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Thanks

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



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A Father's Prayer

Lord, I depend on Your direction, Your wisdom, and Your discernment to protect each family member. Forgive me when I fail to encourage, love, and shepherd them. Thank you for giving me the grace to fail, and the courage to try again. Draw our family close to You and to each other. Amen

Happy Father's Day to the men who move and act in another's life for Christ's sake.

—The RAFMAN Wives

Pray without ceasing.
I Thessalonians 5:17 KJV



President's Message

Greetings in the month of June 2023, the most popular month of the year to get married. If you will be attending a wedding, there is a pretty good chance it will be in the month of June, so congratulations to all that are getting married in June. Then, there is the month of May, the month that we just got out of, May can be called the month of College and High School graduation. This is the time of excitement and great expectation for those graduating High School and College. We wish them all the best.

Continuing the discussion of College and High School graduation. The challenges that Today's graduates are faced with is much different than those we were faced with, as technology has changed the way we live, work and our lifestyles. Yet many of today's graduates will never enjoy the benefit of this technology, because they make the choice to settle for a job that do not require any technical skills, or advance education. Also, many of our youth come from struggling families that simply do not have the finances to send their young people to college or a technical school, in that case that young person must have the maturity and discipline to further their education. Many of our young people probably do not realize how difficult it can be to exist in the world until after they experience it.

June is also the month we celebrate Juneteenth, which references the date of the holiday, combining the words "June" and "nineteenth." On June 19, 1865 Gen. Gordon Granger led the Union Soldiers to Galveston Texas, to announce the freedom of all enslaved people. As a people and citizens of this country we need to remember and celebrate these holidays, Things could have been different.

Finally, June is the month of Father's Day, as black men we should really observe this day, because there is no denying there are too many black homes where the father is absent and the children are being raised by a single parent, usually the mother or grandmother, this has had a devastating effect on the black community and especially our young black men. Many of them have not succeeded because they never had a male figure in their life to give them direction and teach them what are their duties and responsibilities are as a young man. On this Father's Day or on any day take some time to talk to a young man about life and remember to listen to him as well. A sincere conversation will reveal if he is in need of assistance.

Today, we live in a complicated world, we must be aware of what is taking place in our immediate surroundings, our neighborhoods, our cities, our states our country and the world, decisions that are being made and things that are being done are not always good for the country or the world.

Quote On Awareness

"These things will destroy the human race: politics without principle, progress without compassion, wealth without work, learning without silence, religion without fearlessness, and worship without awareness"
Anthony De Mello

Submitted by
Arthur Jarvis, President
RAFMAN Club, Inc.

All Members Take Note: **Club Meeting**

Saturday, June 10, 2023

12:30 PM— Meet for Lunch

Host: RAFMAN Arthur Jarvis
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..... Reverie Call.....



The month of June is full of events. It is known for graduations, the end of the school year, a favorite month for weddings- June brides- and the true beginning to the long hot summer. We just passed Memorial Day which many marks as the beginning of summer. Summer marks when many take vacations but many see summer as the time to just rest and relax. For me, summer is when my vegetables that like hot weather tend to thrive. Veggies like okra and squash tend to produce so fast that they load the refrigerator quicker than we can cook or store –freeze- them. The tomatoes like to run it up too. Yes, summer gardening is a vacation for me.

Let's look at some other things June is about:

- **June** is the month with the longest daylight hours of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, and conversely, June has the shortest daylight hours of the year in the Southern Hemisphere.
- **June 5 is World Environment Day**—a day meant to raise environmental awareness across the globe.
- **June 14 is Flag Day** (U.S.). Be sure to raise the flag! Learn about the U.S. Flag Code, which provides guidelines for displaying the American flag properly.
- **June 18 is Father's Day** this year. Find activity ideas and learn about the history of Father's Day.
- **June 19 is Juneteenth** (also known as **Freedom Day** or **Emancipation Day**). On this day in 1865, Union General Gordon Granger read the Emancipation Proclamation aloud in Galveston, TX. Texas, effectively liberating enslaved people in the state, which had thus far been beyond control of the Union Army. Juneteenth is now an official holiday as signed by President Joe Biden. Since this is **our** holiday, I hope that we choose wisely in celebrating. Here are some other fun facts about Juneteenth:

Fun Facts About Juneteenth

- It is the oldest known holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the US.
- Juneteenth is the title of a book by author Ralph Ellison. ...
- Some cities and groups have Miss Juneteenth contests.
- Strawberry soda pop was once a popular drink associated with celebrating the day.
- And, since most like to refer to the south as the slave capitals, did you know that Delaware did not ratify the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery until 1901, the only non-seceded state that opposed the Amendment into the twentieth century.

