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TUSKEGEE AIRMEN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Jerry T. Hodges Jr.
President**

On behalf of the Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation's Board of Directors, I am pleased to present the President's Message in this 1st Quarter TASF Newsletter, 2009.

The year 2008 held several accomplishments for TASF: A total of forty-one \$1,500 scholarships were awarded, Pratt & Whitney presented their \$20,000 Golden Eagle Scholarship, and TASF was approved to participate in the Combined Federal Campaign.

We greatly appreciate the continued support of Pratt & Whitney, the UPS Foundation and all of our other financial contributors.

And 2009 already looks promising!

We would like to thank The University of Phoenix for its \$20,000 donation to our organization. The grant will be used toward scholarship support for disadvantaged student applicants in pursuit of their academic studies. The Foundation is hopeful that other corporate citizens will join us in our mission to contribute to the development of these very talented scholars.

Scholarship applications are currently in the selection process and winners will be announced by May 12.

Press Releases, Annual Reports and student profiles are now available on our website at www.taisf.org. We encourage students to keep us updated on their progress.

Contributors are able to make their donations on-line and by mail. We appreciate and thank you for your support.

Jerry T. Hodges Jr.
President

TUSKEGEE AIRMEN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION AWARDED \$20,000 GRANT FROM UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX

The Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation was awarded a \$20,000 grant from University of Phoenix to help disadvantaged students pursuing their academic studies. The donation will support the TASF's broad scholarship programs, including those in the areas of science and math.

"The University's generous contribution will allow us to continue the legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen by assisting even more people who want to improve their lives through education," said Jerry T. Hodges, Jr., president of the Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation.

Supporting TASF is a natural for the University, since its mission closely aligns with the organization's goals, according to Ayla Dickey, senior vice president of public affairs and corporate social responsibility for Apollo Group, the University's parent company. "Our mission is to increase access to education in critical areas, especially for under-represented and low-income students traditionally under-served by the education continuum," she said.

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STUDENT PROFILE



**Lenssa Nemomssa
University of Washington
Pre-Med – hoping to major in Biochemistry**

I want to thank all of you at TASF for giving me a scholarship. I am currently attending the University of Washington. Even though the first quarter didn't go as well as I wanted it to, this quarter has been great! With improved study skills and help from mentors, I am doing well. I am working hard and striving to one day become a Medical Doctor. Again, thank you! It's such a pleasure to be a Tuskegee Airmen Scholar! I will make sure to keep in touch and keep you informed of my accomplishments.

www.taisf.org

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

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The Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation is a proud recipient of the the Independent Charities of America (ICA) Seal of Excellence. The ICA Seal of Excellence is awarded to the members of Independent Charities of America and Local Independent Charities of America that have, upon rigorous independent review, been able to certify, document, and demonstrate on an annual basis that they meet the highest standards of public accountability, program effectiveness, and cost effectiveness. Of the 1,000,000 charities operating in the United States today, it is estimated that fewer than 50,000, or 5 percent, meet or exceed these standards, and, of those, fewer than 2,000 have been awarded this Seal.

TASF BOARD MEMBERS ATTEND TAI CELEBRATION IN RIVERSIDE, CA - 2/21/09



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"Together with nonprofit partners such as Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation, we work to make a positive impact on underrepresented students."

About the University of Phoenix

The University of Phoenix is constantly innovating to help students balance education and life in a rapidly changing world. Through flexible schedules, challenging courses and interactive learning, students achieve personal and career aspirations without putting their lives on hold.

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

The Scholarship Management Committee is now reviewing applications for minimum qualifications and completeness. They will then be submitted to the Selection Committee for evaluation. The winners will be published by May 12, 2009.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

National Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) Coordinator
States' Work Place Giving Campaign Coordinator
Events Planning Coordinator
Marketing Coordinator

Contact Farrell Chiles at farrellchiles@taisf.org for more info.

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