

# ShopTalk



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## Students Shine at Music & Dance Awards

**I**t was a near sell-out crowd including more than 1,400 students, parents, as well as community and business leaders, that packed the District's Warner Theatre on Saturday night, Nov. 5 for The Washington Post's Fourth Annual Music & Dance Scholarship Awards.

In partnership with the nonprofit organization Urban Nation, the event showcases the music and dance talents of the metro area's high school seniors. With an essay and grade point average also taken into consideration, 12 of the 147 applicants were each awarded \$1,500 college scholarships.

In addition to the scholarship presentations, attendees were treated to 34 toe-tapping and often inspirational performances by the award winners and applicants. Other highlights included a group production of "One" from the Broadway hit musical *A Chorus Line* and a grand finale performance by the Urban Nation Hip-Hop Choir. ■



The music and dance contestants in The Washington Post's Fourth Annual Music & Dance Scholarship Awards perform "One" from *A Chorus Line*.

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**David Jones**, Public Relations, an associate producer for the awards show, gives last minute instructions to the award presenters which included KidsPost Editor **Tracy Grant**, former Redskins player **Art Monk** and **Maxine Baker**, president and CEO of the **Freddie Mac Foundation**, among many other local business and community leaders.



Guests at the pre-awards show reception included **Cora Masters Barry**, one of the scholarship award presenters, and the event's co-hosts actress **Jasmine Guy** and NBC-4 news anchor **Jim Vance**.



**Tammy Johnson**, Security, attended the event with her niece **Kristina**, 12, and daughter **Tyiesha**, 13.



Scholarship award presenters **Caroline Little**, CEO and publisher for **Washingtonpost.Newsweek Interactive**; **Bernard Bell**, senior vice president for **TV-One**, and (far right) **Candice Bryant**, president of the **Philip L. Graham Fund**, backstage at the Warner Theatre with scholarship winner **Ninia Agustin**, (second from right) a senior at **Bishop McNamara High School** in Forestville.

# New Faces



**Jenny Abramson**



**Brian Bald**



**Wayne Connell**



**Sam Diaz**



**Akeya Dickson**



**Jackie Gallagher**



**Caitlin Gibson**



**Ernesto Londoño**



**Ann McArthur**



**Tesfaye Negussie**



**Margaret Peche**



**Charmieca Pinkney**



**Khylah Settle**



**Susan Sheats**



**Bartosz Solowiej**



**Robert Stead**



**Amy Strange**



**Kenneth Trice**



**Russ Wernick**

**JENNY ABRAMSON**, Advertising, was hired in September in the position of outside sales representative in sports entertainment. She had been an MBA summer intern for the department in 2004. Abramson has also worked for the Boston Consulting Group and Teach for America. In addition, she was a Fulbright Scholar at the London School of Economics. Abramson earned her MBA from Harvard University, and an MA in organizational behavior /sociology and BA in political science, both from Stanford University. Her interests include following D.C.'s sports teams.

**BRIAN BALD**, Advertising, was hired to the position of service representative in Sep-

tember. He came to The Post from Arnold & Porter, LLP where he was a legal assistant. He was also an intern at Sub Pop Records in Seattle. He holds a BA in foreign affairs and economics from the University of Virginia. In his spare time, Bald enjoys golf and music.

**WAYNE CONNELL**, Human Resources, was named manager of organizational development and training in September. He was previously the manager of learning and development at U.S. Airways, and has also held training positions with Northwest Airlines and Rio Bravo International restaurants. Connell holds an MA in human resource development from

George Washington University and a BA in theater arts from the University of South Florida. He enjoys biking, yoga and travel.

**SAM DIAZ**, News, is the new assistant technology editor. Diaz came to The Post from the *San Jose Mercury News* where he had been a technology reporter. Prior to that he spent seven years at the *Fresno Bee* where he was the night city editor and assistant metro editor.

**AKEYA DICKSON**, News, joined the Sunday Source as an editorial aide in August. She was previously a reporting intern at the *Chattanooga Times Free Press*. She is returning to The Post after

working as a nightside news aide in Sports, Style and Metro from 2000 to 2004. She has also interned with Reuters in New York. Dickson earned a BA in print journalism at Howard University. Her interests include traveling and writing.

**JACKIE GALLAGHER**, Advertising, joined the real estate unit as an outside sales representative in August after receiving her MBA from the New York University Stein School of Business. She also completed a summer internship at American Express. Gallagher's professional experience includes positions with Ernst & Young, geoVue and U.S. Power Solutions. In addition to her MBA, she holds a

BS from Northwestern University. In her spare time, Gallagher enjoys the outdoors.

