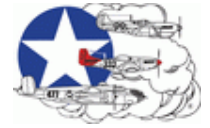




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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Jerry T. Hodges Jr.
President

On behalf of the TASF Board of Directors, I would like to thank each of you for your continued support.

This summer was a summer of accomplishments. We presented the 2009 Golden Eagle Award to Mr. Jordan McIntyre at the TAI Convention in Las Vegas. For the first time, TASF hosted a reception during the convention. The reception was another opportunity to market the organization to convention attendees who may not have known about the TASF's leadership in providing scholarships to deserving students. We closed the convention by sponsoring The Black Gents of Hollywood's production of Black Wings Over Tuskegee.

September is here and several Board members and Documented Original Tuskegee Airmen (DOTAs) will assemble in Phoenix, AZ for two events. On Wednesday, September 16th, we are special guests at a scholarship dinner hosted by the Greater Phoenix Chapter of Blacks In Government. The next day, September 17th, we are honored at "Tuskegee Airmen Day" sponsored by the University of Phoenix.

September is also the beginning of this year's Combined Federal Campaign. We thank all federal employees for their generous pledges during this campaign.

Please consider making a donation on-line TASF at www.taisf.org/donations or by mail.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Jerry T. Hodges Jr.
President

2009 PRATT & WHITNEY GOLDEN EAGLE SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



L – R: Jacqueline Ray-Morris, Chair, TASF Scholarship Selection Committee; Jordan McIntyre, Golden Eagle Award Recipient; & Erin Dick, Pratt & Whitney Representative

The Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation (TASF) awarded the 2009 Pratt & Whitney Scholarship to Jordan McIntyre of North Carolina. He was presented the award at the Youth Luncheon during the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada on August 8, 2009.

Jordan will attend North Carolina State University in the fall majoring in Aerospace Engineering with a minor on Business Management.

The four year \$20,000 award, fully funded by Pratt & Whitney, recognizes a high school senior who has demonstrated an aptitude for aerospace technology and aviation.

TASF RECEPTION WELL-RECEIVED AT TAI ANNUAL CONVENTION ON AUGUST 7, 2009



Attendees socialize at reception hosted by TASF.

TASF President, Jerry Hodges, National TAI President, Russ Davis & TASF Scholarship Selection Committee Chair, Jacqueline Ray-Morris spoke to over 300 attendees at the reception hosted by TASF in Las Vegas.

The reception wrapped up with a raffle of a framed signed original print honoring three DOTAs.

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

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CFC SEASON IS HERE



The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) kicks off this month and ends December 15, 2009. The CFC is the largest work place giving campaign in the nation. Federal employees, postal workers, and military personnel have the opportunity to show their generosity by giving to charities that participate in the CFC.

The Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation has a goal this year of raising \$250,000 in pledges and contributions to assist with our ongoing challenge of providing scholarships to worthy students to pursue their college endeavors.

If you are a federal employee or know a federal employee, TASF needs your help. If you are a federal employee, please consider making a donation to TASF through the CFC. If you know a federal employee, ask them to make TASF their charity of choice by making a pledge to TASF.

The CFC Pledge number is 47202.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

TASF needs volunteers. We are increasing our Circle of Friends and we're looking for volunteers to spearhead our fundraising activities, marketing efforts, work place giving coordination, and events planning. If you have expertise in any of these areas or if you're looking for a new challenge, we would like to hear from you. Please call us at (310) 215-3985 or send us an email to info@taisf.org for more information.

TASF BRINGS PRODUCTION "BLACK ANGELS OVER TUSKEGEE" TO LAS VEGAS

Many of the 200+ audience members were moved to tears by the end of the play: "Black Angels over Tuskegee" performed by The Black Gents of Hollywood.

The production, written by NAACP Award Winner Layon Gray is a story told in narrative of six men embarking upon a journey to become pilots in the United States Army Air Corps. This powerful stage play, explores their collective struggle with Jim Crow, their intelligence, patriotism, dreams of an inclusive fair society, and brotherhood. It is a perfect vehicle to entertain, inspire and add perspective to a rarely heard chapter in American history. Black Angels Over Tuskegee literally goes beyond the headlines of the popular stories of the Tuskegee Airmen. The play is about men who exhibited the courage to excel, in spite of all the overwhelming odds against them.

Thinking that the TAI Convention would be an excellent venue for such a performance, TASF arranged to have the group travel to the TAI Convention in Las Vegas.



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