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Post Celebrates School Year Successes

With the 2004-2005 school year winding down, The Post has been celebrating the successes of several school programs with year-end receptions and award presentations.

employees who read to them each week as part of the Everybody Wins! program. This is the eighth year that the Newsroom has been involved with the national nonprofit literacy program that promotes reading to young children.

Approximately 70 Newsroom staff participated in the program this year.

The Post's Eastern High School 500 Club celebrated the 18th anniversary of the program and honored the 25 graduating seniors during a lunch held at the Northwest Building on Thursday, May 19.

Twenty-eight Post employees supported this year's Eastern 500 Club as a mentor or program committee member.

"I'm very proud of what



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Publisher **Bo Jones** with his protégé **Gerald Smith** at the Eastern 500 lunch.

David Jones, Eric Grant and so many others have done with the 500 Club. [Retired Vice President of Communications] **Vince Reed** and I started it to try to give some recognition to outstanding students," explained Chairman **Don Graham** who was the event's featured speaker. "The mentoring relationships have turned out to be the most important part of the program. Post mentors, some of whom have been working with Eastern students for a decade or more, have made big differences in students' lives."

"I have received more in return from my proteges over the years than I have given," notes **Al Ford**, Circulation.

"When a young person confides in you about personal issues within his family or when he asks you to help him select his tux for the prom, you know that you are involved in a worthwhile effort."

One of the year's biggest successes is that three of the graduating seniors have received scholarships for their college education. Charles Conway is the recipient of a \$195,000 scholarship to George Washington Univer-



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Renate Brevard, Accounting, is a mentor to **Donnisha Barnes**.

sity, **Loretta Miller** is receiving \$100,000 to attend Bucknell University and **Sharnetta Tyler** has a full scholarship to



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Brenna Nielsen, Human Resources, at the Hoops for The Homeless event in April with her protégé **Denisha Dempster**, a sophomore in the Eastern 500 Club.

The Newsroom hosted a lunch on Wednesday, May 25 for the students at John Ross Elementary School (17th and R Streets, N.W.) and the

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Promotions & Transitions

CHUCK COOKE, Security, is the new security manager for the Northwest Building. He was hired last July in the position of assistant security manager. He is a 26-year veteran of the Prince George's Country Police Department. Dur-

WADE GREEN, Security, has been promoted to assistant security manager for the Northwest Building. Green came to The Post in 1981 as a security guard for the Springfield Plant. In 1981 he was transferred to the Northwest Building and promoted to security supervisor. Last year, Green was promoted to security administrator. Prior to joining The Post he was a corrections officer for the D.C. Police Department. Green attended Prince George's Community College.

a similar position for the *Washington Times*. Wilson holds a BA in communication from the University of Maryland where he is also currently pursuing an MS in management.

BOBBY WOOTEN, Administrative Services, was promoted last month to the position of manager of food services and fleet management, in addition to his responsibilities overseeing the electricians shop. Wooten started with The Post in 1998 as chief building electrician and was promoted to operating services manager in April 2004. He oversees the newspaper's three cafeterias and the Brock Food Services contract. ■

STEVE LEBLANC, Production, is the new manager of packaging and distribution at the Springfield Plant's mailroom. He was previously the mailroom superintendent. LeBlanc came to The Post last April after retiring as a lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps where he served for 23 years. LeBlanc holds an MA in strategic studies at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pa., an MBA from the University of Rochester in New York and a BS in biology from Villanova University.

ANDREA MEENDERING, Marketing, was recently promoted to senior consumer research analyst from consumer research analyst. Before coming to The Post in March 2004, she was a database administrator for Wentworth Douglass Hospital in New Hampshire. Meendering earned an MA in sociology from the University of New Hampshire and a BA in sociology from the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota.

DAN WILSON, Marketing, has been named senior research analyst effective last month. He was previously an advertising sales research analyst. Prior to coming to The Post a year ago this month, he held

ing his tenure with the police department, he was the commander of the basic training division. He also spent four years providing basic training to more than 450 U.S. Capitol Police officers.

GARY CORSO, Security, was recently named director of security and administrative services. He came to The Post in 2002 as the safety and security manager for the Northwest Building. Corso is retired from the Prince George's County Police Department where he was a major in command of the criminal investigations division. He holds an MS and BS in business management from Johns Hopkins University.

