



KAUFFMAN  
SCHOLARS, INC.

# SCHOLAR Connection

May 2006

## Scholar Events

**Now That's TALENT!**

**KSI Talent Show**

June 24, 2006

**Summer Academy (KS)**

Begins June 5, 2006

**Summer Academy (MO)**

Begins June 19, 2006

## A Record Number for KSI Community Service



On Saturday, April 22, 2006, more than 180 Class 1 parents and Scholars participated in National Youth Service Day. Each Scholar's family helped Chameleon Arts and Youth Development, a not-for-profit agency located at 2025 Tracy in Kansas City, Missouri, prepare for a community educational garden. Chameleon Arts and Youth Development's vision is to teach young people skills for life, school, and work through artistic exploration, mentorship, and cultural presentation.

The community garden is the first phase of a long-term project. It will eventually provide a haven for young people to explore the many varieties of native plants, play on the playground, and enjoy environmental sculptures displayed throughout the grounds. Chameleon is participating in the City's mission to build rain gardens throughout Kansas City to help create a sustainable ecosystem.

Kauffman Scholars, Inc. supplied over \$1,200 towards the purchase of plants and gardening tools for the project. The



garden extends ten cubic yards and will include 300 native plants.

Parents and Scholars are welcomed to tour the garden any time. A special ribbon cutting by Mayor Kay Barnes of Kansas City, Missouri, was held on Saturday, May 20, 2006 at the site.

# Danny Glover Visits With Kauffman Scholars

Fifteen lucky Scholars met Danny Glover at the Mid America Minority Business Development Council 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising event in Bartle Hall on Thursday, May 11, 2006. The mission of the Council is to increase business development opportunities between minority and majority communities.



Danny Glover is an advocate for education and literacy, and he regularly teams with fellow actor and long-time friend Felix



The President of the Mid America Minority Business Development Council, Mr. Lonnie Scott, is also a member of the Kauffman Scholars, Inc. Board of Directors. His affiliation with Kauffman Scholars paved the way for a group of Scholars to have a private visit with Mr. Glover, hear him deliver a keynote speech to a large audience, and experience a lavish dinner event.

Justice to present poetry by famed African-American author Langston Hughes. Scholars selected a book for Mr. Glover to autograph. *Not Without Laughter*, by Langston Hughes, is about a sensitive, African-American Midwestern youth and his struggling family. Each Scholar received a personally autographed copy.

## Scholar's Voice

Me

By Jessica Vogel

Me  
A strong girl that's afraid  
Shy  
Hurt  
And more 'cause I am in so much  
pain  
And not feeling well.  
But I'm tough even though I am  
hurting  
I'm still standing not tore down.  
From how I feel which is a lot of  
pain  
I am still here standing tall and  
tough.  
But that's me  
A girl in pain.  
But one day all this pain will be  
gone

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continued on page 4.*

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NOW THAT'S

**TALENT!**

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

Mark your calendar! On Saturday, June 24, 2006, KSI will host its first annual "Now That's TALENT!" show. Your fellow Scholars from Kansas and Missouri, Class 1 and Class 2 will perform their talents for everyone! If you are not in the talent show, you must attend and support your fellow Scholars as they take the stage. The first place winner of the talent show will be awarded a grand prize along with a featured spot at the White Linen event, sponsored by KPRS Hot 103.3 Jamz in September.



An invitation will be sent with all the details. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Manomay Malathip at 816.932.1235 or [mmalathip@kauffman.org](mailto:mmalathip@kauffman.org).

**FUN  
FACT**

Moths are not really attracted to light. They fly towards the blackest spot which is behind the light.

## Word of the Month

**Otiose**

(OH-shee-ohs; OH-tee-ohs), adjective:

1. Ineffective; futile.
2. Being at leisure; lazy; indolent; idle.
3. Of no use.

## SAT Question

April Answer: D

Part of the following sentence is underlined; beneath the sentence are five ways of phrasing the underlined material. Select the option that produces the best sentence. If you think the original phrasing produces a better sentence than any of the alternatives, select choice A.

Archaeological evidence shows that Viking ships were lighter, slimmer, and faster than they were in England.

- a) they were in England
- b) they had in England
- c) they had been in England
- d) those used by the English
- e) that of the English

## Resources

[careersandcolleges.com](http://careersandcolleges.com)  
[safeplaceservices.org/teentopics/](http://safeplaceservices.org/teentopics/)  
[teenwavez.com/](http://teenwavez.com/)



## A Message from the President

### Attitude Determines Altitude...

### How High Do You Want to Climb?

Greetings, Scholars,

Do you want to be successful?

Or, perhaps the better question is, do you believe you can be successful?

One of the most common shared traits of people who consistently achieve their goals is that they approach the challenges of life with a positive attitude. It may sound cliché, but successful men and women throughout history have recognized the power of attitude. The great World War II leader Winston Churchill once said, "Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference."

