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March is National Women's History Month

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***All Articles and credits are due by the First Saturday of each month.**

Thanks
to all of you who continually contribute to the newsletter.
—President Jarvis



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During the month of March, we give a little extra attention to all of the amazing accomplishments of strong, determined women. Since 1987, the United States has formally recognized March as National Women's History Month. Every woman has a story to tell and gifts to share with the world.

[https://nationaltoday.com/national-womens-history-month/...](https://nationaltoday.com/national-womens-history-month/)



President's message

Greetings in the month of March, named after the Roman god of War, and the beginning of Spring, time to till the soil and put in new plants. March is the month of March madness in basketball, opening day for Major League Baseball, beginning of daylight savings time.

March is also the month following black history, hope everyone took the time to remember, look back, research, attended, or took part in a black history program, shared their black history experience, and took the time to pay honor and respect to those who paved the way and help make this great nation what it is today, despite the negative things that happens every day in America.

Included in this newsletter is America's newest Medal of Honor recipient U.S Army Ret. Colonial Paris Davis, read his story, many people will deny that race played a part in it taking over (60) years for him to receive the Medal of Honor, the fact that the paperwork was lost twice, looks suspicious. During my (26) years in the military, I found it to be a wonderful place for a career, however you may encounter some individuals who may be in position to hinder your progress or do not want to see you advance. Never the less overall the military is a wonderful organization.

The RAFMAN scholarship banquet dinner has been placed on hold since 2020, but if all goes well, we will try to do it in September of this year. We will be asking our supporters to purchase tickets, ads, semester hours, and banquet tables. Thank you in advance for helping us as we continue to provide scholarships to our students at Valencia college which we started in 1996. Stay tuned for follow-up on the RAFMAN Scholarship.

To our honorary members who receive this newsletter, we pray that all is well, and we wish you the best of God's blessing.

In closing there is one more thing that happens in the month of March, birthdays in the Jarvis family, my birthday is on the 25th, my wife is the 24th, two sisters on the 23rd, one sister on the 1st. There are several other nieces and nephews born in March also. Happy Birthday to everyone born in March.

*Submitted by:
Arthur Jarvis, President
RAFMAN Club, Inc.*

All Members Take Note: Club Meeting

Saturday, February 11, 2023

12:30 PM— Meet for Lunch

Host: RAFMAN Raynard Graham
8032 International Dr. Orlando

3:00 PM — Club Meeting

L. Claudia Allen Senior Center
1840 Mable Butler Ave.
Orlando, FL 32805

Keep Safe!

From Simon.....

Entertainment News and More.....



Get up, get up, and get out! This is the month that Spring comes in. Can't you just feel it? We have had a string of beautiful weather in Florida which is the introduction of more good days to come. Hard to sit inside when such beautiful weather calls us out. March is the equivalent of September in the Southern Hemisphere. Every year, March and June finish on the same day of the week. March is the time of year when animals start waking up from hibernation. So should we! By the way, the name for March comes from Mars, the Roman god of war.

Yes, March is here again—a month where we celebrate Women's History Month, St. Patrick's Day, daylight savings time and, again, the first day of spring, among other things. But there's more to March than meets the eye; For one thing March is said to be the greatest basketball month especially for the NCAA. The NCAA tournament is always full of surprises. It is called March madness where 64 teams are whittled down to the final four. This year March madness runs from March 14th to April 3rd. The NCAA tournament is always full of upsets. The final sixteen and then eight always have teams that no one thought would get there. Look for the same thing this year. It is also the month when the NBA finally gets a look at the playoff picture. By the end of March, the playoff picture for the NBA's both East and West teams become clearer.

The Pentagon seems to agree with the Roman tradition that all wars begin in March. Except for the recent war in Afghanistan, almost all major U.S.-NATO led military operations since the invasion of Vietnam have begun in the month of March. To name a few: Vietnam (initiated March 8, 1965), Iraq (March 20, 2003) and Libya (March 19, 2011) all follow the trend.

