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The Trump **Administration** Takes On Obama's **Education Law**



President Trump, Ed Sec DeVos Make False Claims about Education Policies

By Freddie Allen (NNPA Newswire Managing Editor)

President Donald Trump and Education Secretary Betsy DeVos continue to make misleading statements about Common Core State Standards, muddying the waters for school districts working to implement the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

President Barack Obama signed ESSA into law on December 10, 2015, reauthorizing the landmark Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). According to the U.S. Department of Education, ESSA includes provisions designed to advance equity in education by upholding critical protections for America's disadvantaged and high-need students; requires that all students in America be to high academic standards that will

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By By David Wilfong, NDG Special Contributor

Betty Culbreath has spent her entire life in Dallas, and quite a few years of it serving on different boards within the City of Dallas. She knows all the players in city government, and at least the names of the bigger players on the business end as well. She has no particular quarrels with any of them, but is keeping a close eye on the happenings around Fair Park, which she sees as the center point in a battle that is responsible for much of the money flowing into local elections.

"It's two white men fighting over Fair Park," Culbreath said, adding that the Fair Park issue had been long ignored even by the people living close to it. Her loyalty is with the residents in the area, but their impact is limited as Culbreath points out that other than a few pockets within the neighborhoods, most of the residents in the area are renters.

She sees special interest groups like the For Our Community Political Action Committee (PAC) as just a part of that ongoing battle, but a very well-financed part.

'Obviously people are going to support the people who are pushing their agenda," Culbreath said.

She has seen that pattern happening over and over again, but with today's PAC-driven political landscape, the money has got-

Heading toward the 2014 midterm elections, the Supreme Court ruled in McCutcheon v. Federal Election Commission that limits put on the amount that corporations and unions could contribute to political campaigns were unconstitutional.

"The government has a strong interest, no less critical to our democratic system, in combating corruption and its appearance," Chief Justice John Roberts wrote in support of the court's opinion.

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55 Texas long term care facilities win national recognition



(AUSTIN) — Fifty-five nursing homes from across Texas earned national honors today for proving their commitment to improving the quality of care for seniors and persons with disabilities.

"This is extraordinary, Texas has never had 55 facilities achieve this level of recognition before," said Kevin Warren, President and CEO of the Texas Health Care Association.

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RNC Says Trump Knew Firing Comey Was Risky



FBI Director, James Comey

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Latest on fired FBI Director James Comey's prepared testimony for his scheduled appearance today before the Senate Intelligence committee.

The Republican National Committee says President Donald Trump knew that firing FBI Director James Comey would be "detrimental to his presidency" but believed it was the right thing to do for the country.

That's among the talking points the RNC is providing to Trump backers ahead of Comey's testimony on Capitol Hill today.

A pair of former White House officials — Katie Walsh, who left her post as deputy chief of staff in March, and Mike Dubke, who stepped down as communications director last week — are helping the RNC effort to combat Comey's testimony.

The RNC is encouraging supporters to focus on Comey's acknowledge-

ment in his prepared text that he told Trump he was not directly under investigation as part of the FBI's Russia probe. Republicans also say the president does want the Russia investigations to move forward, an argument the White House has used against Democrats who say Trump fired Comey in an effort to halt the FBI probe

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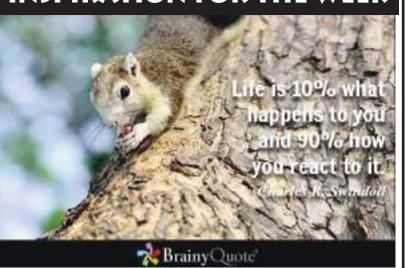
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RNC Says Trump Knew Firing Comey Was Risky

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Former FBI Director James Comey will say in his opening statement to a congressional hearing that President Donald Trump told him, "I need loyalty. I

expect loyalty" during a January dinner.

Comey is set to testify before the Senate Intelligence committee Thursday. His prepared statement was released Wednesday afternoon.