Well, that's all for me for June. I hope that your summer will be fun and full of memories. Stay cool and be cool.

I'll see you soon.

Peace..... Simon

DOD to change names of nine Army installations by 2024

Defense Travel Management Office

In January 2023, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment William A. LaPlante directed all Department of Defense organizations to begin full implementation of the DOD Naming Commission recommendations. This directive includes the renaming of nine Army installations by January 1, 2024.

DTMO's website content will be updated to reflect the new names on a similar timeline, with all content updates completed by January 1, 2024.

The affected Army installations will undergo official Naming Ceremonies and will retain their former names until those Ceremonies are held and the Secretary of the Army officially approves each change. To date two installations have been officially renamed. The remaining seven will be renamed by the January 1, 2024 deadline.

In the interim, DTMO's website and other content may reflect one or other of the names, and an installation may appear on DTMO's website under the new name even though it has not yet been officially renamed.

If searching for specific information on any of these installations in DTMO content, please search both names to be certain that you find all relevant information.

Affected Army installations:

Current Name	Location	Will Be Renamed
Fort Benning	Georgia	Fort Moore
Fort Bragg	North Carolina	Fort Liberty
Fort Gordon	Georgia	Fort Eisenhower
Fort A.P. Hill	Virginia	Fort Walker
Fort Hood	Texas	Fort Cavazos
Fort Lee	Virginia	Fort Gregg-Adams
Fort Polk	Louisiana	Fort Johnson

Base Name Recommendations

FORT MOORE



Fort Benning, Georgia to be renamed in commemoration of LTG Hal Moore and Julia Moore

FORT LIBERTY



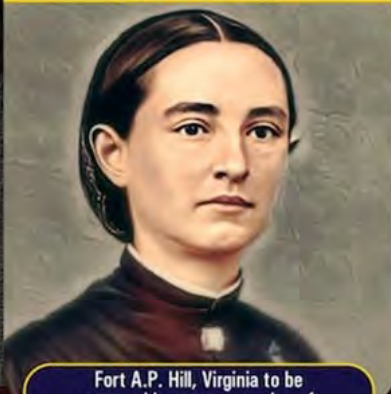
Fort Bragg, North Carolina to be renamed in commemoration of the American value of Liberty

FORT EISENHOWER



Fort Gordon, Georgia to be renamed in commemoration of General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower

FORT WALKER



Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia to be renamed in commemoration of Dr. Mary Edwards Walker

FORT CAVAZOS



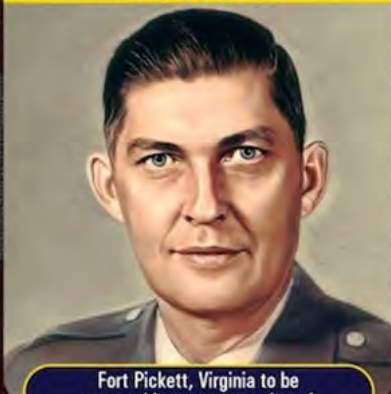
Fort Hood, Texas to be renamed in commemoration of GEN Richard E. Cavazos

FORT GREGG-ADAMS



Fort Lee, Virginia to be renamed in commemoration of LTG Arthur J. Gregg and LTC Charity Adams

FORT BARFOOT



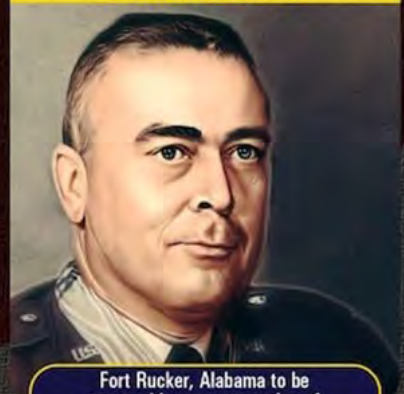
Fort Pickett, Virginia to be renamed in commemoration of T/SGT Van T. Barfoot

FORT JOHNSON



Fort Polk, Louisiana to be renamed in commemoration of SGT William Henry Johnson

FORT NOVOSEL



Fort Rucker, Alabama to be renamed in commemoration of CW4 Michael J. Novosel Sr.