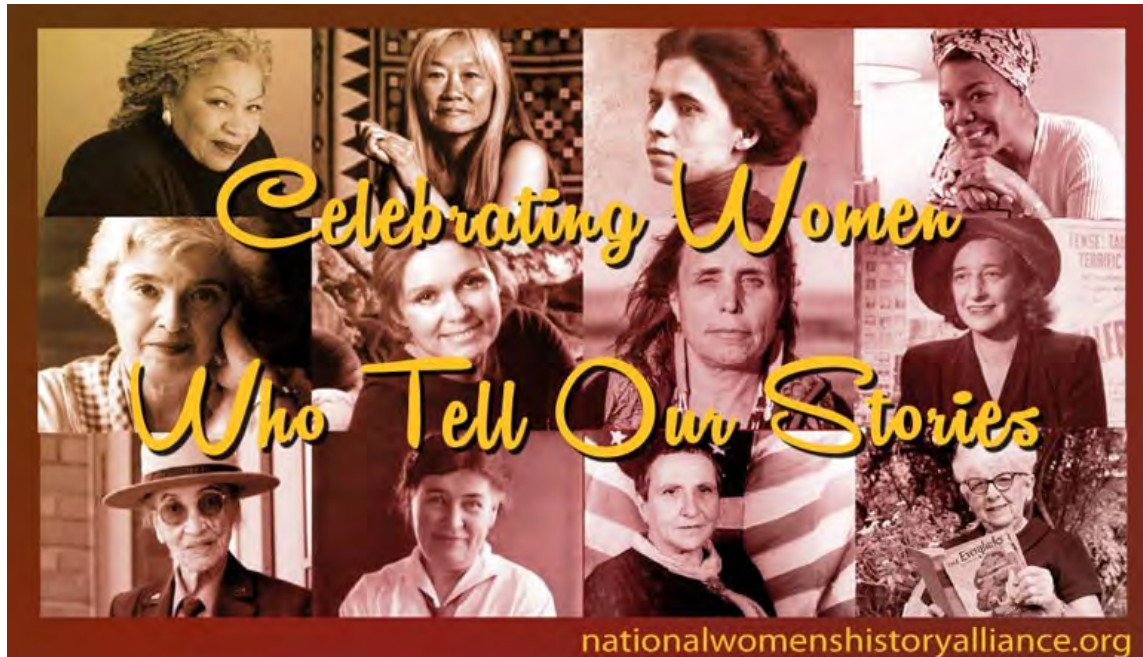
The last good thing about March for this year is the 12th. Although March may come in like a Lion and go out like a lamb, it brings with it daylight savings time on March 12th. Thank goodness! This frees us from the early dark days. OK, enough about March. I have got to get outside and mess around in my garden. Good Friday is close and I have to be ready.

Keep the faith and I'll see you soon.

Peace..... Simon

The 2023 National Women's History Theme

"Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories"



Top: Toni Morrison, Maxine Hong Kingston, Jovita Idar, Maya Angelou; Middle: Gerda Lerner, Gloria Steinem, Winona La Duke, Lillian Hellman; Bottom: Betty Soskin, Willa Cather, Gertrude Stein, Marjory Stoneman Douglas

The National Women's History Alliance, which spearheaded the movement for March being declared National Women's History Month, has announced the women's history theme for 2023, "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories."

Throughout 2023, the NWHHA will encourage recognition of women, past and present, who have been active in all forms of media and storytelling including print, radio, TV, stage, screen, blogs, podcasts, and more. The timely theme honors women in every community who have devoted their lives and talents to producing art, pursuing truth, and reflecting the human condition decade after decade.

From the earliest storytellers through pioneering journalists, our experiences have been captured by a wide variety of artists and teachers. These include authors, songwriters, scholars, playwrights, performers, and grandmothers throughout time. Women have long been instrumental in passing on our heritage in word and in print to communicate the lessons of those who came before us. Women's stories, and the larger human story, expand our understanding and strengthen our connections with each other.

As in previous years, the Alliance, which is centered in Santa Rosa, California, will encourage local communities throughout the country to use the year's theme to guide their own celebrations. The NWHHA will popularize national efforts through on-line celebrations, a special magazine and thematic products that recognize and honor these brave, accomplished and influential women who told – and continue to tell – our stories. Today and over the years ahead, their dedication and shared desire to give voice to the voiceless are critical to keeping us informed, entertained and aware.

<https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/2023-theme/>

The Medal of Honor

National Medal of Honor Day will be observed on Saturday, March 25, 2023.



