

*2018 Neal Family
Achievement
Awards*



Sharese Eaglin

Sherese Eaglin, (Charlie Neal Branch) Maurice and Sheila Eaglin's daughter, maintained Honor Roll in 9th Grade this year with a 3.9 G.P.A. She also won the GRAND PRIZE in Regional Science Fair FOUR times in the past FIVE years. Some of her projects included Alternative Battery Solutions, Water Desalination, and Tooth Decay. Along with her Outstanding Academics, Sherese competed in Judo and AAU basketball.

(Charlie Neal Branch)



Krystal Vega

Krystal Vega (Charlie Neal) Maurice and Sheila Eaglin's daughter, Krystal Vega, is a First Responder. Krystal, along with other First Responders, assisted Dialysis patients during the 2017 Houston Flood. (Charlie Neal Branch)



Maurice & Sheila Eaglin

Maurice (Charlie Neal Branch) and Sheila Eaglin - started an Independent Business providing financial solutions for Retirement, Life Insurance, and Estate Planning.

(Charlie Neal Branch)

Yolanda Neal

Yolanda Neal, (Carey Neal Branch) Daughter of Carey, Jr. & Pearl Neal, has lost 35 Pounds! She is looking and feeling "FINE!"

(Charlie Neal Branch)

Kamil Jones

Kamil Jones, (Carey Neal Branch) Yolanda Neal's son, was invited to compete in Track & Field in Brisbane, Australia in 2017. The Carey Neal, Jr. family traveled and witnessed, as Kamil competed in Six events and brought home FOUR GOLD MEDALS for the 100m, 200m, 300m, and the 4x100 relay. Kamil graduated from high school and is currently enrolled in college.

(Charlie Neal Branch)



Robin Tucker

Robin Tucker - 2017 graduate from Leadership Memphis Fall Fast Track Program; she was also the 2017-2018 National Black MBA Memphis Chapter President. (Carey Neal Branch)



Amaris Johnson

Amaris Johnson - son of Dr. Andra and Rhonda (Joyce) Johnson, passed his evaluation for Talented Music. He's a member of the Choristers' Club at the Baton Rouge Center for Visual & Performing Arts. (BRCVPA) (Carey Neal Branch)



Dr. Andra Johnson

Dr. Andra Johnson, married to Rhonda (Carey Neal Branch) was appointed as Vice-Chancellor of Research and Technology Development at THE SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY in Baton Rouge, LA in November, 2016.



Faizon McDowell

Faizon McDowell - Grandson of Mac and "late Ollie" McDowell, Graduated/Appointed as a Firefighter with the Lathrop/Mantec Fire Department. (Eleazer Neal Branch)



Penny Speight

Penny Speight - Daughter of Crosetti and Liz Speight and granddaughter of Paretha McGriger, has been accepted into NURSING SCHOOL. Penny is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (Eleazer Neal Branch)



Laila Brown

Laila Brown completed her last year at St. Andrew The Apostle, Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in New Orleans, LA. Laila was an Honor Roll student and Catcher for the Archer's Indoor Ball Team. She is a member of Creative Dance and Music Studio's Competitive Dance TEam. Laila's team has won many awards at several competitions around the State of Louisiana. Laila will be attending Ursuline Academy High School, Fall 2018. (William Neal Branch)



Hannah Brown

Hannah is a student at St. Andrew and has maintained a 4.0 G.P.A. THROUGHOUT the school year. She is a Principal's Honor Roll recipient and the recipient of the Christian Living Award. Hannah is also a member of Creative Dance and Music Studio's Competitive Dance Team. Her Team has won several distinguished awards. (William Neal Branch)

Everett Brown

Everett is a student at St. Andrew The Apostle. He recently received a Black Stripe Belt Promotion in Okinawan Issinryu Karate, where he is a member of the Tiny Tigers at the New Orleans Karate Club. (William Neal Branch)



Ellah Brown

Ellah is a student at St. Andrew. She will be a Pre-K student, Fall 2018. Ellah is a student at Creative Dance and Music Studio and performed her FIRST DANCE RECITAL, June 2018. (William Neal Branch)



Mesa B. Jefferson, Esq.

