



# Achievement Post

## Celebrating The Accomplishments of Black Americans

### Excellence in Arts and Entertainment

BEYONCE

*by Catherine Gyebi*

In celebration of the accomplishments of Black Americans in Arts and Entertainment, I will be writing about Beyonce. Beyonce has many nicknames but her real birth name is Beyonce Giselle Knowles. She was born on September 4th of 1981 in Houston, TX.

She wrote many songs such as “*Dangerously in Love*,” for which she won 5 grammy awards for in 2004. She also has been on MTV multiple times. Beyonce is famous today for such things as modeling, fashion designing , singing, dancing, and acting. Beyonce also wanted to be an entertainer. Before becoming a famous solo artist she was part of a successful girls group called Destiny’s Child.



*Tyra Johnson with Beyonce’s wax figure at Madame Tussauds Wax Museum.*

TYRA BANKS

*By Tyra Johnson.*

Tyra Lyne Banks was born on December 4, 1973. Her stunning beauty and bubbly personality have helped establish her as a popular television personality. She was the host of her own daytime talk show that focused on many issues like self esteem, beauty, and relationships. Tyra also is the creator and executive producer of America’s Next Top Model which is now in its 15th season and has been licensed and syndicated in more than 20 countries around the world.

Tyra can also add Harvard Business School Alumni to her list of accomplishments. She recently completed an executive M.B.A. program at this prestigious university. Tyra is also an author. She has published fiction books for young readers called *Modelland*. The book took her five years to write and is the first in a series of three fiction books about a young girl named Tookie.



*Tyra Johnson with Tyra Banks at Madame Tussauds*

## WILL SMITH

*By Elijah Giles*

Will Smith is an actor and a rapper who rose to fame under the name of the Fresh Prince in the late 1980's. In April 2007, Newsweek called him the most powerful actor in Hollywood. As of 2011, his films have grossed \$5.7 billion in global box office sales. His most financially successful films have been ***Bad Boys, Bad Boys II, Independence Day, Men in Black, Men in Black II, I-Robot, The Pursuit of Happiness, I am Legend, Hancock, Wild Wild West, Enemy of the State, Shark Tale, and Hitch.***

Although he has yet to win an Oscar, he has twice been nominated for Best Actor. Once for his portrayal of Muhammad Ali in the film ***Ali*** and for his work in ***The Pursuit of Happiness***. Will is married to the actress Jada Smith and has three children, Jaden Smith, Willow Smith, and Trey Smith.



*Malik Davis and Denzel Washington.*



*Kevin Akers and Michael Jackson.*



*Elijah Giles with Will Smith at Madame Tussouds*



*Iyanla Mitchell and Rihanna*



# Excellence in Sports

TIGER WOODS

*By Liulty Kiros*

Tiger Woods is a famous golf player. Tiger Woods has been ranked number one in the world and he continues to be the highest earning golf player in the world despite the fact that he hasn't won any major tournaments this season. In his career he has won 14 major championships and 9 times voted PGA player of the year. Woods has single handedly taken golf out of the hand of the elite and has given it to the people.

With the original name of Eldrick Woods, he was born in 1975. In 1983, Tiger Woods won the World Golf Championship for 9-10 year olds. He was only 8 years old at the time. He became the youngest ever U.S. Junior Amateur Champion. Tiger Woods attended and graduated from Stanford University.



*Liulty Kiros with Tiger Woods at Madame Tussouds*

MUHAMMAD ALI

*By Kenny Wright*



*Kenny Wright with Mubammad Ali at Madame Tussouds*

Muhammad Ali was born on January 17, 1942 in Louisville, Kentucky. His birth name was Cassius Marcellus Clay Jr. As a boy, Ali loved to box and he demonstrated an outstanding talent for the sport. Ali became a superstar in boxing at a young age.