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The Medal of Honor is the highest military award. It is given to military members, often posthumously, for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty." The Medal of Honor is awarded by the U.S. president, typically during a formal ceremony at the White House.

The **Medal of Honor** has been **awarded** more than 3,500 times **to** members of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps. While the medal is earned in recognition of specific actions, it's never considered "won."

Although more rarely awarded today, the award has been used more liberally in the past. For example, more than 40% of Medal of Honor awards occurred during the Civil War or in the several years after the award was originally created in 1861.

A small number of service members have received the Medal of Honor twice, all for actions during or before World War I. Theodore Roosevelt is the only president to have been awarded the Medal of Honor. He was given it posthumously in 2001 in recognition of his actions during the Spanish-American War 100 years prior. Dr. Mary Walker, a civilian who served with the Army during the Civil War, is the only female Medal of Honor recipient.



MEDAL OF HONOR FACTS

- There are 103 Living Recipients
- There have been 3498 recipients of the Medal Honor
- 94 African Americans have been awarded the Medal of Honor
- William Carney of the Union Army was the first African American to be awarded the Medal of Honor in 1900

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MEDAL OF HONOR and the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. Please visit our extensive website to read about the 3,515 Medal of Honor Recipients in our database, the history of the Medal, our outreach and education initiatives and to browse our video library.

<https://www.cmoHS.org/medal/medal-of-honor-day-information>

Biden awards Medal of Honor to Black Vietnam War hero after paperwork 'lost' twice

Army Special Forces vet Paris Davis has waited almost 60 years to be recognized.

By [Matt Seyler](https://abcnews.go.com/author/matt_seyler) / https://abcnews.go.com/author/matt_seyler
March 3, 2023, 12:04 PM

President Biden awards Medal of Honor to Vietnam veteran after nearly 60 years
Col. Paris Davis will be awarded the Medal of Honor for his bravery and actions against Viet Cong forces during the Vietnam War.

President [Joe Biden](#) on Friday awarded the Medal of Honor to a Black Army Special Forces hero from the Vietnam War who has waited close to 60 years to receive the nation's top award for valor after the Army said the paperwork couldn't be found.



Then a 26-year-old captain, Paris Davis, now 83, led a company tearing through a larger enemy force, pushing the attack despite being shot, absorbing shrapnel and another bullet to get wounded comrades to safety, refusing to join them on the evacuation helicopter, choosing rather to stay and continue destroying the remaining adversaries.

President Joe Biden stands with Vietnam War veteran, Retired US Army Colonel Paris Davis, before awarding him the Medal of Honor, in the East Room of the White House in Washington, DC, on March 3, 2023.

ABC News

At a White House ceremony, Biden called Davis "an incredible man."

Picking up the story, he continued, "And although the men who were with him on that June day immediately nominated Captain Davis to receive the Medal of Honor, somehow the paper -- the paperwork was never processed, not just once, but twice. But, you know what Captain Davis said after learning that he would finally receive the Medal of Honor? Quote, 'America was behind me.'"

A colonel by the time he retired from the Army, Davis' first name "Paris" is inspired by the mythological figure featured in Homer's epic war poem "The Iliad."

Col. Paris Davis, One of First Black Officers in Army's Special Forces, Receives Medal of Honor Award for valor during Vietnam War comes nearly 60 years after Col. Davis was first nominated.

Retired Army Col. Paris Davis received the Medal of Honor, the country's highest award for combat valor, at the White House on Friday, nearly 60 years after he was first nominated. Photo: Kevin Lamarque/Reuters

<https://www.wsj.com/news.../> By [Joseph Pisani](#)
March 3, 2023, 3:07 pm ET



Retired Army Col. **Paris Davis**, a Vietnam veteran and one of the country's first Black Special Forces officers, received the Medal of Honor from President Biden Friday, nearly 60 years after he was first nominated.

Col. Davis, 83 years old, enlisted in the Army in 1959, just over a decade after the military was desegregated. When he wanted to join the Special Forces, Mr. Biden said, some in the elite group asked if he **was sure, since most people in the force didn't look like him.**

"Paris didn't listen to them, and thank God he didn't," Mr. Biden said at a White House ceremony Friday.