In the statement, Comey says he and Trump dined together privately in January. During the meal, he says Trump asked him if he wanted to remain on as FBI director. Comey says he replied that he wanted to Comey last month.

serve out his ten-year term and "was not on anybody's side politically."

Comey says Trump then made his statement about loyalty.

Trump abruptly fired

The Trump Administration Takes On Obama's Education Law

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prepare them to succeed in college and careers; helps to support and grow local innovations—including evidencebased and place-based interventions developed by local leaders and educators; ensures that vital information is provided to educators, families, students, and communities through annual statewide assessments that measure students' progress toward those high standards; and sustains and expands this administration's historic investments in increasing access to high-quality pre-

The law does not, however, eliminate CCSS.

The Los Angeles Times reported, that President Trump said that he wanted to get rid of Common Core, during a recent town hall with business leaders.

"Common Core to me, we have to end it," said Trump. 'We have to bring education

Last year, as the Republican presidential nominee, the reality TV star even proposed getting rid of the Education Department altogether, according to Breitbart.com. During an interview with Sean Hannity on Fox News, Trump said that the Department of Education "can be largely eliminated."

Education Week reported that DeVos told a Michigan radio host that ESSA "effectively does away 'with the notion of the Common Core." She later went on Fox News and made the same false claim.

"There isn't really any Common Core any more," said DeVos on Fox News. "Each state is able to set the standards for their state. They may elect to adopt very high standards for their students to aspire to and to work toward. And that will be up to each state."

Neither President Trump, nor Education Secretary

Betsy DeVos can make any changes to CCSS, because states, local officials and community stakeholders

developed those standards. Writing for Washington Post's "Answer Sheet" blog, Valerie Strauss called the Common Core State Standards, "among the most controversial topics in education for years," noting that, "It started as a bipartimath and English languagearts standards for students across the country to use, but it became an educational and political mess."

Strauss wrote, "Most states adopted and implemented the standards early in the Obama administration—but failed to give teachers sufficient time to learn it, and critics from every part of the political spectrum found fault with some part of the initiative."

In a blog for Education Week, posted back in February, Andrew Ujifusa wrote that, "states adopt content standards like the common core—the federal government doesn't get to choose for them. Washington also didn't write the common core. There was intense debate during President Barack Obama's administration about whether Washington improperly coerced states into adopting the common core through programs like Race to the Top grants. But regardless of that debate, the president by himself doesn't have the authority to scrap the standards with the stroke of a pen."

Ujifusa continued: "What about Congress? The Every Student Succeeds Act explicitly bars the education secretary from influencing states' decisions about standards. So right now, neither Trump nor DeVos can bar states from using the common core. Absent a change to federal education law that bans the common core outright or

in some way relaxes those prohibitions on the secretary (neither of those possibilities appears at all likely right now), their hands are tied."

Politifact also debunked the myth that ESSA eliminated Common Core standards, back in 2016, when Senator John McCain (R-Ariz.) made similar claims.

mandating what a state decides to do with its specific education policies, such as requiring Common Core," Politifact reported. "The government did not, however, require states to adopt Common Core before this

While some education writers like Strauss try to decipher what DeVos might have meant and conservative columnists simply dismiss journalists who take the president's vows and campaign promises, "literally, but not seriously," the fact remains that limiting the role of the federal government in how states designed their own education policies, received bipartisan support under ESSA.

Yet, the Republican-controlled Congress has taken votes weakening ESSA's accountability standards, further reducing the federal government's influence over the states to close the achievement gap between Black and White students and to ensure equal education standards for all students.

While making misleading statements about national educational policies, the Trump Administration also issued a new template for state education plans that "appears to place fewer requirements around how a state explains its outreach to various groups in the state for their feedback and ideas," according to Education Week.

"The Obama template says

states must engage in timely and meaningful consultation with stakeholders in developing its consolidated state plan. And it added that these 'stakeholders' must 'reflect the geographic diversity of the state," Education Week reported. "The Trump template, on the other hand, says merely that states can "[The Every Student describe their outreach to Succeeds Act] prevents the these groups if they want to, san effort to create a set of federal government from but it's not a must. To be sure, educators and advocates never had veto power over a state's plan. Still, a state will no longer be required to involve their local community in crafting their plan."

