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## YOUR INVESTMENT OPENS DOORS FOR DESERVING STUDENTS

*Funding a college education is made easier for twelve high school seniors*

The generous support of the Peter W. Field family and the ten BAP Business Partners Program enabled twelve remarkable students to breathe easier about paying for college. Over \$14,000 in much needed scholarships has been awarded to high-achieving students. With your help as you invest in these graduates, we hope to further their potential to become tomorrow's leaders and visionaries. BAP is grateful to have caring donors who award students for diverse skill sets including leadership, work-ethic, school spirit, and community service as well as educational endeavors.

These outstanding seniors were recognized at the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame/Fellowship of Christian Athletes Prayer Breakfast on May 31. Representing the Birmingham Board of Education at the breakfast were board members April Williams, Vice President and representative from District 8, and Odessa Ashley, representing District 7. On June 10 the scholarship recipients were recognized at the Birmingham Board of Education meeting.

"Thanks to BAP for taking an interest in youth athletics. I feel that it is imperative that good character and a Christian attitude are stressed in sports and this is the trend that I have noticed in the BAP organization. BAP teaches kids that sports aren't just recreational and competitive. But it stresses self-discipline, moral courage,



(Left to right: Mr. Edgar Welden - BAP President, Mrs. Odessa Ashley - BBOE Board Member, Lynne Russell - Daughter of Peter W. Field, Akeem Crosskey and Stormi Bodie - Peter W. Field Scholarship Recipients, Mrs. April Williams - BBOE Board Vice President, Mr. Robert Field - Son of Peter W. Field)

fortitude and persistence. Like Coach Vince Lombardi said, 'The spirit, the will to win, and the will to excel are things that endure. These qualities are so much more important than events.'" Odessa Ashley, District 7 Birmingham Board of Education.

Two students were awarded the \$2,000 Peter W. Field Scholarship. Stormi Bodie, a graduate from West-End High School and Akeem Crosskey, a graduate of Carver High School. This fall Bodie will be attending Miles College and Crosskey will continue his education at the University of Alabama.

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*- Mrs. Odessa Ashley*



## Thank You Birmingham Board of Education *BAP Acknowledges your Partnership*

BAP is proud of the continued support of the education leadership in the Birmingham City Schools: Barbara Allen, acting Superintendent; W. J. Maye, President; April Williams, Vice-President; Odessa Ashley, Carolyn Cobb; Dr. Danetta K. Thornton-Owens; Phyllis Wyne; Howard Bayless, III; Virginia Volker; Martha Wixom. Also special thanks go to George Moore, Director of Athletics, Cora Coley and Dr. Sherri Huff, Program Specialists, and John McAphee, Director of Fine Arts.



### THIS YEAR, BY JOINING WITH BAP, YOU HAVE...

- > Sent students to band, cheerleading, soccer, softball, baseball, basketball, volleyball, track & field, and golf camps for training
- > Sent Carver High School's band to competition in Orlando, FL
- > Awarded \$14,000 in scholarships to twelve outstanding Birmingham City High School seniors
- > Developed a Leaders of Tomorrow Program that involves one boy and one girl from each of the nine Birmingham City High Schools
- > Sponsored trainer internships
- > Purchased mascot uniforms for Hayes, Huffman, Jackson-Olin, West-End and Woodlawn High Schools
- > Purchased uniforms for Carver Cheerleaders, Hayes Softball, Huffman Track & Field, Jackson-Olin Softball, Parker Softball, Wenonah Baseball and Track & Field, and West-End Baseball
- > Purchased and/or repaired items for the bands at Woodlawn, Huffman, Wenonah and Ramsay
- > Purchased much needed equipment for all nine high schools' athletic teams (football, soccer, baseball, basketball, track & field, golf, softball and volleyball)
- > Sponsored coaches attendance at soccer, cheerleading, football, baseball, volleyball, golf and basketball camps across the Southeast
- > Sponsored a live Saturday morning radio show to expose Birmingham area citizens to these outstanding student-athletes
- > Sponsored volleyball, football and basketball Media Days
- > Sponsored four summer travel teams: volleyball, softball, track, and baseball

*Encourage others to join the BAP team today so that more students and athletes can benefit from the life lessons inherent in sports and related activities.*

# Sliding in Head First

## Thank You for the Opportunity

Michael Vest, *BAP Executive Director*

I am a product of the Birmingham City School System. I am a product of years spent at Birmingham Park & Recreation fields. Just typing these words brings back extremely great memories.

At Green Acres Park I learned to play tennis; at Central Park I learned to play football and baseball from great little league coaches. After graduating high school, I received numerous football

scholarships because I was taught the fundamentals on how to play the game inside the lines.

Thanks to your partnership with BAP, Birmingham City high school students are having similar experiences and memories. You make it possible for student athletes, high school coaches, cheerleaders and cheer sponsors, band members and band directors to attend camps and clinics and have sufficient resources for their respective endeavors. Think of the lives you have enhanced during the past six years.