The White House said Col. Davis was awarded the Medal of Honor, the country's highest award for combat valor, for distinguishing himself over two days in June 1965 while in Vietnam. Col. Davis, then a captain, put his life at risk during a battle against North Vietnamese forces near Bong Son, rescuing two Americans while being shot at, the White House said.

The night before, Col. Davis captured two enemy personnel to question them and learned that a larger enemy force was in the area, according to the Army. He led his soldiers into battle, where he was wounded and separated from his troops. Col. Davis then led four others forward during intense gunfire, managing to destroy gun emplacements and capture enemy soldiers.

As he tried to regroup his troops, he was hit and wounded again. Col. Davis tackled an enemy soldier with a rifle and defeated him with hand-to-hand combat, the Army said. Then he saw the two American soldiers who needed to be rescued.

Col. Davis pulled both soldiers to safety even though he was shot in the leg and hit with fragments of a grenade. He dragged the second soldier to safety under a hail of gunfire. Col. Davis refused medical evacuation for himself and stayed on the battlefield to help remove his wounded troops, the White House said. He spent that time directing tactical air and artillery fire, according to the Army.

The Army said Col. Davis's actions "were decisive in changing the tide of the battle, ensuring that American Soldiers were not killed or taken prisoner, preventing the South Vietnamese company from being overrun, and ensuring the defeat of a numerically superior enemy force."

"He's an incredible man," Mr. Biden said Friday, calling it the "most consequential day" of his presidency. When Col. Davis was told he would receive the Medal of Honor, Mr. Biden said, the retired officer's response was: "America was behind me."

Col. Davis distinguished himself over a two-day period in Vietnam in 1965. PHOTO: ANDREW HARNIK/ ASSOCIATED PRESS

Col. Davis has received numerous awards, including the Silver Star and the Purple Heart. He was nominated twice for the Medal of Honor nearly six decades ago, but the paperwork was somehow never processed, Mr. Biden said.

Col. Davis's daughter [told CBS News](#) that she doesn't know why the paperwork vanished, but suspects racism had something to do with it. "I think that's a shame," Regan Davis Hopper said in the interview. "Discrimination hurts us all, not just the individual, but our entire country."

The Army says Col. Davis is now one of four service members to receive both the Medal of Honor and the Soldier's Medal, an award given for an act of heroism that doesn't involve enemy conflict. He received the Soldier's Medal after saving the life of a soldier in Vietnam who was stuck in an overturned fuel truck just before it exploded.

After his military career, Col. Davis founded the Metro Herald, a newspaper in Alexandria, Va., that he published for roughly 30 years. It closed in 2018.



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The little-known Black scientist who pioneered sickle cell research

Stephen Nartey December 09, 2022

William Warrick Cardozo, first African American scientist/Photo credit: Who We Are

William Warrick Cardozo is celebrated as the first African American scientist to have made a breakthrough in research into the sickle cell anemia condition. He was born on April 6, 1905, in Washington, D.C. to Francis Cardozo, Jr.

He grew up in a family of well-enlightened personalities. His dad was a high school principal and his grandfather, Francis Cardozo, was a well-noted D.C. area politician and educator, according to **BlackPast** (<https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history...>) Cardozo had his basic education at the public schools of the District of Columbia and then furthered at the Hampton Institute of Virginia. He then proceeded to Ohio State University.

It was at the Ohio State University he obtained his A.B. and M.D. degrees from 1929 to 1933. He was awarded a two-year fellowship to take his scholarly research on pediatrics at the Children's Memorial Hospital and Provident Hospital in, Chicago, Illinois.

This was where his interest in sickle cell anemia research took off. He published his groundbreaking research titled "Immunologic Studies in Sickle Cell Anemia" in the archives of internal medicine. Cardozo's work is what opened the understanding that sickle cell anemia was to a large extent inherited and connected to one's



genes. Also, it established that one can have a sickle cell but would not be anemic, and the disease was not a death sentence. His work revealed that there was no successful treatment for the disease, BlackPast reported. His findings are still relevant today. He also found out that sickle cell affected Black people more, but it did not always end up in anemia or death.

Cardozo later went into private practice in Washington, D.C. in 1937. He was employed the same year as a part-time instructor in pediatrics at Howard University College of Medicine and Freedmen's Hospital. He continued to shine in his field as he was promoted to clinical assistant professor and clinical associate professor of pediatrics.

