

# Education That Works

Memphis Catholic High School

*Charging into the Future*

May 2007



# Class of 2007

# CONGRATULATIONS

## MCHS Students Receive Awards



Three MCHS students were awarded Honors in April. Racquel Martin, a sophomore at FedEx, was selected to participate in the Young Scholars Academy at UT Martin this June. This week long program will include various academic challenges with emphasis being placed on two college level courses, ACT Prep class and workshop, career placement and several open college forums. In addition, her attendance will also give her an opportunity to network in both academic and social settings with key

administrators that include the Chancellor, Vice Chancellors, Dean, African American faculty, and staff as well.



Brittaney Hill, a senior at Baptist Employment Services was awarded the Academic All-Star for the week of April 15, 2007. This award is given to a student athlete who excels on and off the field. In addition to her academic achievement, Brittaney was also placed on the Best Of The Preps for Private School Girls' Basketball.



Kidis Welderufael, an eighth grader and incoming freshman into the Education That Works program, received a \$1000 scholarship from the Rotary club. This award, based on a nomination from the school, is given to students who have demonstrated perseverance and good character in the face of poverty, disabilities or other life problems. Kidis, who was nominated because of his determination and achievements since arriving in the US from Ethiopia in 2005, was one of two eighth graders selected. He and his family were honored at a luncheon at Chickasaw Country Club on Friday, April 20, 2007.



## Message from the Director - - -

**We made it!** We made it through our inaugural year of Education That Works. Together, we have seen tremendous growth in the students who were "hired" to become part of this new innovative work-study program.

Our sponsors have spent the entire 2006-2007 school year working side by side with all of our students. The workplace has seen many successes and highlighted areas where students need additional coaching to be successful in their future work environment. Several of our students have made such an impression that their work study companies want them to work part-time over the summer, and some of our graduating seniors are being offered employment which coincides with their college schedules. In previous issues of this newsletter, we have seen the fantastic performance of our students in achieving the Honor Roll status and GPA improvements for over 75% of our returning students!

Due to the hard work on the part of all of our Memphis Catholic students and their mentors in the workplace, the enthusiasm from the community is building. Students and parents from across Shelby County are competing to get into the program. More and more businesses are listening to the story of how we came to bring Education That Works to Memphis and how they can become involved! Without exception, everyone proclaims that this is a "great program"!

Whether you are a current sponsor, a community/business leader, alumnus, student, parent or other, please help us to connect with those in our community who can provide job sponsorships and/or the financial backing to bring more students to "Education That Works"!

Today: 104 students ---> With your help, by 2011, 400 students per year!

Again, let me express my gratitude to all who have made this year a tremendous success.



## Community of Champions Wall Revealed

There's a new edition to the lobby of Memphis Catholic High School. The long awaited Wall of Champions has been unveiled. The wall, which now houses the logo of the corporations that work with the program, is set into colored panels that mirror the new renovations of the building.

In the works since the program began, the wall is our way of saying thank you to the sponsors who have so generously given their time and money to help our students learn to navigate the professional environment.

### Consider "Charging into the future" with a personal sponsorship of our students.

Option 1:

Student's tuition assistance grant \$500 to \$2,200

Option 2:

Student's scholarship \$2,200

Option 3:

Sponsor a non profit work study position \$5,000

Option 4:

Sponsor a four student work study team at a non profit organization \$20,000

## Community of Champions

### Community Organizations

Associated Catholic Charities  
Catholic Diocese of Memphis  
Dress For Success  
Junior Achievement  
Kemmons Wilson Family Foundation  
Youth Villages

### Financial

First Mercantile  
First Tennessee  
Morgan Keegan  
Regions Bank  
Southeastern Asset Management  
SunTrust Bank

### Hospitality

Memphis Convention Visitors Bureau

### Legal

Pietrangelo Cook Law Firm

### Logistics

AIMS Logistics  
Comtrak  
Federal Express  
Pathmark Transportation  
RE Transportation

### Medical

Baptist Memorial Hospital  
Church Health Center  
Methodist Healthcare  
St. Francis Healthcare

### Real Estate

Mid America Apartment Communities  
Realty Title

### Retail

AutoZone

### Software

Shelby Systems

## In Kind Gifts/Contribution

Carlton Wagonlit  
Federal Express  
Franklin Covey  
Memphis Convention Visitors Bureau  
Mid America Apartment Communities

### Student Sponsorship

Pat and Edna Bomar  
Floats and Fuel Cells  
Cotton Lloyd  
Valerie Pevey  
Province of Louisville National Council of Catholic Women (Affiliated with the National Council Of Catholic Women)  
Steve West

# Year in Review

On the first day of boot camp, the faculty and staff took a deep breath and waded into the unknown. We had no idea how the students or companies would react to students in the workplace. But over the course of the last year, we have seen the students' abilities in action and watched them mature in front of our eyes.

But ETW wasn't the only new item on our new school year agenda! Thanks to a generous donation, the school received much



needed renovations, and the students handled the constant change with grace and acceptance.

Even with the changes, the school is still a high school with sports and clubs and field trips. Students have enjoyed Catholic Schools on the Hill, All Schools Mass and Homecoming. Our year is coming to a close, and graduation is just a few weeks away. We wish to say thank you to the mentors who have had such a profound impact on our students, the students who jumped in with both feet and did such an amazing job, and the faculty and staff who helped support us.

# Good Luck Seniors!



## MCHS Receives Junior League Grant

Memphis Catholic High School received notification that we are the recipient of a \$10,000 grant from the Junior League. The grant was awarded to MCHS for improvements in their overall technology for the school. This grant will help us purchase new computers for the school labs as well as updated software so that we can continue to build our Education That Works program.

## Upcoming Events

Date	School Event	Work Event
May 14, 2007		Senior Last Day of Work
May 19, 2007	Graduation @ 10:00 Cathedral of Immaculate Conception	
May 25, 2007		Last Day of Work
May 28, 2007	Memorial Day No Classes	
May 29-May 31, 2007	Freshmen – Junior Final Exams	
May 31, 2007	Last Day of School	
June 1, 2007 – June 8, 2007		Last Day for Students to Complete make up days

### SAVE THE DATE!

#### CLASS OF '65 BABY BOOMERS TURN 60 JUNE 8-9, 2007

Any alumni of Christian Brothers High School, Catholic High School, Immaculate Conception, St. Agnes, and Sacred Heart are invited to attend this fun-filled weekend.

For more information contact Memphis Catholic High School at (901) 276-1221 or Bobby Weymouth at [bobbyweymouth@bellsouth.net](mailto:bobbyweymouth@bellsouth.net).

## Attention

### Class of 1977

If you are interested in attending and/or helping plan a 30<sup>th</sup> year reunion, please contact

Jeannine Dorian Vesser at  
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To add your firm's name to our list of Champions, contact Ted Schreck, Director of Work Study, at (901) 276-1221 or [tschreck@memphiscatholic.org](mailto:tschreck@memphiscatholic.org)

**CLASS REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED:** The classes of 63,73,77,88,89,92,97,00,02,03 still need representatives. If anyone from these classes is interested in filling this role, please contact the school at (901) 276-1221 or email [ldichtel@memphiscatholic.org](mailto:ldichtel@memphiscatholic.org) or [drbarton@memphiscatholic.org](mailto:drbarton@memphiscatholic.org).