BAP is grateful to each of you for helping give these outstanding students the opportunity to participate and achieve in the band, cheerleading and athletic programs.



Daryl Johnson, *Hayes High School Band Director* and Michael Vest, *BAP Executive Director*

**"If it weren't for the support from BAP my student athletes would have never been exposed to the things that would make them better individuals. Thanks!"**

*- Coach Stephen Ward, Former Boys Basketball Coach at Hayes High School and newly named Head Boys Basketball Coach at Huffman High School.*



"This spring BAP sponsored **The Volleyball Showcase at Birmingham Southern College**. The two day event highlighted the top juniors and seniors in the district. It provided skill training and video of the participants.

This summer Carver High participated in the Alabama Sports Festival. We played 6A powerhouse Pelham High and 5A contender Muscle Shoals High, to prepare for this upcoming season. In July, BAP is sending four of our players to the UAB position camp. This will increase their knowledge of individual responsibility on the court. BAP is playing a major role in The G. W. Carver High Volleyball program in 2008. Thank You." - E. N. Gooden, *Head Volleyball Coach at Carver High School*

Your generous support helped these 2007-2008 **CITY CHAMPIONS** improve in their respective sports

Boys' Basketball - Wenonah

Girls' Basketball - Ramsay

Softball - Huffman

Football - Wenonah

Volleyball - Ramsay

Baseball - Huffman

Track - Parker



Bubba Livingston, *Head Football Coach at Carver High School* and Cedric Blair, *Head Football Coach at Parker High School*

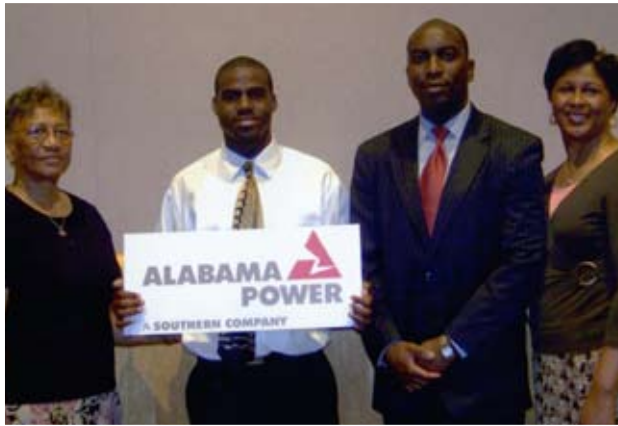
# BUSINESS PARTNERS PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



L-R: Birmingham City Schools Board of Education member, Mrs. Odessa Ashley, Jameeta Hunter –Hayes High School VIVA Health Scholarship recipient, Jameeta's mother Ms. Carolyn Hunter and Birmingham City Schools Board of Education Vice President, Mrs. April Williams



L-R: Birmingham City Schools Board of Education member, Mrs. Odessa Ashley, Kara Kelley-Huffman High School Starnes & Atchison Scholarship recipient, and Birmingham City Schools Board of Education Vice President, Mrs. April Williams



L-R: Birmingham City Schools Board of Education member, Mrs. Odessa Ashley, Nolan Edwards-Parker High School Alabama Power Scholarship recipient, Alabama Power Corporate Representative, Anthony Oni and Birmingham City Schools Board of Education Vice President, Mrs. April Williams



L-R: Birmingham City Schools Board of Education member, Mrs. Odessa Ashley, Jessica Simpson, Kristina Roberts-Huffman High School Pricewaterhouse Coopers Scholarship recipient, Kristina's mother Ms. Jessyca Roberts, Pricewaterhouse Coopers Corporate Representative, Barton Duffy and Birmingham City Schools Board of Education Vice President, Mrs. April Williams



L-R: Birmingham City Schools Board of Education member, Mrs. Odessa Ashley, Raymond Crenshaw- Parker High School Ligon Industries Scholarship recipient, Raymond's mother Ms. Anita Standifer and Birmingham City Schools Board of Education Vice President, Mrs. April Williams



L-R: Birmingham City Schools Board of Education member, Mrs. Odessa Ashley, Felecia Cummings, mother of Talisa, Talisa Cummings- West-End High School Protective Life Scholarship recipient, and Birmingham City Schools Board of Education Vice President, Mrs. April Williams

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S RECIPIANTS

"The old saying 'Idle hands are the Devil's workshop' is an often used cliché. However, it still rings true. Today's youth have so many negative things pulling at them. Thanks to honorable organizations like the Birmingham Athletic Partnership, today's youth have an opportunity to continue participating in sports and develop their ability in the band. Young minds that stay occupied with positive tasks help make law enforcement's job easier. Each and every student who stays involved in sports, band or choir is one less person who might make the wrong decision into a life of crime. Thank you, BAP, for all you have done and continue to do."