According to Education Week, Laura Bay, the president of the National Parent Teacher Association, said that she's worried that the states won't place a priority on reaching out to key groups, including parents, now that it's no longer required.

In a statement about the revised template, Senator Patty Murray (D-Wash.), ranking member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee, and Rep. Bobby Scott (D-Va.), ranking member of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce said that they were "disappointed that Secretary DeVos is casting aside input from teachers, parents and stakeholders and is refusing to implement the Every Student Succeeds Act as Congress intended."

The statement continued: "Without the strong federal guardrails ESSA puts in place—including requirements for stakeholder consultation and a common state plan—decision making becomes less transparent and puts our most vulnerable children at risk of falling through the cracks."

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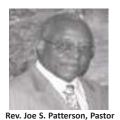
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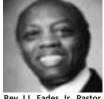
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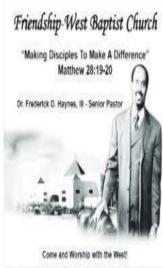
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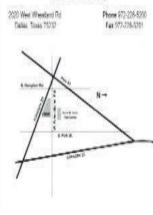
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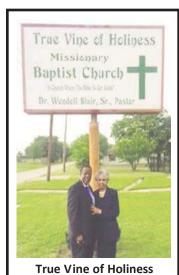
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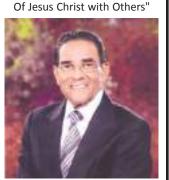
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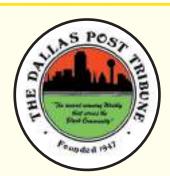
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The AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program is centered on the core values and criteria of the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, which is the foundation of the metric-based AHCA/NCAL Quality Initiative. The program assists providers of long term and post-acute care services in achieving their performance goals.

The program has three levels: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Providers begin the quality improvement process at the Bronze level, where they develop an organizational profile with fundamental performance elements such as vision and mission statements and an assessment of customers' expectations. Bronze applicants must also demonstrate their ability to implement a performance improvement system. Trained examiners review each application to determine if the center has met the demands of the criteria. Recipients may now move forward in developing approaches and achieving performance levels that meet the criteria required for the Silver - Achievement in Quality Award.

"Bronze award recipients advance our mission of improving lives by delivering solutions for quality care," said Mark Parkinson, President and CEO of AHCA/NCAL. "We applaud their efforts to enrich the lives of those in the long term and post-acute care communities we serve."

AHCA/NCAL will announce the 2017 Silver — Achievement in Quality and Gold - Excellence in Quality Award recipients in the coming months. The awards will be presented during AHCA/NCAL's 68th Annual Convention and Exposition in Las Vegas, Nevada, October 15-18, 2017. A complete list of this year's Texas recipients of the 2016 Bronze -Commitment to Quality Award can be found at www.dallasposttrib.com.



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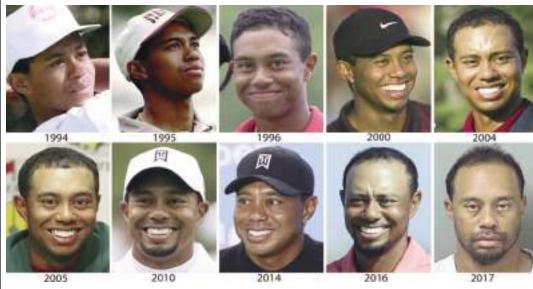


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ONCE INSPIRED BY TIGER, MINORITY GOLFERS SADDENED BY FALL



BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Tiger Woods inspired a generation of minority golfers when he burst on to the scene as a charismatic young star who won tournaments with laser-like focus and power. Suddenly, golf was cool.

Today, some of those same people who were among Woods' most loyal fans are watching his downfall with sadness after his recent DUI arrest. They're still playing and watching his sport, but they see a man who appears broken and never really embraced the part of an ethnic and racial role model.