Aside from his groundbreaking work on sickle cell anemia, Cardozo studied and published another work on children with gastrointestinal disorders, Hodgkin's disease, and the early growth and development of children of African descent. His research opened the floodgates for the study of sickle cell and the improvement of treatment for the condition.

Cardozo did not spend all his time focused on research; he was also engaged in philanthropic work. He directed part of his work at enhancing knowledge of disorders that affected children, particularly, Black children.

He was a public-school medical inspector, a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and a member of the National Medical

William Warrick Cardozo...

Association. He also volunteered at the Ionia R. Whipper Home for Unwed Mothers, the only facility that tended to African-American women in D.C.

He was not a man interested in honorary titles, but in a legacy that impacted generations and beyond. Cardozo died in Washington, D.C. on August 11, 1962, after suffering a heart attack. But death did not place a dark cloud on his accomplishments.

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Arthur B. C. Walker, the scientist who pioneered the development of solar telescopes

Stephen Nartey March 03, 2023

Arthur Bertram Cuthbert Walker Junior

Photo credit:
Physics today

Without the tough stance and support of his mother as he pursued the subject he loved, he would not have made it into history books. In high school, his chemistry teacher thought there were limited opportunities for black stu-



dents who studied science, and sought to discourage the young scientist. However, his mother, Hilda Walker, confronted the teacher with a warning, indicating that her son would study whatever he pleased and would prefer to leave his fate in his hands rather than in his words. Years on, it turned out Arthur B. C. Walker Junior's mother was right.

Arthur pioneered the development of solar telescopes. These telescopes were used in filming the first-ever images of the sun's outermost atmosphere in the late 1980s, making him one of the top scientists in solar research. He shocked the science community with the innovative telescopes he sent to space. Scientists were able to appreciate never seen images of the sun, documenting earlier pictures of the corona. He broke the barriers on how researchers could study the sun.

This became possible because of Arthur's love for science. His mother noticed this affinity at an early stage and ensured he found himself in the right environment. Since he was born in Cleveland in 1936, his parents provided him with the guidance to fast-track his dreams. His mother, for instance, changed schools for him at the elementary level when she received reports that teachers spent less time in the classroom to teach the children and used class hours to run personal errands.

She moved Arthur to a different school in another district which gave her son a promising start, according to the Post News Group. He was provided with books and given additional tuition in science-related fields to sharpen his understanding of the subject as he climbed the academic ladder. It was no surprise when his mother made him sit for the Bronx High School of Science entrance exam at an early age; he aced the exams and gained admission into the school.

During high school, Arthur demonstrated an exceptional understanding of physics. He decided to go all out despite earlier attempts to discourage him in the pursuit of this dream. His mother was once again present to help him take this

Arthur B. C. Walker...

dream higher. She encouraged him to enroll at the Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland. It was there he acquired his bachelor's degree in physics with honors in 1957, and a master's in 1958 and later moved on to the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, to complete his doctorate degree in 1962.

He was immediately employed by the U.S. Airforce as 1st lieutenant and was placed in charge of the weapons laboratory, where he developed instrumentation for a rocket-launched satellite to measure Van Allen belt radiation in Earth's magnetic field. This became the launch pad for his future interest in space-based research. He proceeded to the space physics laboratory of the Aerospace Corporation

in Southern California after he finished serving with the military. There, he began in-depth research in the sun's atmosphere, first at ultraviolet wavelengths, and then x-rays using rocket-launched instruments.

Despite years of dedicated service to solar-based research, he was concerned with a gap in the study of the sun's radiation. There was a growing appetite for a special telescope that could help in appreciating the radiation of the sun. No one explored the concept during the 1970s because such an endeavor was considered too risky to fine-tune. This caught Arthur's attention to develop a telescope that made this possible to capture images of the sun. After achieving this feat, he helped more black physicists to earn Ph.Ds than any other single university in the US had been deliberate about.



May God bless you
with many more!

