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Distinguished Principals Honored At The Post

In 1986, at the recommendation of education luminary and former Vice President Dr. **Vincent E. Reed**, The Post established the Distinguished Educational Leadership Awards (DELA). Reed had the foresight to

understand that school principals are the key to good education and that they also need recognition.

Modeled after the Agnes Meyer Awards that honors the area's best teachers, DELA praises as many as 20 principals representing each of 19 local public school systems and one representing the local private school system for their work that goes "beyond the day-to-day demands of the position to create an exceptional educational environment."

On Nov. 28, the 2007 DELA recipients were honored

at The Post. Chairman **Don Graham** greeted, welcomed and walked around personally



The 18 DELA recipients and Chairman **Don Graham** (center, back row), following the ceremony.

congratulating each of the 18 award recipients for their "love and passion in educating the youth."

After welcoming everyone,

Anika Harden, Public Relations, pins a white rose on Dr. Cheryl Yates, principal at Patuxent Elementary School (Calvert County, Md.), one of 18 principals recognized during the recent DELA ceremony at The Post.

Graham called the school superintendents, principals, teachers, school administrators, school building services personnel and "anyone involved in education" to stand up and be recognized. He then said, "There are a lot of people in this room who deeply care about education."

Graham then honored each of the principals by sharing and generously quoting from the hundreds of letters of recommendation sent to The Post by each of the principals' supporters on why their principal should be selected.



Principal **Doris Jackson**, Wakefield High School (Arlington, Va.), was honored three-fold: apart from being one of the 18 Distinguished Educational Leadership Award (DELA) recipients and being asked to make a statement on behalf of the principals, she was "extremely happy" that her guest and Custodial Building Supervisor **Fernando Castro** attended.



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A 500 Club Homecoming

“When I ran into Mr. Graham [Chairman **Don Graham**] on the street a few months ago, I wasn’t sure it was him,” said Eastern High School 500 Club alumna Danielle Wright, who is cur-



*Eastern High School 500 Club alumna Danielle Wright, who currently works as a project manager at the White House, was asked to be the Eastern 500 luncheon guest speaker after she ran into Chairman **Don Graham** on the street a few months ago. Wright said that Graham immediately recognized her by name even though it had been over 10 years since she graduated.*

rently a project manager at the White House and was asked to be the guest speaker during the first Eastern 500 Club luncheon of the school year on Nov. 27. “I wasn’t sure if he’d recognize me since it had been over 10 years since I graduated from Eastern. Not only did he recognize me, he also remembered my name.”

After telling the academically over-achieving Eastern 500 Club members and their Post mentors about her chance encounter with Graham, she encouraged the students to “always believe



Eastern High School 500 Club members Ashley Cheeks, Tiara Moore and Terrell Marshall participate in an icebreaker led by Jeff Buchanan, senior consultant for The Post’s Organizational Development and Training, during the first Eastern luncheon of the year.

in yourselves because a lot of people are going to tell you that ‘you can’t’—even yourself.”

She then told the students to utilize the people around them who are offering to help. “These folks are here because they want to help you in any way. Take them up on it!”

After the luncheon, Graham told Wright that he was

thrilled that she came back to see how the Eastern 500 Club was doing and to pass on some words of wisdom.

In its 21st year, the Eastern 500 Club recognizes

academic excellence by awarding Eastern High School students with \$500 scholarships to be used towards college, for every semester that they receive all As and Bs on their report cards.

Additionally, the students go through various workshops designed to help them transition from high

school to college and they are also paired with Post volunteers who serve as mentors.

Anyone interested in becoming a mentor should contact Eastern 500 Club program manager **David Jones**, Public Relations, at jonesdj@washpost.com or x4-4917. ■



*Kimba Brown, Tiara Moore and Publisher **Bo Jones** enjoy lunch together.*



*Chairman **Don Graham** introduces **Athelia Knight** (left), director of The Post’s Young Journalist Development Program to Eastern High School’s new principal, **Monica Taylor**.*

Principals Leadership Institute



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*The **Vincent E. Reed** Principals Leadership Institute (PLI) had its second session at The Post on Nov. 29. The institute’s namesake, Dr. Reed, also believed that apart from recognizing and encouraging good principals for the health of education (see cover story), it is equally important to arm them with various educational tools and create a support/brainstorming networking opportunity, where principals can exchange ideas and give each other suggestions beyond the institute. Here, **Helen Nobles-Jones** (center), a PLI advisory board member, facilitates one of the topics during the second session.*

One student wrote that Principal Ezekiel Bloyce, Morningside Elementary School (Prince George's County, Md.) ruled with an "iron fist," but was also "soft" when dealing with the students. The student then wrote, "Just don't tell him, I said that." A seasoned teacher wrote that Principal Suzanne Maxey, Seneca Valley High School (Montgomery County, Md.), is the most "kids-centered" principal she'd ever met. There was also a story about Principal Kathryn Miluski, Town Creek Elementary (St. Mary's County, Md.), who drove to one of her student's home to pick up their lunch, when the child's parent was unable to drop off their lunch.

Graham then said, "Our education reporter **Jay Mathews**, who is good enough to work anywhere at The Post, recently called Principal Doris Jackson [Wakefield High School (Arlington, Va.)] the 'Payton Manning of principals.'"

Jackson, who was tapped to say a few words on behalf of the 18 honoree principals, said that their success lies completely on their staff, the involvement of the parents and the commitment of their students.

Jackson summarized and captured the spirit of the awards when she name-checked various members

of her staff and then thanked her Custodial Building Supervisor Fernando Castro for his presence.

After the ceremony, Castro said in Spanish, "I was completely shocked, but so honored when Principal Jackson invited me to this important evening. It was such an honor!"