Mesa Jefferson - Former Assistant Attorney General at Louisiana Department of Justice, Mesa is Attorney at The Law Firm of Mesa B. Jefferson, LLC. She is a personal injury attorney with over eleven years of experience. Her moto is.."It's MANDATORY that we rigorously fight for JUSTICE!" (William Neal Branch)



Sydney Jefferson

Sydney Jefferson, daughter of Brian & Mesa Jefferson, was selected as a 2018-2019 Prairieville Middle School Cheerleader. Sydney also cheered on Louisiana's Cheer Force's competition Team and placed Fourth in the Nation at the National Summit held at Walt Disney World. Sydney has made honor roll and Principal's List at Prairieville Middle School in Prairieville, LA. (William Neal Branch)



Marriah Jefferson

Marriah Jefferson has made Honor Roll and the Principal's List at Prairieville Primary School. She was also selected as Student-of-the-Month. Additionally, Marriah cheered on Louisiana's Cheerforce's Competition Team. Her team was UNDEFEATED for the year, winning FIRST PLACE in ALL of their competitions. (William Neal Branch)



Lillian Isabella Nabors

Lillian is the proud great granddaughter of William H. Neal, Sr. She has been very busy the past year with her academics, achieving ALL A'S for the ENTIRE school year. Lillian received athletic awards for basketball and rounded off her achievements with honorable mentions in guitar and piano. Lillian is so very proud to be a part of such a Wonderful family. (William Neal Branch)



Brian Jefferson

Brian Jefferson won State Trooper-of-the-Year in Ascension Parish



Louis Neal

Louis Neal (Solomon Neal Branch) - TWO-TIME NIAA Collegiate All American/Track & Field, High Jump & Javelin Throw (1970-1971); Two-Year Letterman in Football (1970-1972)
Graduated (Cum Laude) in 1973 from Prairie View University
1973 NFL Draft... 5th-Round Pick with Oakland Raiders; Atlanta Falcon - 1973-1975; Tampa Bay Buccaneers - 1976

In 2006, Louis was Inducted into Prairie View's Sports' Hall-of-Fame
Louis is retired: United States Department of Defense (Air Force)



Andre Christopher Neal

May, 2016, Andre Christopher Neal (Solomon Neal Branch) graduated from Los Angeles Film School. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Entertainment Business. In 2017, Andre' was hired as a Production Assistant in the Art Department at Warner Bros. Studios in Burbank, California. Andre' also edits and directs short films and continues to work on various projects in the film industry. Andre' just finished his FIRST BOOK, titled, "Green Ranger," and is waiting for it to be published.



Taylor Marie Williams

Taylor Marie Williams (Solomon Neal Branch) graduated from middle school this year as an Honor Student. Taylor maintained a 4.0 G.P.A throughout middle school and has earned ALL A'S from Kindergarten through 8th grade. She received awards for academics, sports and music. Taylor has been accepted into Rio Lindo Academy, a College Prep Boarding School, where she will begin high school.



Florence King Miles

Florence King Miles (Phillip Neal Branch) received a Platinum Plaque for FORTY YEARS of Loyal and Dedicated Service... Best by Any Measure, from Regions Bank in September, 2016.



Emmett Neal, Sr.

Emmett Neal, Sr. (Jesse Neal Branch) has pastored the Historic Macedonia Baptist Church in San Francisco for the past 15 years. (2003 to Present) He has been employed with the city and county of San Francisco for the past 17 years as a social worker.

Makalah Perkins

Lola's Daughter, Makalah, married Dany Cese on June 18, 2017 in Palo Alto, CA. (Charlie Neal Branch)



Jake & Imarah

Lola's grandchildren, Jake and Imarah, both graduated from kindergarten this year in June. They will continue their academic endeavors in the San Francisco Bay Area. (Charlie Neal Branch)



Hasina "CC" and Jorge

Lola's Daughter, Hasina and her husband, Jorge, successfully led weekly MARRIAGE MINISTRY classes based on Biblical Principles and Practical Tips at their church in San Jose, CA. (Charlie Neal Branch)



Alphonso Floyd, Jr.

Alphonso Floyd, Jr. has accepted a full-time position at the Sacramento Airport. (Airline Fueling Tanker) (Charlie Neal Branch)



Mathew Flouyd

Matthew Floyd will be graduating from Western Oregon University with a degree in Criminal Justice. Along with a full schedule, he works at the Youth Detention Center in Salem, Oregon and plays Semi-Professional football. (Charlie Neal Branch)



Krystal Rae Johnson

Krystal, (William Neal Branch) is the New Health Operations Manager, Envolve Health, in Baton Rouge, LA



Pastors Edwin and Ellyn Favors

Nikki, (William Neal Branch) & her husband, Edwin, are owners of SALT, an Internet Radio & Television station.



Wesley Demori Neal

Demori, (William Neal Branch) is Price Leblanc Toyota Service & Accessories Advisor.



Jarrett Caston

Jarrett Edward Caston (William Neal Branch) is employed at the Forest Service in Washington, District Of Columbia.



Louis Johnson, Jr.

Louis, (William Neal Branch) is a Placing/Finishing Superintendent for Ikon Construction.