D-Day—June 6, 1944

D-Day was the name given to the June 6, 1944, invasion of the beaches at Normandy in northern France by troops from the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and other countries during World War II. France at the time was occupied by the armies of Nazi Germany, and the amphibious assault—codenamed Operation Overlord—landed some 156,000 Allied soldiers on the beaches of Normandy by the end of the day.

Despite their success, some 4,000 Allied troops were killed by German soldiers defending the beaches. At the time, the D-Day invasion was the largest naval, air and land operation in history, and within a few days about 326,000 troops, more than 50,000 vehicles and some 100,000 tons of equipment had landed. By August 1944, all of northern France had been liberated, and in spring of 1945 the Allies had defeated the Germans. Historians often refer to D-Day as the beginning of the end of World War II.



IWM/GETTY IMAGES **D-Day landings, also known as the Normandy landings.**



IMPORTANT JUNE DAYS IN U.S. MILITARY HISTORY

Nov 19, 2021

Since the early 1800s, there has been a rich military history of ongoing battles full of victories and losses. We cannot recount every day—so instead, we’re going to give the high points that are most celebrated in June. With this in mind, we will remember the fallen and give support by educating ourselves on our given liberties and the sacrifices made to have them. Here are the important June days in U.S. military history.

MAIN OBSERVED HOLIDAYS IN JUNE

First, we have “Don’t Give Up the Ship” Day on June 1st. While under the command of James Lawrence in the War of 1812, the U.S. Navy was under siege by Royal Britain, and these were the last words of our fallen captain.

D-Day Invasion is celebrated on June 6th, which marks the storming of Normandy, France, by British, Canadian, and American troops in WWII. President Eisenhower put in his executive order on this day, which many sacrificed their lives for the liberation of France and the French people of Europe.

On June 13th, Bunker Hill Day is observed to commemorate the Battle of Bunker Hill. This battle took place as Boston was under siege during the Revolutionary War. This battle was particularly brutal and set the stage for what would be a very close war.

Flag Day is observed on June 14th as the adoption of the U.S. flag, which originally carried the thirteen stars and stripes to remember the original thirteen colonies. On this day, our nation adopted its official flag. You might find unique original replicas in military uniform stores along with other memorabilia.

Pause for the Pledge Day is also observed on June 17. In 1777, the first continental congress of the United States adopted the U.S. ensign as our country’s flag. And thus, the Pledge of Allegiance followed suit.

On June 14th, we also observe the birthday of the U.S. Army. During the beginning of the Revolutionary War, Americans from all thirteen colonies rallied together to form the first army in the States.

June 23rd marks the birthday of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. And while it wasn’t a fully active component right away, it would eventually become just as equal with all other military branches of service for both active duty and reserves.

On June 27th, PTSD Awareness is observed, which highlights those who have gone to war and have been affected by post-traumatic stress disorder. This is a disease caused by excessive trauma, so on this day, we recognize those survivors.

Operation Red Wings Observance happens on June 28th. This day is for remembering a tight group of Navy SEALs who were behind enemy lines, flying at altitudes of 10,000 feet in Hindu Kush, Afghanistan, during a very important reconnaissance mission.

So, while there are hundreds more historical and important days in the month of June reserved as U.S. military history, these are seen as the most known. It is important that we take moments like these to appreciate our narrative so we can understand what the U.S. symbolizes and how far we’ve come since the inception of the United States of America.

U.S. ARMY 248TH BIRTHDAY

June 14, 2023



For 248 years, U.S. Army Soldiers have been turning obstacles into possibilities that have helped build our nation and defend American values.

Since its establishment in 1775, U.S. Army Soldiers, families and civilians have supported our nation, bearing true faith and allegiance to the country, the U.S. Constitution, their units and fellow team members (www.army.mil/).

Congratulations RAFMAN CLUB Members!



MELVIN HENRY



DONALD DURANT



LESLIE STOVES, III

More than a Father

— a Poem

More than a father to me
giving me life and identity.
Never leaving, always present,
covering, protecting, staying.
“I have born you. You are mine!
In my arms, you will be fine.”
More than a mother to me,
tenderly nurturing, feeding.
Never condemning, always forgiv-
ing.
“I love you with an everlasting
love!
Let me comfort you, my child.”
More than a friend to me
sharing secrets, tears, and joy,
heart to heart and hand in hand.
“With me your soul is safe.
Keep on walking and be brave!”
Yes, you are much more than this,
mother, father, Lord and King.
You are just my everything!
Filling every void and thirsty
space with the sweetness
of your grace. —By Hadassah Treu



RAFMAN CLUB at The Senior Prom
L. Claudia Allen Senior Center

Vice President Kamala Harris becomes first woman to deliver commencement address at West Point

By Jasmine Wright, CNN, CNN Wire
Saturday, May 27, 2023

WEST POINT, New York -- Vice President Kamala Harris on Saturday became the first woman to deliver a commencement address at the graduation ceremony at the US Military Academy in West Point, New York, warning graduates they were "an increasingly unsettled world where long standing principles are at risk."