The only problem was he was in a competition with another star. That star was Joe Frazier. The first time they met was in a match. That match was won by Joe Frazier. However, that was before Ali reached his prime as a fighter. After he became famous he beat Frazier two times. In 1960 Ali won the Light Heavyweight Championship in the Rome Olympics. In 1964, he became World Heavyweight Champion.

In 1966, Ali was stripped from his boxing license because he refused to fight in the Vietnam War. In 1970, Ali was able to fight again. In 1974, he got back on top by knocking out World Champion George Foreman in the famous ***Rumble in the Jungle***.

# Excellence in Politics

PRESIDENT OBAMA

*By DeMetrius Pinkney*

President Obama is the first black president of the United States of America. He is best known for being the nominee of the Democratic Party in the 2008 presidential election and the first African American to be a elected President of the United States. In 1996 Barack Obama was elected to the Illinois Senate. In 2004 Obama was elected to the US Senate. Finally, in 2008 Obama was elected President.

After working his way through college with the help of scholarships and student loans, President Obama moved to Chicago where he worked with a group of churches to help rebuild communities devastated by the closure of local steel plants. As President, Barack Obama has dedicated himself to putting Americans back to work and restoring economic security to middle-class families. He's been driven by the basic values that make our country great: America prospers when we're all in it together, when hard work pays off and responsibility is rewarded, and when everyone, from Main Street to Wall Street, feels included.



*Xavier Brown gives a speech while Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and President Lincoln look on.*



*Freedom Riders Dimilah Jones and Tyra Johnson take their seat at the front of the bus!*



*Kenny Wright with President and First Lady Obama*



MARION BERRY

MALCOLM X

*By Dimilab Jones**By Xavier Brown*

Ever hear about someone named Marion Barry? Well, if you haven't he was once mayor in Washington, D.C. Our town! Barry was born on March 6th, 1936. Now Marion Barry is a City Council member representing ward 8 (our school is located in ward 8). Four times Barry was elected mayor in Washington, D.C.

Despite his many political accomplishments, Barry is most famous for his many issues with the law. On July 4th, 2010, Marion was accused of stalking a woman. Barry has been arrested multiple times for possession of inappropriate things and not following the law.

The third of ten children, Barry has made quite a success out of his life. Marion Barry has inspired many people. Famous actor Eddie Murphy is scheduled to play Barry in a movie. Source says that Marion Barry lives on Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., but I don't think that is true. Marion graduated from Fisk University with a Masters Degree in organic chemistry in 1960. Marion Barry has done many great things for Washington, D.C.



*Dimilab Jones with Marion Barry at Madame Tussouds*



*Xavier Brown and Malcolm X at Madame Tussouds*

Malcolm Little was born on May 19th 1925. Malcolm's mother was a homemaker and she had 8 children. Malcolm's father, Earl Little was a minister and an avid supporter of black nationalist leader Marcus Garvey. Earl's civil rights activism encouraged death threats from the white supremacist making the family have to move twice.

No matter how many times they tried to escape the hate of the Klu Klux Klan (KKK), in 1929 their home in Lansing Michigan was burned to the ground. When two years past Earl was found dead on the town trolley. Malcolm's family was sure the KKK was responsible. Louise, Malcolm's mother, had a nervous breakdown because of Earl's death. She was put in a mental institution while the children got put in foster homes and orphanages.

While in prison, Malcolm discovered the Nation of Islam and became a devoted follower of Elijah Muhammad. He changed his name to Malcolm X because he believed that Little was a slave name. Malcolm X eventually became a minister and spokes person for the Nation of Islam. Malcolm X was assassinated on February 21, 1965.

# Puzzles & Games

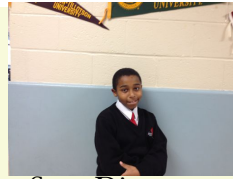
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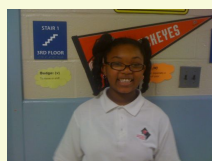
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