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Welcome to MSDE * Academic Accolades * Proud to Serve * Special Deliveries

"PRIDE Hall of Fame"

Let's give a great big 'Shout-Out!' to this quarter's Shining Stars...
Carole Abel, Donna Gunning, Kausar Syed, and Joshua Walley

Achievement Matters Most



"The future depends on what we do in the present." ~ Mahatma Gandhi

Susan Cooper, in DORS, is beaming with pride for her husband, *Peter Cooper*. *Peter* graduated from Morgan State University with a Master's Degree in Business Administration. His achievement has special meaning to them because he has endured health and unemployment obstacles, while achieving his academic credentials.

John B. Graybill, in OAG, is full of joy for his oldest grandson, *Ryan Graybill*. *Ryan* has settled in as a college freshman at Abilene Christian University in Texas.

Donald Eaddy, Jr., nephew of **Mary Ben** in Certification & Accreditation graduated from Morgan State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. *Donald* is now pursuing a Master's Degree.

Alexander G. Mendez, great-grandson of **Miriam Silverman** in DSFSS, celebrated his graduation from basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina, in the U.S. Marines. While there, he received an Award for Marksmanship. *Alexander* plans to begin his college education at the University of Maryland in January 2011.



Denise Scott, in DCA, is very proud to announce that her son, *Kristofer Lloyd Townsel*, graduated from U.S. Navy Boot Camp. *Petty Officer Townsel* will attend "A-School" in Great Lakes, Illinois.



"Embrace the faith that every challenge surmounted by your energy; every problem solved by your wisdom; every soul stirred by your passion; and every barrier to justice brought down by your determination will ennoble your own life, inspire others, serve your country, and explode outward the boundaries of what is achievable on this earth." ~Madeline Albright

"A baby is born with a need to be loved...and never outgrows it." ~ Frank H. Clark



New Arrivals!



Robert Crawford, proud grandfather in DBS, welcomed a grandson, *Mason Robert Smick*, on August 20th. *Mason* weighed in at 8 lbs 11 oz and 22 3/4 inches long. He is a bundle of joy to proud parents *Chrystie* and *Brian*, and big sister *Madelyn*.

Louise Tanney, proud grandmother in DCA, welcomed a grandson, *Leroy Michael*, to the world on June 23rd. It won't be long before *Leroy* will be playing with his 4-year-old twin cousins, *Megan* and *Jack*.

Congratulations!!

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Happy Holidays!!

“The vocation of every man and woman is to serve other people.” ~ Leo Tolstoy

HopeLine

This year, MSDE will become a part of the domestic violence solution, while helping victims survive the odds. Wireless phones and technology can serve as a vital link to emergency or support services in a time of crisis or as a reliable, safe connection to employers, family and friends, as survivors rebuild their lives.

The **HopeLine Phone Program**, sponsored through Verizon Wireless, collects no-longer-used wireless phones, batteries, and accessories in any condition from any wireless service provider. The refurbished phones, complete with 3,000 minutes of wireless services, are provided to local domestic violence organizations or local government and law enforcement agencies throughout the State for use with their domestic violence clients.

Nearly one in four women, one in nine men, and more than 3 million children have been affected by domestic violence. Not only are old cell phones lifesaving resources for victims of domestic violence, by properly disposing them, we will help in keeping tons of electronic waste and batteries out of landfills—MSDE Thinks Green!

Please gather your old, outdated, cell phones and place them in the holiday outreach box located in the Baltimore Street Lobby. Staff outside of MSEB may send their no-longer-used cell phones, via interoffice mail, to

Gail Tucker, Division of Academic Policy. This year’s drive will be in effect from **December 1–17, 2010**. Thank you.



“Find a need and fill it.” ~ Ruth Stafford Peale

Newsmakers



Dr. David Strouse, son of **Dr. Darla Strouse** in OS, was honored as a “Top Doc” by the Washingtonian Magazine. *David* is a cardiologist specializing in electrophysiology and practices at Fairfax Inova Heart Institute.

Kim Marchman, Parent Coordinator in DSE/EIS, received a “Media Award” from the Harford County Commission on Disabilities in September.



Dan ‘Guitarmageddon’ Price, son of **Jerry Price** in DLDS/LBPH, won the title of “King of the Blues for Baltimore” for his killer sounds, during the 2010 district finals.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jp_4C0ghHW8&feature=related

Young-Chan Han, in DSFSS, was featured in Colorin Colorado! A bilingual website for families and educators of English Language Learners. *Young-Chan* presented an article on “Lessons Learned from Immigrant and Refugee Families.”

<http://www.colorincolorado.org/article/38575>

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