In the history-making speech, Harris discussed themes of global security and prosperity, arguing that America's democratic ideals "inspire billions."



Bryan Woolston/AP

"In the face of all these challenges, America plays a singular role of leadership," the vice president told the graduates. "Cadets, global security and global prosperity depend on the leadership of the United States of America. And a strong America remains indispensable to the world."

Taking aim at Russian aggression in Ukraine, Harris called Moscow's unprovoked invasion "an attack on international rules and norms that have served as the foundation of international security and prosperity for generations." She also slammed China for "modernizing its military and threatening both the freedom of the seas and rules of international commerce."

Harris' comments come as President Joe Biden is seeking a second White House term next year. To date, the pair has leaned heavily on a message of saving democratic values at home and strengthening alliances abroad, even as relations with Russia and China remain contentious.

"To the Class of 2023: You join the greatest fighting force the world has ever seen," Harris said Saturday. "And in years to come, I promise you, you will be tried, and you will be tested."

"And I am so very confident that you will rise to each occasion. Whatever comes your way. You are ready. And you are ready because you are true leaders of character."

Harris previously made history in 2021 as the first woman to give a commencement address at the US Naval Academy. Last year, she spoke at the US Coast Guard Academy's graduation ceremony.

SUPER SCHOLARS

accepted into the nation's top 20 colleges and universities (as ranked by *U.S. News and World Report*) and U.S. service academies.

Each year, OCPS celebrates its "Super Scholars," those graduating seniors who were RECOGNITION SHOW

2023 RANKINGS

Top 20 National Universities

Princeton University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard University, Stanford University, Yale University, University of Chicago, Johns Hopkins University, University of Pennsylvania, California Institute of Technology, Duke University, Northwestern University, Dartmouth College, Brown University, Vanderbilt University, Rice University, Washington University in St. Louis, Cornell University, Columbia University, University of Notre Dame and University of California Berkeley.

Top 20 Liberal Arts Colleges

Williams College, Amherst College, Pomona College, Swarthmore College, Wellesley College, Bowdoin College, Carleton College, Claremont McKenna College, Middlebury College, Washington and Lee University, Smith College, Vassar College, Davidson College, Grinnell College,

Hamilton College, Barnard College, Colgate University, Haverford College, University of Richmond and Wesleyan University.

U.S. Service Academies

U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, U. S. Military Academy and U.S. Naval Academy

2023 SUPER SCHOLARS

Amherst College

- Thu-Vy Pham, Winter Park
- Tuyen Truong, University

Barnard College

- Elizabeth Cary, Windermere
- Kathia Serrano Perez, Cypress Creek

Bowdoin College

- Ahana Manchanda, Winter Park

Brown University

- Srija Dey, Timber Creek
- Abieyuwa Otote, Timber Creek
- Brian Vo, Ocoee
- Kindell Welker, Winter Park
- Zetao Wu, West Orange

Carleton College

- Orion Francis, Ocoee
- Benjamin Hargrave, Ocoee
- Natalia Manna, Olympia
- Thu-Vy Pham, Winter Park

Claremont McKenna College

- Ahana Manchanda, Winter Park

Colgate University

- Lola Jean Baptiste, Oak Ridge
- Michael McCamy, Winter Park

Columbia University

- Trenton Campbell, West Orange

- Taylor Graham, West Orange
- Catherine Nollie, Edgewater
- Jonathan Pierre, East River
- Rafael Vanuno, Winter Park

Cornell University

- Keten Abebe, University
- Ashley Herrera, Winter Park
- Neha Jain, Dr. Phillips
- William McDonald, Boone
- Jeevika Setzer, Timber Creek
- Andrew Tejada-Vega, Colonial

Dartmouth College

- William McDonald, Boone

Duke University

- Thomas Costa, Horizon
- Lola Jean Baptiste, Oak Ridge
- William McDonald, Boone
- Ananya Misra, Horizon
- Jeevika Setzer, Timber Creek
- Amelia Skena, Winter Park
- Anya Stewart, Timber Creek
- Andrew Tejada-Vega, Colonial