Influential women pioneers in medicine, science and math

1. **Ann Preston**, 1813-1872. American physician who worked to educate women about their bodies.
2. **Mary Edwards Walker**, 1832-1919. Surgeon, abolitionist, and only female student in her medical school in 1855.
3. **Rebecca Lee Crumpler**, 1831-1895. The first black woman to earn her medical degree in the United States.
4. **Mary Putnam Jacobi**, 1842-1906. Medical physician, scientist and suffragette.
5. **Alice Ball**, 1892-1916. African American chemist who developed the most effective treatment for leprosy in the early 1920s.
6. **Amelia Earhart**, 1897-1937. Aviator and first-ever woman to fly solo across the country.
7. **Georgia E.L. Patton**, 1842-1906. First black doctor to be a licensed doctor in the state of Tennessee.
8. **Marie Curie**, 1867-1934. Physicist and scientist who discovered two new elements and coined the term "radioactivity."
9. **Ada Lovelace**, 1815-1852. English mathematician and the world's first computer programmer.
10. **Edith Clarke**, 1883-1969. Inventor of the Clarke calculator, a calculator that sped up the calculation of engineering equations.
11. **Grace Hopper**, 1906-1992. Computer scientist who helped invent English programming languages.
12. **Sally Ride**, 1951-2012. Astronaut and the first American woman to go to space.

<https://parade.com/973936/leighweingus/influential-women-in-history/>



RAFMAN Arthur Jarvis
March 25

Orlando Grand Bohemian Hotel general manager hopes to inspire others through ascent to leadership



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Tony Atkins Reporter / [https://](https://www.wesh.com/news-team)

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There was a time when Black men, women and children couldn't walk in the front door of a luxury hotel, let alone run one.

WESH 2 spoke with a man, a one-time housekeeper who is now at the forefront of hospitality's next generation of leaders.

As you enter the Grand Bohemian Hotel in Downtown Orlando, luxury envelops you. The hotel in the heart of Downtown Orlando is a hub of fine dining, leisure, art, and culture for guests from around the world.

Justin Williams is the boutique hotel's general manager.

"The hotel industry is so important because it opens up your eyes to a whole other world because, at a hotel, you bring the entire world through your doors," Williams said.

Williams credits his humble upbringing in Atlanta for molding his desire to work hard.

"I started out at the West Atlanta Airport as a housekeeping person just taking out the trash," Williams said.

He remembers a friend once asking if he'd ever consider a career in housekeeping.

"He said, 'I feel you have a heart for people and this is something you should do,'" Williams said. It was a vision he'd later realize in a much different fashion.

"I actually thought I was going to be in the music business at one point. All of these different things," he said.

Little did he know, as he cleaned those rooms and elevators and took out trash, seeds of inspiration were planted.

Williams wanted to be like the busy decision-makers he often saw at the airport, milling about.

"I started to watch people. We were in the Atlanta airport, so I saw people flying in and flying out and I said, 'I want to be on one of those planes going to business.' Didn't know what the business was, but I wanted to be involved in business," he said.

Over time, Williams' job eventually became his career.

It included a country-wide journey that eventually saw him promoted to rooms manager, housekeeping director, director of services, hotel director, and finally, general manager.

Along his ascent, he noticed fewer people of color in leadership.

"Here in Central Florida, we see .004 percent of general managers are African American. That means it's about three of us so it's almost non-existent," Williams said.

A 2022 study of Black representation in hospitality leadership shows just 2% of hospitality industry executives at the director through CEO levels are Black.

"That is a challenge, but I walk into that challenge. I want to be a part of the solution," Williams said. Outside of the hotel, Justin is reaching back, pouring into the city of Orlando. He works to pay it forward, volunteering at local high schools, mentorship and spreading positivity through his podcast, JW Podcast, the Black and Boujee Experience.

Last year, he hosted his inaugural "Boujee Ball" to raise money for Orlando nonprofit, Man Up Mentoring.



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Justin Williams, GM of Grand Bohemian— Orlando

So unreal': New York sisters named valedictorian and salutatorian, going to Yale



Saleen Martin
USA TODAY



They've held down jobs. They're graduating as valedictorian and salutatorian. And now, twins from New York can check admission to Yale University off their lists.

Gloria Guerrier and Victoria Guerrier, 17, are graduating at the top of their class at West Hempstead Secondary School, the school announced this month.

Both track, cross country and volleyball athletes, the sisters competed at the New Balance National Championships during their junior year and received athletic awards too.

