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TUSKEGEE AIRMEN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Jerry T. Hodges Jr.  
President

It's a pleasure to write this quarterly message to you.

The Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.'s annual convention in Philadelphia was a huge success. During the Youth Luncheon we were able to showcase our 2008 Pratt & Whitney Golden Eagle Scholarship Award Winner and present him with a plaque and scholarship check. We give our sincere thanks to Pratt & Whitney for its continuous support of TASF and our scholarship program. We are looking for other corporations to assist us with meeting the financial needs of college bound students.

We would also like to thank The UPS Foundation for its \$5,000 donation to our organization. Annually, The UPS Foundation has made this on-going donation and thus we are able to maintain the level of scholarship recipients and amount of each award.

Our focus is now on the Combined Federal Campaign. TASF is a first time participant in this workplace giving program that federal employees contributed over 273 million dollars in 2007. It's the largest workplace giving program in the country. If you are a Federal employee, we encourage you to make a contribution to TASF. Our CFC code is 47202.

The 2009 Scholarship Program's instructions are now available. Our website - [www.taisf.org](http://www.taisf.org) is enhanced and has updated information and applications for 2009 graduating high school students. Please let students know of its availability.

Your donations and contributions enable us to provide scholarships to deserving students. Contributors are able to make their donations on-line and by mail. Either way, your donations are greatly appreciated.

We continue to move forward. TASF is committed to preserving the legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen.

Jerry T. Hodges Jr.  
President

## STUDENT PROFILE



**Name:** Ms. Rebekah Johnson  
**Home:** Denver, Colorado  
**School:** The Julliard School, New York, New York  
**College Year:** Freshman  
**Program of Study:** Bachelor of Fine Arts

Rebekah Johnson is a 2008 recipient of a Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation's \$1,500 scholarship award. Ms. Johnson graduated in June 2008 from East High School in Denver, Colorado with a grade point (weighted) average of 4.18. *(continued on page 2)*

## TASF JOINS THE COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

The Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation (TASF) is participating in its inaugural year in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). TASF has joined the Military, Veterans & Patriotic Service Organizations of America (MVP SOA), a federation of non-profit organizations that coordinates the marketing activities of its members to maximize their contributions/donations.

The CFC is the largest workplace giving campaign in the nation. The CFC is the only authorized solicitation of employees in the Federal workplace on behalf of charitable organizations. In 2007, Federal employees around the world contributed more than \$273 million for charitable causes. Federal employees may make payroll deductions to spread out their contributions across the entire year. One time donations are also accepted.

The CFC runs from September 1 through December 15th in more than 250 local federal communities. Contributions to TASF will enable to provide additional scholarships in the future and increase the amount of each scholarship.

If you are a Federal employee, please consider making TASF your charitable organization of choice and generously making a donation. If you know any Federal employees, please ask them to make a contribution to TASF. Remember our CFC code number - 47202.

[www.taisf.org](http://www.taisf.org)

Visit the website for scholarship information, how to donate on-line, other ways to help, and more!

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## NEW TASF ASSOCIATIONS



## TASF RECEIVES DONATION FROM THE UPS FOUNDATION

The Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation (TASF) received a \$5,000.00 grant from The UPS Foundation, the charitable arm of UPS (NYSE:UPS). The grant will be used toward scholarship support for deserving students in the upcoming year.

"This generous contribution from the UPS Foundation allows us to continue the legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen by providing scholarships to deserving students. We are very appreciative of UPS's loyal and continuous support of our scholarship program, said Jerry T. Hodges, Jr., President of the TASF.

Established in 1951 and based in Atlanta, Ga., The UPS Foundation identifies specific areas where its backing clearly impacts social issues. In support of this strategic approach, The UPS Foundation has identified the following focus areas for giving: non-profit effectiveness, economic & global literacy, encouraging diversity, community safety and environmental sustainability.

In 2007, The UPS Foundation distributed \$46.4 million worldwide through grants that benefit organizations or programs such as the TASF and provide support for building stronger communities.

UPS has a long-standing commitment to making communities all over the world better by supporting organizations and engaging over 400,000 employees in community service worldwide," said Lisa Hamilton, president of The UPS Foundation. "Together with nonprofit partners such as Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation, we work to make a positive impact on the lives of people in need."

## STUDENT PROFILE

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Rebekah's extra curricular activities included serving as the Tri-President of the East High School Black Student Alliance. She was an officer in the National Honor Society and a member for four years. Rebekah was selected as an Academic All-Star by the local Channel 7. She was a member of the Varsity Cheerleading Squad and one of two captains in her senior year.

Ms. Johnson's commitment to community service was shown through her work with a canned food drive for Thanksgiving food boxes for families in the community. She was honored by the Denver Chapter of Links, Inc. during their "Tribute to Black Youth" program in 2008.

In her letter of recommendation, Rebekah's teacher, Lisa Smith, stated, "Rebekah has demonstrated a strong voice in her convictions in class, and because of this I believe that Rebekah can handle the demands of a challenging environment that any higher-level institution will place upon her, and become a great asset to their campus".

## 2008 TUSKEGEE AIRMEN INC. NATIONAL CONVENTION YOUTH LUNCHEON, JULY 19, 2008, PHILADELPHIA 2008 PRATT & WHITNEY GOLDEN EAGLE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



*Mahad M. Fahieh*



*Orville G. Bailey, Director, QA, Pratt & Whitney  
Mahad M. Fahieh,  
Jerry Hodges, President, TASF*



*Fahieh, Bailey*

**2009 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION, INSTRUCTIONS,  
GUIDELINES AND DEADLINE HAVE NOW BEEN POSTED  
TO THE TASF WEBSITE (WWW.TAISEF.ORG)**