Grinnell College

- Jordan Metellus, Ocoee

Hamilton College

- Thomas Hill, Winter Park
- Ahana Manchanda, Winter Park
- Jordan Metellus, Ocoee
- Gregory Nobleza, Cypress Creek

Harvard University

- Mahmoud AlThabata, Olympia
- Kathryn Robinson, Winter Park

Haverford College

- Yasmin Noor Choudhury, Freedom

Johns Hopkins University

- Trenton Campbell, West Orange
- Nathan Clarke, Dr. Phillips
- Thomas Costa, Horizon
- Lola Jean Baptiste, Oak Ridge

- Abieyuwa Otote, Timber Creek
- Christian Reinhardt, Lake Nona
- Jeevika Setzer, Timber Creek
- Anya Stewart, Timber Creek

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

- Thomas Costa, Horizon
- Dylan Isaac, Edgewater
- Thu-Vy Pham, Winter Park

Middlebury College

- Natalie Alfonso Alcaide, Colonial
- Trenton Campbell, West Orange
- Marianne Cartaxo, Ocoee
- Sebastian Cruz Loaiza, Colonial
- Mya Eugene, Ocoee
- Orion Francis, Ocoee
- Jenese Lawrence, Ocoee
- Layla Le, Ocoee
- Marla Leonce, Jones
- Ahana Manchanda, Winter Park
- Christopher Marshall, Ocoee
- Jordan Metellus, Ocoee
- Israel Ostos Escalante, Dr. Phillips
- Kayla Tulloch, Ocoee
- Nick Severe, Ocoee
- Robin Young, Ocoee

Northwestern University

- Trenton Campbell, West Orange
- Thomas Costa, Horizon
- Madison DeChurch, Winter Park

- Frenchia Dell, Colonial
- Taylor Graham, West Orange
- Lleyton Gunter, Winter Park
- Graydon "Camp" Magee, Edgewater
- Juno Marques Oda, University
- Diego Oliva, Lake Buena Vista
- Ethan Parekattil, Windermere
- Nyla Riley, Windermere
- Chelsea Vital, West Orange

Pomona College

- Srija Dey, Timber Creek
- Georgia Mckay Liao-Troth, Horizon
- Kathia Serrano Perez, Cypress Creek

Princeton University

- Mahmoud AlThabata, Olympia
- Gabriel Centeno, Colonial High
- Sophia Fletcher, Winter Park High
- Sharon Leonard, Lake Buena Vista High
- Ahana Manchanda, Winter Park
- Torian Roberts, Winter Park High
- Tran Ton, Cypress Creek High

Rice University

- Anya Stewart, Timber Creek
- Andrew Tejada-Vega, Colonial

Smith College

- Kaylee Burt, Dr. Phillips High
- Rachel Maretsky, Dr. Phillips High
- Kathia Serrano Perez, Cypress Creek

Stanford University

- Edwin Pena Soriano, Cypress Creek
- Julian Wittig, Boone

Swarthmore College

- Adrian Duran, Dr. Phillips
- Lola Jean Baptiste, Oak Ridge
- Georgia Mckay Liao-Troth, Horizon

U.S. Air Force Academy

- Tanner Kramer, Horizon
- Jackson Meyerer, Apopka

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

- James Lewless, Winter Park

U.S. Military Academy at West Point

- Timothy Harrington, West Orange
- James Lewless, Winter Park
- Amber Matlach, West Orange
- Alyssa Negron, Lake Nona
- Noah Nixon, West Orange
- Shelby Stachnik, Windermere

U.S. Naval Academy

- Maya Foley, West Orange
- Hannah Marvin, Freedom
- Zachary Marvin, Freedom

- Amber Matlach, West Orange
- Alyssa Negron, Lake Nona
- Ricky Singh, Jones
- Andrew Tejada-Vega, Colonial

University of California - Berkeley

- Mahmoud AlThabata, Olympia
- Ella Herbert, Winter Park
- Maya Lis, Dr. Phillips
- Brian Trinh, Windermere

University of California - Los Angeles

- Trenton Campbell, West Orange
- Shayne Gangle, Winter Park
- Sydney Jaryszak, Boone
- Bryana Lorenze, Boone
- Ava May, Winter Park
- Aksel Ostberg, Edgewater
- Sophia Schaked, Olympia
- Brian Trinh, Windermere

