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Dear Friend,

We are pleased to present this edition of Changing the Future Newsletter. Partnership for the Future has had a fun-filled first two months of the year that resulted in new partner schools, new board members, new experiences for our students, and some exciting awards! Read on for these exciting stories.

Sincerely,

First we change lives. Then we change the future.

[Two New Partner Schools!](#)

Partnership for the Future is proud to announce that we have added J.R. Tucker and Varina High Schools, both of Henrico County, as our two new partner schools! On February 2, 2011, PFF's board agreed to increase the number of schools we serve. Starting this year, we will begin taking application from these two schools. We are extremely excited about our growth and servicing additional students!

[PFF Adds New Board Members!](#)

Connie Cuffee, Jimmy Lee and Kerryyn Sherrod are PFF's newly elected board members!

Returning to the board, Connie Cuffee is a high school and

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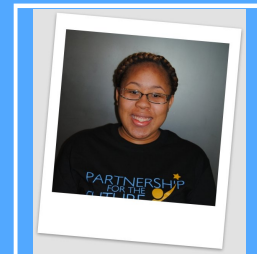
college graduate of PFF's partner schools, Armstrong High and Virginia State University. She is retired from Richmond Public Schools' Guidance and Counseling Services, where she worked for over 20 years. Her long time experience, expertise and spear heading initiatives such as, Richmond Public Schools Program of Studies Focusing on the Future: A Planning Guide for Students and Parent, is sure to bring great things to the board!

Jimmy Lee is Capital One's Managing Vice President and Head of Small Business. His work with coaching, sponsoring and networking with diverse youth makes it apparent he genuinely cares about the future of our youth. Speaking at Asian American Lead's Conference to at-risk youth, and being a part of Capital One's team, one of PFF's business sponsors, makes Mr. Lee a perfect addition to our board!

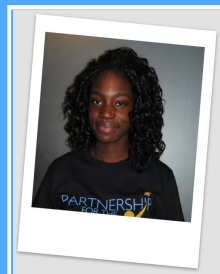
Kerryn Sherrod is Owens & Minor's, Director of Diversity and Inclusion. For over 15 years she has lead philanthropic efforts to support youth. She is a part of service focused organizations and has been a Boys and Girls' Club mentor. Through her long time support of organizations and commitment to the same goals as PFF, Ms. Sherrod is sure to add more great ideas and passion to the board!

PFF Student Spotlight

On February 5, 2011, class of 2012 Partnership for the Future student, E'Mon H. competed and won the Annual Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Oratorical Poetry Contest. E'Mon was awarded the first place trophy and the first place Oratorical Contest winning engraved necklace.



E'Mon H.



Michelle O.

Partnership for the Future, class of 2012 student, Michelle O. has been awarded the Regional Gold Key by the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and The Alliance for Young Artists and Writers. Michelle's art work will be exhibited at the Virginia Exhibit of Fine Arts, 200 N. Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23220-4007, from January 29-March 15.

PFF Experiences of a Lifetime!

On February 5th, PFF students had an opportunity to attend the Richmond Symphony and hear the melodious sounds of Brahms Piano Concerto No. 1. This activity was made possible through the generous donation of Altria. Marlisia D. (PFF Class of 2013) stated "The time I spent listening to this music has shown me that music has a mood, which can be expressed by the highs and lows. By attending this live event I think I have gained a new appreciation of classical music."

Also, PFF students have had the opportunity to attend the Richmond Forum where they were able to meet President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf (President of Liberia), Laura Bush (Former First Lady), and Anderson Cooper (CNN's Anderson Cooper 360°)! Thanks to the donation from Wachovia/Wells Fargo, PFF students were able to ask questions of the speakers and hear their enlightening stories. More recently, Jason J. (PFF Class of 2012) shared his thoughts on hearing Anderson Cooper speak. "Anderson Cooper has taught me that one can only learn important life lessons when they allow themselves to come out of their comfort zone. He has instilled in me that you must continue to try new things in order to 'find your bliss.'"



PFF students pose with Former First Lady, Laura Bush.

Yours In Partnership,

PFF Staff