Debert Cook, publisher of the African American Golfer's Digest, said the clubhouse talk among her and other black golfers sometimes turns to Woods and his convoluted legacy.

"People really have said they are disappointed in his performance, and there's even a lot of push back upon why should we even consider this brother part of our community when he has not really been involved," she said.

"He's one of us but he's not one of us."

Woods' late father Earl was African-American, American Indian and Chinese; his mother Kultida is a native of Thailand who has Chinese and Dutch ancestry.

Many American blacks embraced Woods as one of their own, but he described his ethnicity as "Cablinasian." Black people didn't know what to make of that, Cook said.

The police who arrested Woods in Florida listed his race as black, something people were quick to point out on social media. "Only the Black part of Tiger Woods got arrested. The Asian part still has a clean record," said one Twitter post.

Woods, who has described himself as a "brown dude," already had won more than two dozen tournaments when Vernel Bennett first picked up a club. Bennett, 66, president of the United Black Golfers Association, said golf overall has been hurt by Woods' troubles — first the sex scandal at the end of 2009 that shattered his image and led to divorce from Swedish model Elin Nordegren, and more recently injuries and his DUI arrest.

"I think fewer people in general are watching the game since Tiger got out. It's not just blacks" he said

Not that there were that many minorities playing golf even when Woods was in his heyday.

A study on minority participation in golf published by the National Golf Foundation seven years ago found that only a fraction of minorities play golf compared with whites, with blacks playing the most infrequently. Of 27.1 million total U.S. golfers in 2010, the study found, only 1.4 million were black.

The 2008 financial crash hurt many recreational activities, the study found a general decline in the sport. The largest percentage of black players in the study were men in their 30s — those who would have been in their formative years when Woods was so hot.

Woods left Stanford and turned pro in 1996. He has 79 career victories (No. 2 to Sam Snead), including 14 majors (No. 2 to Jack Nicklaus).

The magazine publisher said Woods "introduced golf to an entirely new community." "He was a god to people who never even paid attention to golf," said Cook, whose magazine often publishes article about Woods.

Woods' popularity did not lead to an increase of black players on the pro tour or in college golf.

In the 21 years since Woods started playing as a pro, no other African-American has won a PGA Tour event and only Harold Varner III plays on the major tour. The 26-year-old is ranked 138th. Joseph Bramlett, 29, played on the PGA Tour in 2011, but is now on the Web.com tour.

Only a few black golfers have made an impact in college, and even many historically black colleges have filled out rosters with white players and players from overseas.

Most Woods' news lately has been about his personal problems, and that's not bringing more young minorities to the golf course. Military retiree Doug Carey said Woods' legal problems are "due to stupidity" and won't dissuade minorities who began playing golf after catching the Tiger bug years ago.

"They got addicted to it when he was in his prime," said Carey, who plays and works at the city-owned Roebuck Golf Course in Birmingham.

Now 41, Woods hasn't won a PGA tournament since 2013, and his mugshot following his weekend arrest showed a sleepy-eyed man who appeared nowhere near the top of anyone's game.

Woods, who had back surgery five weeks ago, was released on his own recognizance and blamed the episode on prescription medications.

In a statement, Woods apologized and pledged to "do everything in my power to ensure this never happens again."

That's good, Cook said, and people once drawn to golf by Woods generally want the

best for him. But the relationship between Woods and his minority fans has changed, perhaps permanently, she said.

"For a lot of people he has fallen off their hero list," said Cook.

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WARRIORS SEEM CAPABLE OF ANYTHING EXCEPT ANOTHER COLLAPSE



CLEVELAND (AP) — The possibilities seem endless for the Golden State Warriors when they are rolling.

A 150-point game isn't even out of reach.

"I mean, we could have gotten at least 140 the other night if we only had about 10 to 15 turnovers," All-Star guard Klay Thompson said.

Dominating like no team ever has in the postseason, the Warriors look capable of anything — except another NBA Finals collapse.