- Sgt. D. W. Cunningham. President FOP Birmingham Lodge 1, Detective Sergeant Birmingham Vice/Narcotics



L-R: Birmingham City Schools Board of Education member, Mrs. Odessa Ashley, Mr. Randolph Fowler, ACIPCO Corporate Representative, Dynasty Simmons ACIPCO Scholarship recipient and Akeem Crosskey, Peter W. Field Scholarship-Carver High School, Birmingham City Schools Board of Education Vice President, Mrs. April Williams and Mr. Kendrick Clark of ACIPCO



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L-R: Birmingham City Schools Board of Education member, Mrs. Odessa Ashley, First American Bank Corporate Representative, Mr. LeDon Jones, Amber Jackson- Wenonah High School First American Bank Scholarship recipient, and Birmingham City Schools Board of Education Vice President, Mrs. April Williams



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# YOU HIT IT OUT OF THE PARK

# THANK YOU

Whether or not you realize it, you are “record setting, out of the park, first place, game-winning, All-State, MVPs” in the eyes of Birmingham City School students and athletes. Your contributions meet a diversity of needs. When you choose to honor or remember significant people or events with a contribution to BAP, you impact another life in a unique way. On behalf of the students, coaches, faculty, and parents, we express deep gratitude.

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Vestavia Hills High School - 4 huge boxes of cleats,  
15 pair of shoulder pads  
Mt. Brook Middle School Students - 200 pairs of cleats  
Samford University - 25 bags, 5 sets of catchers  
equipment, 16 bats  
Samford University - 75 pair of baseball pants  
Birmingham Southern College - Facilities  
Jeffery Martin - Drum set  
Coca-Cola - Product  
Alabama Sports Hall of Fame - Facilities

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"Lots of public schools do a great job of educating young people. What makes improving public education so difficult is not the lack of know-how, per se. It is the lack of resources, public will and interest."

—Lynn Huntley, President, The Southern Education Foundation



"Through communication and collaboration we can create momentum for change. We have got to help our children have better lives because they are the South's future workforce, taxpayers, consumers, entrepreneurs, public officials, teachers and civic leaders. As a region, we prosper as they prosper."

—Andrea Young, with Southern Education Foundation



**JOIN US TODAY** Be a part of something important

## I WANT TO HELP BAP

Here is my contribution to BAP in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE NOTE:

BAP does not give money to the teams or schools and only purchases equipment based on needs. However, at your request your contribution can be earmarked for a certain school, band, team, or other specific request.

Please direct my contribution to: \_\_\_\_\_

### IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS ARE ALSO VERY IMPORTANT

Check your closets, garages, and attics to see if you have equipment or instruments that are in good condition and that you feel BAP could use to assist these high school student-athletes.

### MEMORIALS AND HONORIUMS

A donation to BAP in honor or memory of a friend or loved one is a unique and thoughtful gift. We express our appreciation for each contribution by sending a card to the person or family (amounts are not mentioned) and an acknowledgement to the giver.

**MEMORIAL GIFT:** Honors the memory of a friend or family member  
Person to be remembered:

\_\_\_\_\_

**HONORARY GIFT:** Pays tribute to a special person by remembering a special day, such as birthdays or holidays.

Person honored/occasion:

\_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE SEND AN HONORARY/MEMORIAL CARD TO:

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## BAP Initiates Inaugural LEADERS OF TOMORROW Class

*Eighteen Students Gain Personal and Leadership Skills Necessary for Success*



Your partnership helped eighteen outstanding students participate in the inaugural BAP **Leaders of Tomorrow** Program. Two students from each of the nine Birmingham City Public High Schools were nominated by their administration, coaches and/or

band directors to participate.

In addition, your generous support enabled BAP to introduce our leadership students to civic and athletic leaders in the community at events such as the UAB Minority Research Gala, the Foundry Banquet, the Birmingham City Council meeting, the Birmingham Barons and Alabama Steeldogs games. Our students were invited to participate in the Lakeshore Foundation F.L.A.M.E. program that encourages minority high school athletes, in both Olympic and non-Olympic sports. The students were also treated to lunch at the Regions Bank dining facility in downtown Birmingham.

Building on the success of this initial group, we look forward to the selection of the Leaders of Tomorrow for 2008-2009. Thank you for your contributions that make this program possible.

### BAP Leaders of Tomorrow for 2007-2008

**Carver High School:** Dynasty Simmons, Akeem Crosskey

**Hayes High School:** Lamerian Caselberry, Frederick Holmes

**Huffman High School:** Raven Washington, Joshua White

**Jackson-Olin High School:** Andria Jones, Isiah Finley

**Parker High School:** Melissa Johnson, John Sears

**Ramsay High School:** Alexandria Hilliard, Josh White

**Wenonah High School:** Teneisha Terrell, Tory Johnson

**West-End High School:** Brittany Reynolds, Darius Simmons

**Woodlawn High School:** Cara Chappell, Paris Whitaker

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