**CAITLIN GIBSON**, Executive, joined The Post's legal group as an administrative assistant in September. She was previously an administrative assistant at Discovery Communications, Inc. and an undergraduate teaching assistant for the University of Maryland College Park Scholars Program. Gibson earned a BA in English and a citation in government and politics from the University of Maryland. Volunteering with children and animals are among her interests.

**ERNESTO LONDOÑO**, News, is a new reporter for Metro, based at the Montgomery County Bureau. Londoño was a summer intern at The Post in 2003. He most recently worked for the *Dallas Morning News* and *Al Dia*, a Spanish-language daily published by the *Dallas Morning News*. A graduate of the University of Miami, he was born and raised in Bogota, Columbia.

**ANN McARTHUR**, News, came to The Post last month in the position of copy aide. McArthur has held internships with the *Brownsville (Tex.) Herald*, the *Baltimore Sun*, the *San Antonio Express-News* and the Center for Investigative Reporting. She holds a BA in journalism and communication from Trinity University in the District. She enjoys running and reading.

**TESFAYE NEGUSSIE**, Advertising, is a recent addition to the

national advertising unit in the position of service representative. Prior to joining The Post, he was a summer camp director for the YMCA in Silver Spring and had an internship with Voice of America. Negussie holds a BA in English from St. Mary's College of Maryland and enjoys basketball and music.

**MARGARET PECHE**, Advertising, is the new administrative assistant for the jobs unit. She was previously a legal assistant for Steptoe and Johnson, LLP, and has also been a professional make-up artist and orthopedic technologist. Peche earned a BBA in business administration and marketing from the University of Incarnate Word in San Antonio, Tex. Volleyball, football and the piano are among her interests.

**CHARMIECA PINKNEY**, Human Resources, came to The Post in August in the position of administrative assistant. She had been an auction assistant for Copart Auto Auction, Inc. She has also interned for Congressman Major Owens (New York) and the Washington Metro Area Transit Authority. Pinkney is currently a student at Bowie State University where she is majoring in sociology and English literature, and is a member of the Bryans Road (Md.) Volunteer Fire Department.

**KHYLAH SETTLE**, Advertising, was hired in September for the position of multi-media sales representative. She was pre-

viously a retail advertising representative for the *Washington Examiner*. Settle has also been an elementary school teacher for Our Savior School in Forestville, Md. and for the Charles County Public Schools System. A graduate of Bowie State University, she holds a BS in communications. Settle enjoys spending time with her husband Steve and their two children.

**SUSAN SHEATS**, Advertising, is a recent addition to the Classified Department in the position of acquisition sales executive. Prior to joining The Post she was the co-founder of World Exposures, an Arlington-based travel marketing representation firm. Sheats was also the founder of Southern Exposures and a sales representative for Omni Shoreham. She holds a BA in art and architectural history from the College of Charleston in South Carolina.

**BARTOSZ SOLOWIEJ**, IT, was hired as a developer in September. He had been the lead developer and owner of Capital-B Technologies, Inc. His professional experience also includes being a photographer for *SouthEast Performer* magazine. A graduate of Emory University, he holds a BA in economics and mathematics. His interests include photography, surfing and mountain biking.

**ROBERT STEAD**, Accounting, was recently named to the position of financial planning analyst. He came to The Post from Clean Technologies Inter-

national Corp., where he was a financial consultant. He earned an MBA from the University of Miami and a BS in accountancy from the University of Illinois. Stead enjoys the study of history and golf.

**AMY STRANGE**, Advertising, is a new outside sales representative for the real estate unit. She had been in sales and design for Foster Remodeling Solutions and a marketing representative for the Close Up Foundation. Strange is a graduate of North Carolina State University where she earned a BA in communication and public relations. In her time away from work, she enjoys being with her family and young daughter.

**KENNETH TRICE**, Advertising, joined the jobs unit as an inside/outside sales representative in September. He had been a sales rep for Kyocera, Inc. based in the metro area. Trice holds a BS in business economics from Florida A&M University. Trice's interests include basketball, tennis and golf.

**RUSS WERNICK**, IT, is a new senior systems administrator for the client services prepress group, effective last month. He comes to The Post after 15 years at the *Baltimore Sun* where he held several technical positions and most recently was a publishing systems analyst. Wernick has also worked for the University of Baltimore and Computer Entry Systems Corp. ■

## The Holiday Challenge Returns!

Post employees can find information on Health columnist **Sally Squires'** 2005 Lean Plate



Club Holiday Challenge in next week's issue of ShopTalk. If you successfully met the challenge of not gaining weight during last year's challenge and would like to share your tips and advice with your Post colleagues, please send an e-mail to [ShopTalk@washpost.com](mailto:ShopTalk@washpost.com).