Throughout their academic careers, the young women took courses including physics and computer science, never earning lower than a perfect 100 on their transcript, the school said.

Gloria graduated valedictorian with a 105.3 grade point average, while Victoria graduated salutatorian with a grade point average of 104.9, the school said.

"We've been working for this since ninth grade and we dreamed of this moment, but it actually coming into fruition and happening, it just feels so unreal," said Victoria.

Her sister Gloria said it feels "gratifying and amazing" to have her hard work come together.



Sick n' Shut-ins:

Jerald Marks

To Bereaved Families:

Our Prayers and Condolences to Families Everywhere: loved ones who have passed away due to natural death, sickness, hurricane Ian, wars, hate crimes, and mass shootings around the world.



Waters of Encouragement

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.
— 1 Thessalonians 5:11

I call it the “lean to green” miracle. It’s happened every spring for more than fifteen years. Coming out of the winter months, the grass in our yard is dusty and brown, so much so, a casual passerby might believe it’s dead. Colorado has snow in the mountains, but the climate on the plains—“the Front Range”—is dry, with most warmer months full of drought warnings. But every year around the end of May, I turn on the sprinklers—not huge amounts of water but simply small, consistent waterings. And in about two weeks, what was dry and brown builds up into something lush and green.

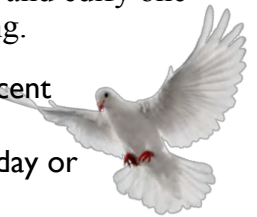
That green grass reminds me how vital encouragement is. Without it, our lives and our faith can resemble something almost lifeless. But it’s amazing what consistent encouragement can do to our hearts, minds, and souls. Paul’s first letter to the Thessalonians emphasizes this truth. The people were struggling with anxiety and fear. Paul saw he needed to bolster their faith. He urged them to keep up the good work of encouraging one another and building each other up (1 Thessalonians 5:11). He knew that without such refreshment, their faith could wither. Paul experienced this firsthand, for those very same Thessalonian believers had been an encouragement to him, building him up. You and I have the same opportunity to encourage—to help one another bloom and grow. —By John Blase

SCRIPTURE: 1 Thessalonians 5:4-11 NKJV

4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be [a] sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. 11 Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

REFLECT: What’s the most recent encouragement you’ve received?

Whose heart could you water today or this week?



PRAYER: Father, thank You for the encouragement I’ve received, and help me to encourage others.

SCRIPTURE INSIGHT: In his first letter to the church at Thessalonica, Paul answered questions about Jesus’ second coming (1 Thessalonians 4:13–18; 5:1–11). He’d preached in the Jewish synagogue in the capital city of Macedonia over a period of three Sabbaths. As a result, many Jews and God-fearing gentiles believed (Acts 17:4). But the apostle’s time with the new converts was cut short when Jewish opponents dragged his host Jason and other Christians before city authorities and charged them with sedition against Caesar (vv. 5–9). Concerned, Paul sent Timothy a few months later (1 Thessalonians 3:1–2, 5). Timothy then met Paul in Corinth (Acts 18:5) and updated him (1 Thessalonians 3:6). The church was doing well but was discouraged because of the persecution they were suffering (vv. 3–4). Moreover, some of the new believers had since died and other church members were confused about Christ’s return (4:13).

Alyson Kieda

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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19 Iraqi Freedom Began (Iraq War)(2003	20 Becky Inge	21	22	23	24 Rosetta Jarvis Kosovo Cam- paign Began	25 Arthur Jarvis National Medal of Honor Day
26	27	28	29 Vietnam Veter- ans Day	30	31 Somalia Cam- paign Ended (1995)	

<https://militarybenefits.info/national-vietnam-war-veterans-day/>
<https://www.hfotusa.org/important-military-holidays-and-observances-for-2023/>
<http://www.holidays-and-observances.com/military-holidays.html...>
<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/2023>

APRIL 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Jerald Marks
2 Palm Sunday	3	4 MLK Assassinat- ed	5 Passover Gold Star Spouses Day	6	7 Good Friday	8
9 Easter	10 Dina Dorsey	11	12	13	14 Air Force Re- serve Birthday	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day Fish Fry/Raffle
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