



The Emissary

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Announcement

- *Generations for America* (GFA) is now accepting scholarship applications! You can download the application from the GFA website at www.generationsforamerica.org by clicking on the [2022 Scholarship Application](#) link.
- The deadline to submit applications is Friday, April 8, 2022.
- No applications will be accepted after the deadline.
- Email inquiries about the application process to grow@generationsforamerica.org.

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Message from the CEO

Welcome to GFA's first quarterly newsletter, *The Emissary*. I hope that you enjoy the messages our board members have scripted. We encourage you to give us feedback on this issue and contact us for recommendations on future content.

Our 2022 scholarship season is officially underway. I am excited to announce that GFA is now accepting scholarship applications! You can download the application from the GFA website. Be sure to get your application submitted by the deadline, Friday, April 8, 2022. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions about the application process.

Lastly, I want to thank all of our donors for supporting us during our recent 2021 fundraising season. Your contributions mean the world to us and have allowed GFA the opportunity to award more scholarships this year. We are continually grateful for an amazing and giving community!

Warmest wishes,

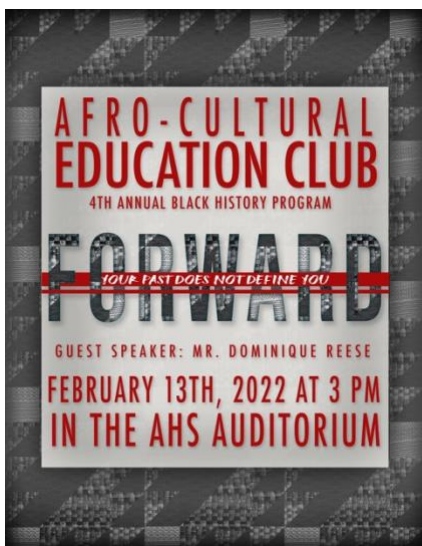
Karen M. Newsome



Black History at Auburn High

Written By **Allysa R. Gentry**

Auburn High School's Afro-Cultural Education club, also known as ACE, will present their 4th Annual Black History Program on Sunday, February 13th. The theme for the program is FORWARD: Your past does not define you! ACE's mission is to educate students about Black History and Afro Culture through creative projects. ACE is dedicated to promoting diversity, openness, representation, and opportunity for everyone. Most importantly, ACE encourages positive and healthy lifestyles by emphasizing how the choices we make will affect history and our future generations.



Financial Literacy Check-up

Written By **Willie L. Newsome & Johnny L. McCoy**

Wikipedia defines financial literacy, in part as, the possession of skills and knowledge that allows an individual to make informed and effective decisions with all of their financial resources. In my opinion, financial literacy should be utilized to promote the following, but not limited to:

- Establishing generational wealth for our family
- Investing in stocks, bonds, land, and commodities
- Enjoying everything life has to offer without fear of bankruptcy or foreclosure
- Establishing a plan to free ourselves from rolling credit card and student loan debts each month
- Establishing a credit score of 700 and above.

Everyone needs to continue to work on his/her financial literacy. There are no experts; there is always something new to learn. So...if you don't know where to start, here are some suggestions:

- Establish a financial plan with a professional financial advisor
- Enroll in financial literacy courses
- Listen to financial and money focused podcasts
- Download financial management tools from the internet
- Read books about financial management.

We are a work in progress. Let's utilize our financial literacy to make our life and the lives of our loved ones better.



Why is STEM Important?

Written By **Karen M. Newsome**

STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. STEM education gives people skills that make them more employable and ready to meet the current labor demand. It encompasses the whole range of experiences and skills. Each STEM component brings a valuable contribution to a well-rounded education. Many organizations offer STEM summer programs to high school students. Organizations are currently taking applications for those summer programs. I encourage students to search the web for a STEM program that is right for you and submit your application before the deadlines expire.

Tips from a College Student

Written By **Anasia M. Strickland**

As you are nearing the high school finish line a lot of questions arise. What is the best decision for me? What do I want to do with my life? Have no fear, here are a few tips from a rising Junior at Tennessee State University:

- Community college is okay! It is a lot cheaper and gives you time to adjust before attending a huge university.
- Take tours of the schools you want to attend; it makes a difference.
- BE OPEN MINDED!
- Look into Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).
- Listen to your mind but follow your heart. Make the best decisions for yourself but if you have a gut feeling, follow it, despite other's opinions.

Also check out these websites for scholarships!!!

- www.tmcfc.org
- www.opportunity.collegeboard.org
- www.uncf.org



create
HEALTHY
habits!

Use It or Lose It!

Written By **Verlinda G. Gentry & Rosie P. McCoy**

As Seniors, we are urged to keep moving. This normally applies to our physical body, but seniors should exercise their brains also. We should complete some form of exercise daily to keep the frontal lobe of our brain healthy. Some things seniors should do regularly includes puzzles, online brain games, reading, writing, arithmetic, learn a second language and artistic endeavors (painting, drawing, etc.). Let's exercise our brain.



The Importance of Mentoring

Written By **Dr. Shakela Johnson Ford**

It is almost impossible to achieve any level of professional or personal success without receiving guidance from someone who has had similar experiences. Whether through a formal program or casual encounters, each of us has been impacted by a mentoring relationship. The motto of Generations for America, *Give to Grow* personifies the foundational connection needed for advancement as individuals and collectively.



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Identity Theft

Written By **Aiesha L. Gentry**

“Identity theft isn’t a joke. Millions of people suffer from it each year.” Dwight Schrute’s line from the show “The Office” was said in jest, but also highlights the risk associated with identity theft, especially for recent high school and collegiate graduates. We are the currency for personal information. Protect your information like you would protect your money! The Federal Trade Commission reported nearly 400,000 cases of credit card fraud in the US in 2020 – majority of those impacted were single women. Here are some ways to keep your identity and credit safe:

- Update your passwords
- Be wary of callers: Never give your information over the phone
- Phish emails
- Dispose of personal information in a safe and secure manner.

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