## News From Accounting

Effective Monday, Nov. 14, the Cashiers Office at The Northwest Building will no longer cash personal checks. This service has been a long-standing courtesy and ending this

process will allow a stronger focus on Washington Post business. There is an ATM on the 15th St. lobby level and employees are encouraged to begin using that method of obtaining cash.

## Getler Bids Farewell

After five years as The Post's ombudsman, **Mike Getler** bid farewell to friends and colleagues at a reception in his honor held at the Northwest Building on Monday, Oct. 31. Prior to becoming ombudsman, Getler was a 26-year veteran of the newsroom, and had been executive editor of the Paris-based *International Herald Tribune* (IHT), when it was co-owned by The Post. Getler was recently selected to be the first ombudsman for PBS.

The Post's new ombudsman is **Deborah Howell**, a veteran journalist who most recently worked for Newhouse Newspapers. Her first ombudsman column appeared on the Editorial page on Sunday, Oct. 23.



**Mike Getler**

The Post's ombudsman is an independent, contracted position that serves as an advocate for the newspaper's readers, answering questions, comments and complaints from readers. The Post's ombudsman position was created in 1970.

## Cookie and Book Sale is Coming

Mark your calendar! The Newsroom's annual Cookie and Book Sale is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 7, 1 to 4 p.m. in the Northwest Building's auditorium on the second floor. Pro-



ceeds from the sale benefit the N Street Village, a complex of living quarters and programs for homeless women located in the District. The cash and carry sale will include baked goods, and a large selection of items from Book World, Financial, Food, Home, KidsPost, Sports, Style, Sunday Source, Travel and Weekend.

## No ShopTalk on Nov. 24

Please note that ShopTalk will not be published on Thursday, Nov. 24 because of the Thanksgiving holiday. The deadline for Marketplace ads for next week's issue, published on Thursday, Nov. 17, is TOMORROW, Friday, Nov. 11

at noon. The first issue after Thanksgiving is Thursday, Dec. 1.

If you have any questions, please contact **Lisa Connors** at x4-6803.

# Marketplace

**CONDO FOR SALE:** 1BR, 1BA in one of Washington's best condo communities, McLean Gardens, 3941 Langley Court, NW, C579. Sun drenched condo, gleaming hardwood floors in the living and dining rooms. Beautifully renovated bathroom with ceramic tile, pedestal sink, fixtures and custom window treatment. New Plantation shutters in spacious living room and separate dining room. Slate floor and updated dishwasher in the kitchen. Designer light fixtures throughout. Large washer/dryer. \$379,900. Contact Traci (202) 363-7785 or [ballta@washpost.com](mailto:ballta@washpost.com), x4-5383.

**ISO:** Experienced sewing person to make four very simple lined drapery panels. Call Pam at x4-7889 (5 p.m. - midnight) or at (703) 941-2371 during the day.

**ISO USED HALLOWEEN COSTUMES:** Now that Halloween is over, please consider donating your child's used costume. Each year I drop off used Halloween costumes to Ross Elementary at 17th and R streets for kids who don't have a costume to wear and I need to replenish the supply. Just bring them to the Northwest Building, and I'll happily take them off your hands. Adult sizes are okay, as some of the sixth graders can use them. Call Suzanne at x4-7293.

**FREE! FREE!** Ads in marketplace are free to employees of The Washington Post. The deadline is Friday at noon for the next Thursday's issue of ShopTalk. Send your ad with your extension and home phone number via e-mail to ShopTalk, or fax to x4-4963.

**OLD CELL PHONES:** Empty out your drawers...I am collecting old cell phones, any condition. The Knights of Columbus gives them to an organization that distributes them to battered women to use 911 in case of emergencies. Please e-mail John M. White at [whitejm@washpost.com](mailto:whitejm@washpost.com) or call x4-5138.

**ISO BAKERS:** To bake or bring something yummy for the annual Cookie and Book Sale. All proceeds benefit the N Street Village (see Postscripts). All bakers are welcome, novice or experienced. Feel free to buy goodies to donate to the sale. The sale is Wednesday, Dec. 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Northwest Building's auditorium on the second floor. Contact Aimee at x4-6748 or e-mail [sandersa@washpost.com](mailto:sandersa@washpost.com) for more info.

**FOR SALE:** Wrought iron dining room set w/ 4 chairs and beveled glass top (no cracks or chips). Cushion tops are upholstered, painted dark beige; checkered cushion covers match with warm shades. Asking \$150/OBO. Originally purchased from Pier 1. Please call Tuesday Bell at x4-4726 for a picture or if you have any questions.

**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](mailto:shoptalk). Ads run two issues unless otherwise requested. One ad per employee, please.