

NBCFAE WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS NEWSLETTER

NBCFAE HQ Region Newsletter – November 2011

HQ Region Mission Statement: To support Equal Employment Opportunity for African Americans, other minorities, women and people with disabilities. To actively work to recruit new minority employees in both technical and non-technical areas within the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), placing special emphasis on hard to fill positions – with the ultimate goal of making the FAA a more diverse agency. To reach out to the community through Aviation Academies and scholarships for our youth to prepare them for future careers, hopefully in Aviation.

Message From The President



On September 13, 2011, the National Black Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees' (NBCFAE) hosted the 35th National Training Conference at the Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel, in Baltimore MD. This annual conference affords work related, accredited training classes to FAA employees and an opportunity for staff from all walks of service to the agency to come together for a few days. Among the many highlights of the conference, the NBCFAE honored two members of the executive board for their demonstrated commitment to the goals and objectives of the NBCFAE, at the Evelyn J. Washington Awards Luncheon.

The first honoree, Deames Bynum, Washington Headquarters Regional Vice President, received the Special Recognition Award for assuming the role Vice President after the incumbent moved into the Presidency. Mr. Bynum brings a new energy to this role and has helped manage the day-to-day activities of the organization. More importantly, in the President's absence, he has stepped in to ensure continuity in our messaging and decisions.

The second honoree, Phyllis Seaward, Washington Headquarters Regional Education, Recruitment and Training (ERT) Chairperson, received the Special Achievement Award for her enormous contribution to our region's mission and goals. Ms. Seaward's commitment to our organization and programs extends beyond daily expectations. She willingly undertakes any task to lighten the load of other members, works tirelessly to develop and coordinate various programs like the Annual Scholarship and Black History Month Programs, and regularly contributes to the overall success of the organization.

Join me in congratulating Deames and Phyllis for their efforts!



In Memoriam



*Margarete Berrios, former President
NBCFAE Washington Headquarters Region*

The NBCFAE Washington Headquarters Region pays homage to a person that many had the privilege of knowing, Margarete Berrios, President, Leader, and Friend. Some members described her as phenomenal, spirited, courageous, and lovely. Margarete Berrios was truly that.

Margarete was a proven leader, always taking the initiative to promote community awareness with reverence and perseverance. She was indeed a motivator who left a stellar legacy. Her example prepared us to continually make the NBCFAE a people's organization where all are welcomed, valued, and appreciated. Whenever you left Margarete's presence you always left feeling better and happier. She will be missed.

In her memory, I leave you with these words that could only be said by a humble servant for the Lord: "Let no one ever come to you without going away better and happier" ~ *Mother Teresa*

In Unity and Grace – HQ Region

Summer Intern Advances

Ashley Winbush, one of our Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) interns, was referred by a Coalition member for a permanent position at a private company. She was chosen to fill the position and began work this past August 29th. Ashley is extremely excited about her new career and stands as a shining example of how very important networking is!

Gifts From The Heart

The NBCFAE will again reach out to the less fortunate by providing holiday baskets. If you know a family or individual who would benefit from a holiday gift basket, please e-mail the information to Thais Campbell or any member of the NBCFAE Executive Board. Thais can be reached at thais.campbell@faa.gov or call 202-493-4225.

A Partnership For Hope

The Washington Headquarters Region of the National Black Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees (NBCFAE) once again partnered with Howard University and the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) by helping to sponsor their Annual International HIV Conference event.

Founded in 1983, NAPWA is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The organization advocates for the lives and dignity of all people living with HIV/AIDS. Until reaching the ultimate goal of ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic, the organization works to make life better for sufferers.

Although considerable strides have been realized in HIV/AIDS education, medication and methods of prevention in the last 25 years, the disease continues to spread globally. The purpose of this year's conference was to focus more attention on the stigma associated with HIV/AIDS in an effort to improve the results and outcomes of preventative methods.

NBCFAE Washington Headquarters Members were among the over 500 professionals, providers, faith and community leaders, activists and affected individuals who attended the Fundraising Gala Dinner on November 2, 2011.

Air Force One Controllers Receive Award

On Wednesday, October 19th, Andrews Tower was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the United States Secret Service. The plaque was presented by Lead Presidential Movement Agent, Mr. Bill Fowler, and read as follows:

United States Secret Service Certificate of Appreciation presented to All Personnel and Management of Joint Base Andrews Tower Federal Aviation Administration Andrews ATCT in special recognition of your efforts and superior contributions to the law enforcement responsibilities of the United States Secret Service.



Pictured L-R Bill Middleswart, Admin Assistant Candy Buckler, ATM Norma Ely, Lead Secret Service Agent Bill Fowler, FLM James Ampey, CPC Michael Odusanya, CPC Michael Walker, DEV Kijafa Adams and DEV Brittany Covington

NBCFAE Washington Headquarters Scholarship Recipients (2011)



On August 4, 2011, the NBCFAE Education Recruitment and Training, (ERT) honored 2011 scholarship award recipients at a ceremony held in the FAA Washington Headquarters Bessie Coleman Conference Center.

National and Regional Headquarters Scholars along with Northeast National Scholars attended the ceremony where they were formally recognized and presented with certificates acknowledging their outstanding scholastic achievement and public service. Three Headquarters Regional Scholars were recognized in the areas of technology, community service, and overcoming obstacles.

Meet our honorees:

Asha Anderson	Alyssa Battle	Je'Sika Brown
Erinn Gales	Mignon Hemsley	Dorothy Ho
Amy Hyman	Fidelia Igwe	Kevin Iraheta
Shakea Mercer	Aaron Olgetree	Chinyere Ukaegbu
Raven O'Neil	Moreland	

NBCFAE would like to thank the parents, family and friends who attended this year's Scholarship Awards Ceremony.

Phyllis Seaward extends heartfelt thanks to all NBCFAE Members who served on the scholarship review and ranking panel: Deames Bynum; Linda Clark; Tawawn Harrison-Lowe; and Dianne Speed.

Holiday Celebration

Celebrate the joys of the season at the NBCFAE Headquarters Region Holiday Party! *An e-mail with all of the party details will go out to members very soon.*

When: Friday, Dec. 2, 2011 7:30 p.m.–12:00 midnight
Location: Decoy Lounge "Loft" in the Colony South Hotel - 7401 Surratts Road, Clinton, MD.

The live band begins at 9:00 p.m. Abundant free parking.

Meeting Opportunities Head-On!



Ms. Linda Clark was recently selected to participate in the FAA’s Program for Emerging Leaders (PEL), Cohort 6, along with 56 other candidates. For the next 18 months, Ms. Clark will develop skills to successfully meet the challenges and opportunities in the Program Management Organization (PMO), in which she began a six-month detail this past October.

Prior to her PMO detail, she completed a one-year detail in the NextGen Integration & Implementation Group, under NextGen Director Pamela Whitley. There she gained additional knowledge and awareness of the NextGen Acquisition Process and helped author the NextGen Enterprise Risk Management Plan.

Ms. Clark firmly believes one should “pave your own path to continually growing, learning and networking with all levels of people and ensuring you are always ready for your next opportunity by stepping out of your comfort zone and soar!”

As the NBCFAE Washington Headquarters’ Membership Chairperson, Ms. Clark is wholly committed to member recruitment and retention.

**On behalf of the
NBCFAE Headquarters Region,
best wishes for a plentiful Thanksgiving,
joyous holiday season and
most prosperous New Year.**

See you in 2012!



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