Each principal was presented



Chairman Don Graham congratulates Jarcelynn Hart, principal at Rosa Parks Elementary School (Prince William County, Va.). Graham personally welcomed each honoree principal prior to the ceremony.

with a Tipperary crystal bell from Ireland especially designed for DELA. DELA program manager **Carrie Morse**, Public Relations, closed the ceremony and said, "This is the part of the evening, where I get to feel like a game show host and tell you what you've won. In addition to the beautiful bell you have all received this evening, you will also be participating in a media and crisis communications training seminar next summer." ■



Chairman Don Graham shared anecdotes and generously quoted the principals' students, teachers, parents and staff members who submitted statements praising their respective principals.

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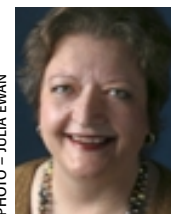


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Springfield Donates Over 170 Lbs. Of Food



COURTESY OF CHARLES PFEFFERLE

The first annual food drive, ending on Nov. 26 and hosted by the Springfield Plant Security Department, generated 177 lbs. of food for the Capital Area Food Bank. The food was delivered on Nov. 27. Springfield assistant security manager and organizer of the drive, **Charles Pfefferle** (pictured) said, "Hunger never takes a holiday or goes on vacation. We hope our contribution helped in the fight against hunger in our area. A big thank you to all the employees who contributed."

First Annual Margaret Glaser Holiday Cookie Swap

In the spirit of recent Post retiree **Margaret Glaser's** annual holiday cookie day, Advertising would like to invite all Post employees to participate in the First Annual Margaret Glaser Holiday

Cookie Swap at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 12 in the second floor conference rooms 1, 2 and 3. Glaser, who in 20 years baked approximately 30,000 cookies over a combined four years, will make a "special guest appearance."

To participate, you need to bake or bring at least two dozens of your best holiday cookies to share with all those who are participating. Please have your cookies ready to share on a plate that is clearly

labeled with your name and extension. Also, list ingredients on an index card, so that those with food allergies may safely participate in the event. If you have any questions please email either **John Crispeno** at crispenoj@washpost.com or **Christine Haynes** haynesc@washpost.com.

2007 Expense Deadlines

Please note the following 2007 deadlines from Accounting:

Delinquent expense reports:
Dec. 17

Final current expense reports (dated after Dec. 1):
Dec. 19

Accounts payable vouchers:
Dec. 19

Accrual worksheets:
Jan. 3 (by noon)

Please submit expense reports immediately after travel; they're delinquent if submitted more than one week after the expenditure was incurred. Although considered delinquent, expenses from September through November must be submitted by Dec. 17 in order to be reimbursed. Submissions after Dec. 17 will be returned unpaid. December expenses must be received by Jan. 10, 2008 or they will be returned unpaid.

For December expenses to appear in 2007 budget, they must be received by Dec. 19. Consistent with past years,

December expense reports will not be accrued. December expenses received between Dec. 19 and Jan. 11, 2008 will appear in 2008 budget. If you have any questions, contact **Nadeem Awan**, Financial Accounting supervisor, at x4-7812.

Recreational Association Goodies

Looking for that last minute inexpensive holiday gift? How 'bout movie tickets?

AMC Gold tickets \$8.00 (unrestricted)

AMC Silver tickets \$7.00 (restricted)

Regal Premiere Blue tickets \$8.00 (unrestricted)

Regal Red \$7.00 (restricted)

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Marketplace

FOR RENT: Room available in Accokeek, Md. Only five min. from commuter shuttle to Southern Avenue Metro. Convenient to Route 5 and 210. Nice size bedroom with own bathroom. Share Kitchen. Nice deck and basement storage space. Very quiet and in desirable neighborhood. Also seven min. from Waldorf and St. Charles Town Mall. Non-smokers. \$650 per month (mildly negotiable). No minimum stay required. Contact Nicole at 202-391-1220.

FOR SALE: Looking for the perfect gift for that special lady? Then buy her a brand new stylish leather Playboy watch for \$200 or an elegant silver Pamela Anderson watch with charms that comes with original box and papers for \$245. Pictures available. Contact Nicole at x4-4937.

FOR SALE: Sennheiser PCX 250, noise-canceling, folding headphones. Paid: \$130, will sell for \$30.00. Also Rio "ear buds" that came with MP3 player for \$10. Contact Pat at x6-2240 or at home 703-323-0794.

FOR SALE: Give the book "I Have Risen" as a holiday gift this season. All proceeds of the book, featuring essays by young African Americans, will benefit the Ron Brown Scholar Program, a nonprofit organization, which provides full collegiate scholarships to graduating minority high school students. The essays, written by Ron Brown Scholars, offer insight into the struggles they have faced and overcome. Contact Kimberly at x4-7727 to purchase a copy.

FOR SALE: 2007 White House Historical Association Xmas ornaments. Selling as part of a fundraiser for my son's daycare. They are \$18 each. To see this year's ornament featuring President Grover Cleveland's White House wedding: whitehousehistory.org. Free Northwest Building delivery. Contact Liz Whyte at x4-6545 or whytel@washpost.com.

ISO: Board games or table games that you're not using anymore. They will be given to an orphanage in Vladimir, Russia where I will be working for 10 days in January. The children love games like Jenga, checkers, Twister, Mancala, Uno, etc. Also need tennis balls (14) and beanbags (4). Just label them to me: Steve Allis, Springfield Pressroom and send them through inner-office mail. Thank you. Contact me at x6-1900 or at home at 703-528-7174.

FOR SALE: Almost free! Toshiba PCX-2600 cable modem \$10. I could bore you with technical specifications, but I just unplugged it last week and it works just fine. Why rent from the cable company when you can own it? Contact Bernie at x4-6661.

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