MARY FONG, Human Resources, has been promoted to staffing and employee relations specialist. She was hired a year ago in the position of benefits administrative assistant. Fong previously worked for William Stixrud, PhD & Associates. She holds a BS in human resources management from the University of Maryland.



Security Department staff **Chuck Cooke, Wade Green and Gary Corso** are promoted.

Georgetown University.

There are currently 48 students in the Eastern 500 Club. Each student receives \$500 from The Post toward their college education for each semester they receive all As or Bs on their report card.

On Friday, May 13, the Newspaper in Education (NIE) Department honored the winners of this year's Stock Market Game with a brunch held at the Northwest Building. One hundred and thirty teachers from 100 local schools participated in the program which helps students learn valuable math skills by simulating the buying and trading of stocks through

The Post's Business Section.

During the 2004-2005 school year, NIE delivered 220,000 newspapers each week to 575 schools. This year NIE received funding and curriculum guides for participating schools from Lockheed Martin and the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Basketball Properties, as well as other companies and organizations. The NIE staff includes **Margaret Kaplow, Stella Jackson, Chris Janson** and



YJDP Director **Athelia Knight** (center, left) presents the *Ida B. Wells Award* to the advisors and student newspaper staff at Theodore Roosevelt High School.

Athelia Knight presented the *Ida B. Wells Award* to the advisors and student newspaper staff at Theodore Roosevelt High School for having the most improved student newspaper. The school is located in Northwest D.C.

According to

Knight, 30 area high school newspapers participated in the YJDP during the 2004-2005 school year. **Lisa Frazier Page**, director of recruiting and training for the Newsroom, also coordinates the program. ■

Marian Washington.

The Young Journalists Development Program (YJDP) held its end of the year breakfast reception in the Northwest Building's second floor auditorium on Wednesday, May 11. YJDP Director

Congrats to Post Grads!

Several Post employees have recently received degrees. Congratulations to the following:

Ann Corbett, Newsroom
MS in Botanical Medicine
Tai Sophia Institute
June 2005

Mary Fong, Human Resources
BS in Human Resources
Management
University of Maryland
May 2005

Patricia Gaston, Newsroom
Master's in Tourism
Administration
George Washington
University
January 2005

Aurora Gonzalez, Public
Relations
AA in Business
Administration
Strayer University
June 2005

PHOTO PROVIDED BY ARTHUR KEITH



Arthur Keith, Building Services, is the proud father of *Jade*, a recent graduate.

Her son, Bryan is graduating from DeMatha High School

Arthur Keith, Building Services
His daughter *Jade* graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Vassar with an AB in African Studies
May 2005

Tim Page, Newsroom
Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts
University of Connecticut
May 2005

Tamara Sanders, Newsroom
Law Degree

University of Baltimore
May 2005

Jeanette Strange, Advertising
BS in Business
Administration
Strayer University
June 2005

Tori Weaver, Corporate
Master's of Information Management
University of Maryland
May 2005

Lydia Wilkins, Circulation
Master's of Organizational Management
University of Phoenix
June 2005
Her daughter *Carla* graduates the next day from Glen Burnie High School

Sherrell Williams, Advertising
Diploma in Adult Christian Education

Givens Bible School
June 2005

Almaz Wilson, Newsroom
BA in Biological Anthropology
University of Maryland
May 2005

Josh Zumbrun, Newsroom
Bachelor's Degree in International Economics
Georgetown University
May 2005



Aurora Gonzalez, Public Relations and her son *Bryan* both receive degrees this month.

PHOTO - PATRICIA GONZALEZ

Last Weekend! – Shakespeare Free For All

The Shakespeare Free For All runs through June 5 at the Carter Barron Amphitheater. This year's performance by the Shakespeare Theatre is *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The Post's Family Night is scheduled for this Saturday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m. Free advance tickets for only the Family Night performance are available to employees through the Public Relations Department located on the seventh floor of the Northwest Building. Please see **Gayle Giger**, x4-7743 or **Aurora Gonzalez**, x4-7973.

Up to four free tickets for tomorrow's performances will be available at the Northwest Building's front counter



beginning at 8:30 a.m. Tickets will also be available on the day of the performance beginning at noon today through Sunday at the Carter Barron box office or at the Shakespeare Theatre at 450 7th Street, N.W. Please note that the Post Family Night performance will be sign-interpreted and audio described. Please contact **Lisa Bolton** at x4-7970, if you have any questions or special needs.