They take a 2-0 lead over Cleveland into Wednesday's Game 3, just as they did last year. The Warriors actually had a higher victory margin through two games in the 2016 Finals, but they didn't have Kevin Durant or a fully healthy Stephen Curry then.

They do now and are playing much better basketball than this time last year.

"As a team, I think so," that Thompson said. "I think War we're moving the ball great, has we're shooting the ball at a Clev high clip and our defense has been unbelievable."

Somehow, the Cavaliers have to change all that.

They did last year, coming home after losing the first two by a combined 48 points and beginning the turnaround with a 120-90 rout in Game 3. The opponent and the situation are the same, yet things feel different

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"That's last year and I don't even know the feeling anymore," LeBron James said.

"So I'm just mentally strengthening my mind and getting my mind ready and focused on what tomorrow's going to bring, and so I look forward to it."

The Warriors committed 20 turnovers in Game 2 but simply shook that off with an NBA Finals-record 18 3-pointers in a 132-113 romp. It was the second time in the postseason they committed at least 20 turnovers, and yet they scored at least 120 points in both games.

They are averaging nearly 119 points and winning by a record 16.9 per game in the postseason, and they've really picked it up lately. Golden State has scored 126 per game on nearly 52 percent shooting over the last five games.

"We played against good teams, and we came to the Finals undefeated, and here we are up 2-0, so we're playing amazing basketball right now. The best we probably played throughout the year," center Zaza Pachulia said.

With a loaded lineup and enough hot hands to fill an octopus, the Warriors don't need to rely on any one player to take a lot of shots. If somebody is struggling, they can just find someone else

with their precision ball movement.

The Cavaliers don't have that luxury. They need big nights from James, Kyrie Irving and Kevin Love — and even then a roster of struggling role players has to pick it up.

"We just need our supporting group to be themselves as much as possible," Irving said. "Understand that they have a unique opportunity to make us that much better, and for a majority of this season it's been on myself, Bron and K-Love's shoulders. And we have done a great job of getting everyone involved and making sure that everyone feels comfortable, but now we need everything and everybody."

The Cavaliers said they won't change their lineup or their schemes, insisting they want to play fast even though that's exactly the way the Warriors like it. Golden State has been punishing Cleveland in transition, and the way the Warriors have blown open the first two games by scoring in bunches hasn't just taken a physical

Both Durant and Thompson said they noticed the mental effect their lightning-quick scoring bursts have on opponents.

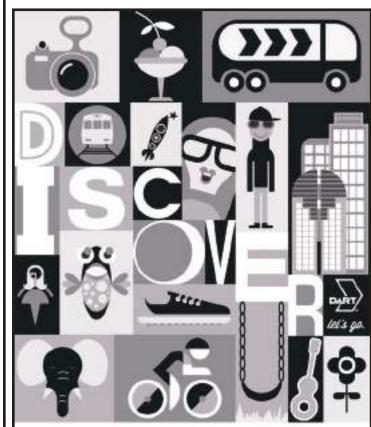
"Teams have great nights in this league, and it's the NBA, so that can happen a lot," Durant said. "But when you're the one making the run, you could definitely feel the other team looking for answers and being deflated as the game goes on."

A year after winning 73

games to set the NBA's regular-season record, the Warriors can make more history if they sweep the Cavs to complete the league's first undefeated postseason.

They embraced the chase last year but said Tuesday that they're not thinking at all about 16-0.

"Game 3 has been rough for us historically, and especially in this building," Curry said. "So to give ourselves a chance at even coming close to thinking about that. We need to really, really just lock in and give every effort we have on tomorrow and how hard this 48 minutes is going to be to really seize control of this series.