University of Chicago

- Stone Grayson, Olympia
- Cesar Rodriguez, Freedom

University of Notre Dame

- Priscilla Chau, Timber Creek
- Elizabeth Forness, Winter Park
- Thu Ngo, East River
- Andrew Tejada-Vega, Colonial

University of Pennsylvania

- Mahmoud AlThabata, Olympia
- Samaya Baggs, Lake Nona
- Trenton Campbell, West Orange
- Thomas Costa, Horizon
- Alondra Cubaque Alicea, Windermere
- Evan Fitzgerald, Winter Park
- Taylor Graham, West Orange
- Ramsey Makan, Timber Creek
- Carson Nordmann, Dr. Phillips
- Abieyuwa Otote, Timber Creek
- Deborah Pierre, Olympia
- Jordan Reed, Dr. Phillips
- Jon-Gabriel Salguero, Lake Nona
- Anya Stewart, Timber Creek

University of Richmond

- Luke Justice, Dr. Phillips
- Ahana Manchanda, Winter Park
- Tyler Player, Winter Park
- Ashley Voltaire, Evans

University of Notre Dame

- Priscilla Chau, Timber Creek
- Elizabeth Forness, Winter Park
- Thu Ngo, East River
- Andrew Tejada-Vega, Colonial

University of Pennsylvania

- Mahmoud AlThabata, Olympia
- Samaya Baggs, Lake Nona
- Trenton Campbell, West Orange
- Thomas Costa, Horizon
- Alondra Cubaque Alicea, Wintermere
- Evan Fitzgerald, Winter Park
- Taylor Graham, West Orange
- Ramsey Makan, Timber Creek
- Carson Nordmann, Dr. Phillips
- Abieyuwa Otote, Timber Creek
- Deborah Pierre, Olympia
- Jordan Reed, Dr. Phillips
- Jon-Gabriel Salguero, Lake Nona
- Anya Stewart, Timber Creek

University of Richmond

- Luke Justice, Dr. Phillips
- Ahana Manchanda, Winter Park
- Tyler Player, Winter Park
- Ashley Voltaire, Evans

Vanderbilt University

- Abigail Barner, Edgewater
- Sarah Brown, Winter Park
- Trenton Campbell, West Orange
- Olivia Casola, Boone
- Jatorria Dixon, Evans
- Ann Moon, Winter Park
- Delano Sta. Ana, University
- Andrew Tejada-Vega, Colonial

Vassar College

- Gregory Nobleza, Cypress Creek
- Nicole Spangler, Boone

Washington and Lee University

- Muhummud Abid, Cypress Creek

Washington University in St. Louis

- Shreya Bhat, Olympia
- Lily Douglas, West Orange
- Espoire Fadhiri, Evans
- Elizabeth Forness, Winter Park
- Miriam Libow, Winter Park
- Diego Oliva, Lake Buena Vista
- Josefina Ontivero, Cypress Creek
- Abieyuwa Otote, Timber Creek
- Benedict Ridore, Ocoee
- Nicole Spangler, Boone

Wellesley College

- Kathia Serrano Perez, Cypress Creek
- Madeline Zornek, Winter Park

Wesleyan University

- Srija Dey, Timber Creek
- Maria Palmeira de Melo, Dr. Phillips
- Yu Wei, Oak Ridge
- Kevin Yang, Ocoee

Williams College

- Caleb Cavalcante, Horizon
- Srija Dey, Timber Creek
- Ahana Manchanda, Winter Park
- Ayah Shatara, Olympia

Yale University

- Kaley Alexandre-Burke, Horizon
- Xavier Avera, Jones
- Erika Nunez, Apopka
- Kathia Serrano Perez, Cypress Creek
- Andrew Tejada-Vega, Colonial
- Aidan Warner, Winter Park

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2023 US Naval Academy Graduation

Members of the class of 2023 take the oath to become ensigns in the Navy during the US Naval Academy commissioning and graduation ceremony at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium Friday, May 26. (Jerry Jackson/Baltimore)



Black mother-daughter duo make history as they graduate from US Naval Academy

TheGrio Staff

Wed, May 31, 2023 at 12:24 PM EDT

Elise Lindsay noted that seeing life as a midshipman and living on the yard were factors that influenced her decision to follow in the footsteps of her mother, retired Captain Timika Lindsay.

A retired Navy captain and her daughter will go down in history as the first such African American duo to graduate from the United States Naval Academy in 177 years.

Capt. Timika Lindsay, who served in the Navy for 30 years, was one of the highest-ranking African American female captains before she retired in 2021, WTOP News reported.