Bloodmobile is Rescheduled for June 28

The bloodmobile scheduled for Tuesday, May 24 at the Northwest Building has been rescheduled for Tuesday, June 28 from 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. in the second floor multi-purpose room.

Please be prepared to answer some extra questions that are required by the FDA. It would be helpful to make a list beforehand of countries you've visited recently and what medicines you are taking.

If you can help make our goal of 30 donors, please call the Health Center at x4-7192. If you participate, you will



Ambassadors Visit Post

The Post and President/General Manager **Steve Hills** (left, at the head of the table) hosted a lunch for 13 ambassadors at the Northwest Building on Wednesday, May 18. The lunch was an opportunity for the ambassadors to learn more about the newspaper including community involvement, international education partnerships and advertising opportunities. **Pat Butler**, vice president for The Washington Post Company (right, end of the table) also provided insight into the newspaper's parent company. Other Post representatives in attendance were **Ted Lutz**, vice president of communications; **Amer Yaqub**, international sales manager; **Carlos Silva**, advertising outside sales representative and **Thomas Cromwell**, a Post international advertising sales representative.

have a chance to win four 2005 season passes to either Hershey Park, Kings Dominion, or Six Flags.

Guess the Change Winners

Drum roll please...\$194.26 was the amount that was counted in **Ben Bradlee's** vase for the Guess the Change Contest that appeared in the April 21 issue of ShopTalk. The amount will be matched

by The Post and donated to Children's Hospital. Many thanks to the change counters from Executive including **Carol Leggett**, **Lisa Jolly-Marshall**, **Cindy Zeiss** and **Elissa Leibowitz Poma** and Chevy Chase Bank. The winners of the contest are:

First Place – Andrew Polley, Production/Springfield Plant

Second Place – Michael Dobbs, Newsroom

Third Place – Cindy Zeiss, Executive

Marketplace

FOR SALE: Two tickets for Mary Chapin Carpenter at Wolf Trap, Thursday, June 9. General admission, lawn, \$44 total. Call Ruben at (301) 618-1736 or (202)581-1601 or e-mail RubenC23@aol.com.

FUNDRAISER: The International Rescue Committee's Washington, DC Resettlement Office, a nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting refugees fleeing from war, political violence, and religious and ethnic persecution, will be holding a benefit concert on Friday, June 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Blue Room, 2321 18th Street (Adams Morgan). Tickets are \$15 at the door, cash only. For more information call Carol Bostick, (202) 822-0043, x16.

FOR SALE: Solid oak kitchen cart with stainless steel top, towel holder, knife rack, 43"Wx19"Dx36"H. Only 1 year old - perfect condition. Cost new \$400; priced to sell at \$175. Also, steel mesh dog guard for Subaru Forester \$50. Call Liz at x4-7623 or (703) 931-3761.

FOR SALE: 1996 Volkswagen Golf GTI VR6 two-door hatch back, green, 133K miles, five-speed manual, sunroof, has current Va. inspection sticker, asking \$4,000. Call Andy at (703) 916-2240 (evenings) or home (703) 860-5847.

FUNDRAISER: The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Women's Circle is holding a benefit event on Saturday, June 4, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Media and Public Affairs building at the George Washington University. Admission is \$30 and includes Southeast Asian food, shows, dances and music. All proceeds will be donated to the Tsunami victims for the reconstruction of orphanages in Thailand. Tickets must be bought in advance and can be obtained through Bao Dang at x4-6177.

BEACH HOUSE FOR RENT: Fenwick Island, bayfront and can see ocean from the front porch. Weekly rental. Four BR, 2.5 BA with outside shower. dog friendly. \$800 - \$2,150. View photos at www.bethanyseacoast.com - Unit #2060020 (#20 Seatowne) or call Sean at x4-5260

MARKETPLACE DEADLINE: Noon Fridays. Please include your name, extension and home phone number. Ads are for Post Employees only. Send ads to Shop Talk, 7th floor, or call x4-6803. To send ads via fax dial x4-4963; via e-mail send to shoptalk. Ads run two issues unless otherwise requested. One ad per employee, please.