:

Mr. Jerome Countee, Sr.
P.O.Box 597
Fort Washington, MD 20757

All Nominees must be in good standing in order to be considered for officer. This means that all Nominees must have paid their Alumni dues in full in order to participate in the election process.

Enclosed is a list of current officers. The term of office will begin in September 2008, and will expire in June 2010.

Please note that the nominated slate of Alumni Officers will be voted on by the FHHSAA membership at our full alumni body meeting on June 6, 2008 (location to be

announced at the Annual Reunion Dance, April 25, 2008); also on FHHSAA Website - www.fhhsaa.com - e-mail - alumni@att.net.

Please make arrangement to attend this important meeting and participate in the election. (A brief update of the plans for the construction of the new Fairmont Heights High School facility will be presented

CURRENT OFFICERS –2007

President – John J. Williams

Vice-president- Loretta Ligon

Secretary – Denise Haskins

Treasurer – Lavata Woods

Calling All Alumni and Friends to Help Raise \$34,000 for FHHS Band Instruments

Fairmont Heights High School Marching Band represents the pride and joy of the Fairmont Heights Community. They are steadily gaining the recognition and respect for the outstanding performances they display during concerts and marching band events. However, their Band Director, Mr. Robert Sands, his first year at Fairmont Heights High, is in need of forty-one (41) instruments to enhance not only the musicianship and character of the band, but the reputation of the school's long history of musical excellence. These instruments are also needed to help improve students' test scores and state contests.

The cost of purchasing these needed instruments is \$34,000. Fairmont Heights High School Family has always faced challenges. We can resolve this challenge, if 1000 alumni, parents, friends or business will each contribute \$35.00, **or more**, to this worthy cause.

Please make checks or money orders payable to:

Fairmont Heights High School Alumni Association

(Or write simply FHHSAA)

P.O. Box 2727

Landover Hills, Maryland 20784-0727

(At bottom of check or money order write "For FHHS Band")

Please note that Fairmont Heights High School Alumni Association is a 501 © (3) non-profit organization. Your

contribution is tax-deductible. Let's show Mr. Sands the power and spirit of the 'ole Fairmont Heights High Family. Write your check or money order TODAY! For questions or information, please contact Mr. Sands at the school at 301-925-1360, or call John J. Williams, Alumni President, at 301-336-7913. The highest contributor will receive a Lifetime Membership, or an award, if already a life member, and will be honored by the alumni association at a future event.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS FOR 2007

Thanks to all who attended the 18th Annual Reunion Dance in April 2007, and to those who contributed directly to the FHHSAA Scholarship Fund. You made it possible to present a total of \$4,000 in scholarships to the following FHHS graduates:

Kendra Beard - \$1,000

Bio/Pre-Med – Xavier University

Ashley Notice - \$1,000

Biology – Bennet College

Shakir Manners - \$1,000

Digital Arts & Design – Digital Arts & Design College

Marcel Smallwood - \$1,000

Elect/Eng – University of Md. Col. Park

FHHS RECEIVES “COMMUNITY FIRST” INITIATIVE

FHHS and G. James Gholson Middle School, each received \$3,000 as part of former County Council Chair David Harrington, District 5, “Community First” School Initiative Funds. The after school project is to enhance the educational environment of the youth in District 5 schools.



Senator David C. Harrington

Council Chairman Harrington was recently appointed to Senator, to replace recently deceased Senator Gwendolyn Britt of Legislative District 47



FHHSAA MEMBERSHIP

Honoring the Past...Building a Legacy for the Future

The FHHS Alumni Association has an active mailing list that includes 2,203 graduates from Fairmont Heights High School. You can register for membership by completing the Membership Application.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Free FHHSAA Newsletters
- Notification of Upcoming Events
- Information Sharing and Networking Opportunities

MEMBERSHIP TYPES

- Annual Membership Donations: (\$10)
- Lifetime Membership Donations: (\$200)

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

- Complete the Membership Application
- When all information is correct, print the Application.
- Make your check or money order payable to FHHSAA.
- Mail the completed Application with your payment to:

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Fairmont Heights High School
 Alumni Association
 Post Office Box 2727
 Landover Hills, Maryland 20784-0727

Membership Application

Please make check/money order payable to FHHSAA and send to the above address

Name _____ Date _____
 Address _____ Graduation Year _____

 Regular Membership - \$10.00 _____ Faculty _____
 Lifetime Membership - \$200.00 _____ Staff _____



FHHSAA

FAIRMONT HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

www.fhhsaa.com - email alumni@att.net

**19th Annual
reunion** **DANCE**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2008
10:00 PM UNTIL 2:00AM**

**AT THE
JAMES R. COUSINS JR. MUNICIPAL CENTER
8600 GLENARDEN PARKWAY
GLENARDEN, MARYLAND 20706**

**Tickets \$23.00 - No Sales At The Door
Proceeds To Benefit:**

**FAIRMONT HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**Disco Music by: 1 LOVE PRODUCTION
B.Y.O.L. - Free Setups**

Purchase tickets by mail: FHHS Alumni Association , P.O. Box 2727, Landover Hills , MD 20784-0727
or contact:

LORETTA LIGON.....301-249-2527
LAVATA WOOD.....301-336-8541
CHRISTINE TIGHMAN.....301-627-4867

MICHAEL MARSHAL.....301-773-8248
OTIS BROADWATER.....EBONY INN
JOHN WILLIAMS.....301-336-7913