When you get out of bed in the morning, how do you choose to approach the day? Do you think about the fact that you have another chance to learn new things, to improve your skills, and to make a difference in the lives of the people around you? Even when it's storming outside, are you someone who knows how to carry some sunshine inside?

Achieving our goals isn't always easy, and if you face a challenge with a negative outlook, it makes it that much more difficult to succeed. A positive attitude does not always come naturally to everyone; fortunately, it is a viewpoint we can all cultivate. When you have a task that seems daunting at first,

take a mental step back and reassess the situation. Approach the problem by identifying what you can do, and what you do know. Then, set about learning whatever else you need to know to accomplish your goal, with the attitude that you can do it!

People with positive attitudes also cultivate self-esteem through taking positive action. When you make a commitment to do something, make sure that you follow through. If are looking for an opportunity to take on a bigger leadership role, in the classroom or in other areas of your life, prepare yourself so you will be ready to succeed when the chance arises. Oprah Winfrey once said, "Luck is a matter of preparation meeting opportunity."

Finally, encourage those around you to approach the world from a positive place, and support their attempts to view life more constructively. Surrounding yourself with individuals who have winning outlooks will lift you up, rather than bring you down. Remember, your attitude determines your altitude!

How high will you fly?

Regards,

R. Stephen Green, Ed.D  
President and CEO

## Coaches' Corner



Cynthia Robinson  
Life Coach

## Living with Integrity

***"Success without honor is an unseasoned dish; it will satisfy your hunger, but it won't taste good."*** - Joe Paterno

How many times have you seen it? Someone knowingly keeps the extra change mistakenly given to them; people take the easy way out or omit certain details of an explanation to stay out of trouble. Imagine this situation: a friend asks you to help him or her cheat on a test. In the interest of being liked, you do it. What are you giving up in return?

To be truly successful, there is one crucial value you must possess: integrity, the art of living your life with honesty and sincerity.

Integrity is more than just holding true to your values. It's about living your life in a way that reflects those values. So, while withholding information may temporarily keep you out of trouble, your integrity is slipping. In reality, you are damaging your moral foundation.

It will take practice and heart to live with integrity, but the rewards will be immense. Though it may be difficult, be courageous enough to act on what you know is right. Integrity lies at the heart of everything successful.

# Scholar's Voice

As I grow older  
The world gets more colder.  
People try to break me down  
That's when I get stronger and bolder.  
I'm now happy that I can see  
'Cause God is the only person that can judge me and set me free.  
Deliver me from all cruelty.  
Now as I stand here today  
And I say I will be known,  
As a hard working and strong African American and proud to be.  
So now I won't have to worry about thinking,  
Nor carrying the world on my shoulder  
'Cause I know things will change as I grow older  
*By Tyrone Wesson*

## A Dark Dream *By Marcus Kidd*

Early in my life, everything tormented me  
It can be my parent of an old slanted tree.  
I never knew what awaited me.  
But it had to be following me through history.  
I carry this heavy burden in my heart  
That I think my anger is about to start.  
As I go to sleep I hear the boiling stream,  
That's when I have a dark dream,  
It was 'bout the anger and suffering,  
A voice to me to come closer.  
As I walk in the dark space,  
I could hear my shoe lace.  
I hear a noise it sounds corrupt,  
I wonder if I will ever wake up.  
Then suddenly I see a bright beam,  
I shot off the bed and said to myself what a dark dream.

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## This Month's Birthday Shout Goes To:

### Class 1

Jeromy Beaumont	5/29	Quaneisha Pryor	5/12
LaShanna Carter	5/8	Ronald Ross	5/17
Michael Gorius	5/7	Antoinette Scott	5/14
Keena Hall	5/9	Kristan Simpson	5/15
Denzal Jones	5/4	John Taylor	5/29
Juanita Lawrence	5/8	James Thomas	5/10
Tony Lyles	5/18	Tyrone Wesson	5/22

### Class 2

Nicole Cromartie	5/8	Larrisha Nunnally	5/4
Alicia DeJesus	5/9	Flor Ontiveros	5/21
Courtney Germany	5/5	Tabitha Paris	5/9
Kelley Hawkins	5/14	Ashley Ponce	5/22
Deonte Hill	5/1	Aundra Reynolds	5/1
Tylara Hollowell	5/8	Kearstin Triplett	5/15
Robert Kinney	5/3	Zumiko Urueta	5/18
Samantha Laytham	5/4	Viridiana Valdez	5/31
Kristine Luna	5/20	Vernisha Walker	5/4
Christopher Matthews	5/21	Solomon Ward	5/14
Sommari Muwwakkil	5/1	Rachael Waters	5/26

## As I Am Older

*By Kaisone*

I'm stuck  
I'm stuck here digging holes  
and filling in pits.  
Searching,  
Searching for answers  
About why,  
Why are there so many holes here?  
And at the end I figure out that there is no end  
No end to when I should  
dig a new one  
Or bury the old.  
I write about obstacles in life like digging a hole and  
filling it by passing through life.  
And like some things in life, you just can't pass.



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