

Unlocking their Potential to Succeed



"Sometimes you want to quit but don't - if you want something, you must go for it."

- Love Guerrier

Art student Love Guerrier gets some pointers about her artwork from Wendell Brooks, professor emeritus of the College of New Jersey. *Photo Courtesy of Bentley Drezner*

"I am going to do whatever it takes to get where I want to go."

- Myya Evans



Art student Myya Evans listens intently as she seeks to learn as much as she can to help her pursue her passion for Art. *Photo Courtesy of Bentley Drezner*



Art student David Rivera follows closely as Wendell Brooks, professor emeritus at the College of New Jersey, presents a demonstration on framing artwork. *Photo Courtesy of Bentley Drezner*

"Mr. Brooks was a very good influence and inspired me to think new thoughts and ideas. He also taught me not to give up on my talents."

- David Rivera

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A Message from the Board of Directors

Unlocking their potential to succeed... That's what it is all about, and students in Trenton Public Schools, grades K-12, are taking advantage of enhanced educational opportunities designed to help them prepare for the real world after graduation.

TPEF – in partnership with YOU and the community at large -- has been able to touch the lives of many students and their families.

Our Collective Impact

- 1,000+ students and their families touched with positive initiatives
- \$30,000+ in resources made available (money, volunteers, in-kind goods and services)
- 10+ enhanced educational opportunities made available
- 500+ volunteer hours dedicated
- 50+ relationships established in support of students

Together, we will continue to motivate, encourage, engage and inspire the children in Trenton Public Schools to follow their dreams for a bright future.

Please continue to enjoy this annual report designed to share the foundation's commitment in helping Trenton's children feel celebrated and have every opportunity in preparing for a life filled with much success!



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Proud Moments from the 2009-2010 School Year

Guest Speakers



Students from Grant Elementary School take a moment to pose with Dr. Olsen (back row, center) along with Regine Pitts-Ramsey, guidance counselor (front row, left), and Valerie Rushmore, TPEF (front row, right)

Elementary students at Grant and Columbus schools received words of inspiration from **Dr. Greg Olsen**, research scientist and entrepreneur. He demonstrated that “if you really want to do something, don’t give up” - anyone can achieve an exciting career in whatever they choose.



Trenton High students from art teacher Maria Grieco-Hicks' class gain some valuable insight from Professor Brooks regarding careers in the field of Art. *Photos Courtesy of Bentley Drezner*

Wendell Brooks, professor emeritus at the College of New Jersey, advised aspiring artists on developing careers in the field of art and understanding the importance of having a professional portfolio.

Career Fair

The School-to-Career and College Initiatives department at Trenton Central High held its annual Career Fair to help juniors and seniors connect with potential employers, post-secondary institutions and community organizations to explore career options.

This was TPEF's third year as a sponsor, helping to recruit table participants, volunteers and donors. More than \$300 in prizes was donated for students who were dressed to impress.



Career Fair Prep Workshops

Over the course of three days, TPEF sponsored three career-building workshops to help high school juniors and seniors prepare for the annual Career Fair. More than 40 students attended and gained valuable advice on proper attire, building a resume, interviewing and networking. TPEF partnered with ITT Technical Institute and Social Elegance, LLC to conduct workshops.



Essay Contest



Second from left, First Place winner Najmah Baldwin, a 3rd grader from Parker Elementary School, is all smiles as she accepts a Net Book computer compliments of Dell. Offering congratulations are, from left to right: Valerie Rushmore, TPEF; Patrick McGinley, Dell Computers; and Dr. Rodney Lofton, Superintendent.

In this year's District Essay Contest, students were challenged to think of ways that they could bring positive change to their school or city. Students from 3rd- through 12th-grade submitted nearly 80 essays. Nine students received awards for their winning entries. TPEF sponsored the event in partnership with Ortho McNeil and Dell Computers.



Job Shadow

Comments from Trenton High students attending a Job Shadowing day at the BET (Black Entertainment Television) New York studios as part of the Junior Achievement Heroes program. The day was sponsored by TPEF in partnership with Ortho McNeil Janssen, NJ Transit and BET.



"We learned about teamwork, networking, internship opportunities and family work-life balance."

"Taking this trip has taught us many valuable lessons that we knew but did not completely understand, such as teamwork, creativity and determination."

"The people we met today were an inspiration and interesting to talk to – letting us know that they are like us in many ways, encouraging us to further pursue our education. Thank you for everything."

District Science & Math Fair



Grand prize student winners Joanna Herrera, 11th grade, Trenton Central High second from left, Jocelyn Mendoza, 10th grade, Trenton Central High, fourth from left, Wilmeris Matias, 3rd grade, Kilmer, fifth from left, are featured with family members and Fair sponsors Fred Egnolf, Bristol-Myers Squibb, and Valerie Rushmore, TPEF. Photos Courtesy of Nick Barbato

With more than 16 schools participating in this year's district Science & Math Fair, students from K-12 submitted over 200 projects that took a scientific approach and answered questions about the world around them. Sponsored by TPEF in partnership with Bristol-Myers Squibb.

Project demonstrations and medal winners.



Science Bowl Competition



Winning students from Columbus school show off their medals.

Students from Columbus Elementary School had the opportunity to compete in the New Jersey Regional Science Bowl, hosted at Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory. The annual tournament expanded students' knowledge of math and science and supported their interest in these vital fields. The team placed fourth out of 13 teams competing. Sponsored by TPEF in partnership with Rick Bus. Competing Columbus students were later treated to a victory luncheon with guest speaker Dr. Greg Olsen.

Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School Public Affairs Forum



Honor students at Trenton Central High take a break from the day-long lecture series at Princeton University. Photo Courtesy of New Jersey Education Foundation Partnership (NJEFP)

"Programs such as these allow motivated learners to experience the collegial atmosphere with a group of like-minded students... [where] they are able to join a wider community of young people and engage in 'the conversation' of collaborative learning."

-Mrs. Kathy Mulcahey, English Teacher,
National Honor Society Faculty Advisor, TCHS

2010 Annual Recognition Event

This year's event honored individuals and businesses who are "KEYS" in opening doors of opportunity for students to enhance educational opportunities. TPEF also recognized 10 hard-working students on paths toward bright futures. More than 130 students, parents, teachers and friends were in attendance at the celebration. *All photos courtesy of Don Addison*



From the desk of the *Executive Director*

Another school year has come to a close and some of the things that made it special and memorable made their way into this report. Now that you have seen all the photos and read its content, my hope is that you have come away knowing just how important your involvement is, at any level, in support of Trenton's students. Our students yearn to succeed! Given the right opportunity through your support, they can indeed unlock their potential for a bright future.

It is because of you that this foundation continues to be a direct link to wonderful, life-altering opportunities for students in Trenton's public schools.

I, along with the Board of Directors, thank our donors, supporters and volunteers.

Valerie Rushmore

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	<u>\$58,197</u>
Salary and taxes	40,891
Grants, prizes and awards	15,557
Special event costs	3,885
Insurance	2,233
Printing	2,130
Other costs	2,042
	<u>\$66,738</u>
Change in net assets	(8,541)
Net assets at 06/30/09	120,656
Net assets at 06/30/10	<u>\$112,115</u>



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