Elise Lindsay, her daughter, developed an interest in attending while her mother was in her last duty station at the academy, where she worked as the head diversity officer.



A retired Navy captain and her daughter are the first-of-their-kind African American duo to graduate from the United States Naval Academy in 177 years. (Photo Credit: Adobe Stock)

An Elizabeth Seton High School student in Maryland at the time, Elise noted that seeing life as a midshipman, living on the yard, and attending events all influenced her decision to follow in her mother's footsteps.

"If you would've asked me if this was a possibility seven years ago," said Timika, "I would've said no way in the world."

The veteran also disclosed that in 2015, before beginning her academy tour, she took her children to Japan, where they gained exposure to fleet life and kids going through similar experiences as part of a military family.

Ensign Elise Lindsay's graduation on Friday etched her and her mother into the annals of the Naval Academy, where they both majored in general science.

The midshipman acknowledged that she faced challenges while attending the academy but cited being referred to as "Captain Lindsay's daughter" as one of the greatest.

However, she said she eventually established her reputation and cultivated connections with mentors and mentees.

Soon, she will return to Japan, where she will be stationed on the USS America.

Eric Jr., Timika's son, is expected to earn his diploma from the academy in 2025.



Retired Navy Captain Timika Lindsay and Her Daughter Elise Lindsay Photo WTOP News Timika Lindsay <https://howafrica.com/meet-the-first-african-american-mother-and-daughter-to-graduate-from-u-s-naval-academy/#:~:text=Retired%20Navy%2>

CBS NEWS

High school student offered \$10 million in scholarships announces college choice

MAY 5, 2023 / 3:20 PM / CBS NEWS

A Louisiana high school senior who was offered a record \$10 million in scholarships from nearly 200 colleges announced he will be attending Cornell University in the fall.

During a press conference Friday, Dennis "Maliq" Barnes revealed he would be attending the Ivy League university's school of engineering to pursue a degree in computer science.

"It is an honor and a privilege to be accepted to the Ivy League," Barnes said as he pulled on a bright red Cornell sweatshirt, surrounded by family members also donning the school's gear.



Dennis "Maliq" Barnes, a New Orleans high school senior who was offered a record-breaking \$10 million in scholarships, announces he will attend Cornell University. [YOUTUBE](#)

A 16-year-old senior at the International High School of New Orleans, Barnes received offers from at least 188 colleges and universities, CBS New Orleans affiliate [WWL-TV reported](#). Despite his multitude of options, Barnes said he always knew he wanted to attend Cornell, and choosing another school "was never really an option."

"Once I received the admission, I knew that's where I was going," Barnes said.

The teen said he plans to pursue a career in software development, and chose Cornell due to the strength of its engineering program — and its location in New York.

"I love my city, but I do want to venture out and experience new things and see different things that I haven't seen before," the New Orleans native said.

Barnes' \$10 million-plus scholarship haul is the most of any college-bound senior in U.S. history, his high school said, breaking a Guinness World Record held by another Louisiana high school senior who received nearly \$9 million in scholarships in 2019. The school is contacting Guinness to make Barnes' record official, CBS affiliate [WWL-TV reported](#).

While Barnes didn't specify the amount of his scholarship from Cornell, he said he was "very happy with the offer."

The senior pursued college credits while dual enrolled at Southern University of New Orleans for the past two years, according to WWL-TV, and will graduate from the International High School of New Orleans later this month.

Barnes cited his belief in God, prioritizing his education and staying focused on his goals as keys to his success.

"It's easy to get distracted as a teenager," Barnes said. "There's nothing wrong with having fun and doing different things, but I think that whenever you have your mind made up and you're determined to get something done then it can have a definite effect."

"Where there's a will there's a way," Barnes continued. "So when you have a will to get done what you want to get done, it's definitely going to happen and your dreams and aspirations are going to come true."



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and will
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in North Carolina.



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RAFMAN
Arthur Jarvis.
Graduated from
Dacula High School
in Dacula, GA.