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Expose started their musical journey in the mid to late 1980s, becoming the first group in history to have four

top ten hits on their debut album, surpassing records originally set by the Beetles and the Supremes. In a time when rock dominated the charts, Expose brought

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denos music into the spotlight and music would never be the same. Exposé actively toured and recorded music from 1965 to 1995 while topping the Top 40, A&B. and Adult Contemporary charts in the US and throughout the world. Along with their #1 smash hit. Seasons Change, Exposé became the first girl group to have 7 beck-to-beck Top 10 hits on the Billboard Hot 100

After taking over 15 years off to raise families, embark on solo projects and work with other artists. Exposé won a landmark lawsuit and the trademark to the Exposé name allowing them to return to recording and performing. The fans have reconnected and embraced the group. Their first new danceloop single "Shine On" has been released and is quickly becoming a crowd pleaser and lighting up dance. floors around the world. Dence music royalty is back. ..EXPOSE IS HERE TO STAY!

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Dallas City Elections Highlight Problems With Campaign Finance Laws

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"We have, however, held that this interest must be limited to a specific kind of corruption — guid pro quo corruption — in order to ensure that the government's efforts do not have the effect of restricting the First Amendment right of citizens to choose who shall govern them."

That followed the Citizens United vs. Federal Election Commission decision in 2010, which asserted that "freedom of speech" overruled earlier limitations on campaign spending by non-profits, for-profit corporations, labor unions and other associations. After that decision, President Barack Obama could

foresee problems in the future.

"With all due deference to separation of powers, last week the Supreme Court reversed a century of law that I believe will open the floodgates for special interests — including foreign corporations — to spend without limit in our elections," Obama said when the issue was still fresh in the headlines.

Culbreath has seen a lot of North Dallas support for candidates running in South Dallas elections in the past, but under today's rules, the numbers just

seem to be getting higher and higher. "It just seems now that there's a way for rich people to give large amounts of money to candidate without any transparency," Culbreath said.

The issue is hot in Dallas these days after the PAC known as "For Our Community" has pumped more than a quarter million dollars into local city council campaigns

Two of the more heavily financed campaigns the For Our Community PAC has invested in are South Dallas districts with large African-American populations. South Dallas has been heavy on the radar of the current mayor and council, with growth and several key projects, like the future of Fair Park, on the drawing boards.

Council members Tiffinni A. Young and Erik Wilson are facing stiff competition in the city council race. Both incumbents have emerged from a highly competitive first round of voting with spots in runoff races for their seats. Both were assisted in their efforts by the For Our Community PAC. This has raised concerns throughout the South Dallas black community.

"What is sad is there are Black people who know that it's about the money and Fair Park but they are going along with the Sell Out of their people and district," Culbreath expressed in a frustrated posted on Facebook.

Dr. Mary Beck Scholarship Recipient 2017 Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. **Upsilon Nu Zeta Chapter Lancaster, Texas**



Brittany Moore is the daughter of Thelma Perkins-Smith and Kerry Moore. She is graduating 7th in her class from Lancaster High School in Lancaster ISD with a 3.69 GPA. Her accomplishments include her induction into the National Honor Society and a reigning position as Captain of her high school's Majorette Team. Additionally she is the Copy Editor of Tiger Student Media.

Brittany Moore attends Central Pointe Church of Christ, where she serves on the Communications Ministry. Additionally, she is a part of the Concord Baptist Church's scholarship program Brittany also serves as a mentee for a community based, volunteer program that serves the southern sector of Dallas .

Brittany will attend Texas A&M University where she will major in early childhood education. After completing her bachelor's degree, she plans to obtain her master's in curriculum and instruction. She aspires to have a promising career as an educator, where she will be able to encourage and motivate students to take full advantage of their education in order to excel and succeed.

At press time, Brittany stated, she was grateful and appreciative to the scholarship committee members, as well as the outstanding president, Mrs. Cheryl Crittendon Glaspie, Ms. Pamela Brown, Chairman and all Chapter Sorors for selecting her to receive a scholarship in the name as an outstanding educator, who retired from Dallas I.S.D. after 43 successful years.

Dr. Beck has been a member of Zeta Phi Beta sorority for 60 years and still on "fire" for Zeta.

Brittany stated, "I will always remember Dr. Beck in the field of education, who encouraged others to always strive for excellence. She has spent many years in the community as a volunteer helping others in need as well as students at Wiley College and other HBCS colleges.