Air Force JROTC
Cadet 2nd Lt.
Xaiver Weems Jr.
Grandson of
RAFMAN
Arthur Jarvis.
Graduated from
Dacula High School
in Dacula GA.
He will be enlisting
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Nephew of
Kimberly and David
Harrison.
Graduated from
St. Leo University
In St. Leo, FL
with a BA in
Criminal Justice



Ernest Cox II,
Son of Kimberly
and David Harrison.
Graduated from
St. Leo University in
St. Leo FL with a
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JUNE 17, 2023

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Boys & Girls Club: *Dance performance*

Edgez Dance: *Dance Performance*

Shawn Welcome: *Poet* • CFC Arts: *Performance*

Derek Harris: *Jazz Trombone*

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STATEMENT: Florida Sen. Geraldine F. Thompson & Rep LaVon Bracy-Davis Co-Host Juneteenth Festival

OCOE, FL — Today, Florida State Senator Geraldine F. Thompson (D-Orlando) & State Representative LaVon Bracy-Davis (D-Orlando) release the following statement regarding the Juneteenth: Resource & Cultural Arts Festival held in Ocoee, FL:

WHAT: Juneteenth Resource and Cultural Arts Festival

WHEN: Saturday, June 17th, 2023 10:00am-4:00pm

WHERE: Bill Breeze Park; 125 N Lakeshore Dr, Ocoee, FL, 34761

Please join us in celebration at the Juneteenth: Resource & Cultural Arts Festival on Saturday June 17, 2023 from 10am-4pm at Bill Breeze Park in Ocoee, FL. The event will offer over 20 community resource booths including: free diapers from CFL Diaper Bank, free food donated by Daily Bread, legal assistance offered with Legal Aid Society, and much more! Volunteers will be on site to help with college scholarships, registering to vote, Healthcare Marketplace, and Medicare to mention a few! Enjoy live performances from Shawn Welcome, CFC Arts, Jazz Trombonist Derek Harris, Lydea Strickland, Edgez Dance, and DJ Knight Train. Special thanks to the City of Ocoee, Dan Newlin Injury Attorneys, Coca-Cola Beverages Florida, and Morning After Center for Hope & Healing for helping make the 2023 Juneteenth: Resource & Cultural Arts Festival a success! See you on June 17th. This event is free and open to the public.

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JUNE 17, 2023 / 10 AM - 2 PM



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You are welcome to donate to Charlie Mae Wilder's Scholarship Fund that has helped and assisted 18 students since 2015. We track students through their four (4) years and at their graduation.

Contact: Evangelist Wilder (407) 453-9702.

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Our Place of Safety

*The Lord watches over you—
the Lord is your shade at your
right hand. Psalm 121:5*

Retired teacher Debbie Stephens Browder is on a mission to convince as many people as possible to plant trees. The reason? Heat. Extreme heat in the United States is the number one weather-related cause of death. In response, she says, “I’m starting with trees.” The canopy of heat protection that trees provide is one significant way to protect communities. “It’s life or death. It’s not just about beautifying the community.”

The fact that shade isn’t just refreshing but potentially lifesaving would have been well known to the psalmist who wrote Psalm 121; in the Middle East, the risk of sunstroke is constant. This reality adds depth to the psalm’s vivid description of God as our surest place of safety, the One in whose care “the sun will not harm [us] by day, nor the moon by night” (v. 6).

This verse can’t mean that believers in Jesus are somehow immune to pain or loss in this life (or that heat isn’t dangerous!). After all, Christ tells us, “In this world you will have trouble” (John 16:33). But this metaphor of God as our shade does vividly reassure us that, whatever comes our way, our lives are held in His watchful care (Psalm 121:7–8). There we can find rest through trusting Him, knowing that nothing can separate us from His love (John 10:28; Romans 8:39).
By Monica La Rose

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 121 / A song of ascents.

1 I lift up my eyes to the mountains—

- where does my help come from?
2 My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.
3 He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;
4 indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
5 The Lord watches over you—
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
6 the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
7 The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
8 the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

REFLECT: How have you experienced life-saving shade in God’s care? How does remembering you’re always held in His care give you courage?

PRAY: Loving God, thank You for being my place of shade and safety. Help me to find rest and courage as I grow in trusting You.

SCRIPTURE INSIGHT

Psalm 121 is one of the “Songs of Ascents” (Psalms 120–134) set aside as a “mini-hymnal” within the overall psalter to give Jewish pilgrims songs to sing as they traveled three times a year to Jerusalem for the primary feast times (Passover and Firstfruits in the spring; Tabernacles in the fall). This particular psalm speaks directly to that pilgrimage—discussing the wrong (v. 1) and right places (v. 2) to look for assistance on the journey and offering promises of the specific areas of protection they can expect from God along the way (vv. 3–8). Psalm 121 is filled with confidence in God’s protection and provision. It’s an appropriate song of preparation for the worship they’d experience once they arrived in Jerusalem. —Bill Crowder

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