Colin Warner & Natasha Warner

Colin is a Customer Engineer at Boeing Company
Natasha (William Neal Branch) is a Registered Nurse.
(Promoted to Charge Nurse)



Ty Thomas

Ty, (Phillip Neal Branch) received an Honor Roll, Conduct Award, Amazing Artist Award, ABC List Award, and Louisiana Bandit's Book Challenge Award. Ty was also the recipient of the Kindness Challenge Award, Leader in Me, First Communion, and Christian Student of the Month Awards. He also placed 3rd in the Flag Football Gobble Bowl.



Trey Thomas

Trey, (Phillip Neal Branch) made Outstanding Achievement on the NWEA test. He also received the Accelerated Reader Excellence, Exceptional Behavior, Fitness, Most likely to be a Pro-Football Player, and ABC List Awards. Trey also was the recipient of the Kindness Challenge Award, Leader in Me, First Communion, and Christian Student of the Month Awards. In Flag Football Gobble Bowl, he placed 3rd.

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Ethan Clae Warner

Colin and Natasha Warner are the proud parents of Ethan Clae Warner. Ethan was born on December 8, 2017 in Seattle, Washington. Ethan Loves to play and have FUN with his Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, and other Family and Friends.

Kristin Day

Kristin Day - Daughter of Vickie & Willie Day, graduated from The Dunham School, May, 2017. She has completed her first year of undergraduate studies at Tennessee State University in Nashville, TN. Kristin's major is Agricultural Scienc with a concentration in Agribusiness. She currently has a 4.0 G.P.A. Kristin received the USDA 1980 Scholarship, which is a FULL ACADEMIC Scholarship that covers Tuition, Room & Board, Books, Travel, and Housing for FOUR summer internships.

Summer 2017, Kristin completed the Summer Enrichment Experience at Auburn University. Kristin currently serves as the Student Ambassador for Boy Scouts of America's STEM Scouts and Summit Scholar for Women in Agribusiness conference. She also received the JOhn Deere Research Apprenticeship award during her First Semester at TSU. In addition, she is currently working in the public health microbiology laboratory, investigating a safe and novel application for the control of pathogens of public health concern.

Kristin has had the oportunity to present her research at FOUR national Conferences.

Day, K., Sumlin, A., Sampson, K., Allison, A., Fouladhah, A. 2017. Reflection on a Recent Outbreak: Control of *Listeria monocytogenes* in Ice-cream Base Using Elevated Pressure and Natural Antimicrobials. Agriculture section, University of Tennessee at Martin, Martin, Tennessee - November 17, 2017

(William Neal Branch)



Velma Jean Neal Brown

Velma Jean Neal Brown - Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated recognized Velma as a GOLDEN SOROR on February 28, 2018 at the West Monroe Convention Center in West Monroe, LA for serving the sorority for FIFTY YEARS. She was also "Crowned" as Golden Soror in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Spring, 2018. Jean was "initiated" into the "Beta Psi" chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., Spring, 1968 on the campus of Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

(William Neal Branch)

Sharon D. Pleasant

Sharon D. Pleasant - Daughter of Womble L. Jackson and wife of Christopher Pleasant, Sharon received her Master's of Arts degree in Clinical Counseling. Sharon is trained in Gottman Levels 1 & 2 (Couples & marriage counseling) and CDCA CERTIFIED (Substance Addiction). (William Neal Branch)



Brittani Lewis

Brittani, granddaughter of Louis & Melissa Johnson, and her husband, Dr. Melvin Hollins have a Thriving Event Planning & Production business, TIMES by HOLLINS. Melvin received his Doctorate degree in Educational Leadership from Southeastern University in Hammonds, Louisiana in Spring, 2018. Beginning Fall of 2018, he will serve as PRINCIPAL at Ryan Elementary School in Baton Rouge, LA. (William Neal Branch)



Sarah O'Shea Neal

Sarah is the daughter of Reverend Douglas and Sharon Neal. She graduated from Franklin Parish High School, May 2018. Sarah has participated in the B.A.Y.O.U. Program the past two summers at Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA. Sarah will begin her Freshman year of college at Southern University, Fall 2018.



Kecia R. Neal

Kecia Neal (William Neal Branch) is an Accountant for The University of Louisiana System. The UL System is one of the largest higher education systems in the country. It encompasses nine diverse higher education institutions: Grambling State University, Louisiana Tech University, McNeese State University, Nicholls State University, Northwestern State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, University of Louisiana at Monroe, and University of New Orleans.



William Chase Day

William Chase is the son of Willie and Vickie Day. Chase graduated from The Dunham School in Baton Rouge, LA and received a Full Athletic Scholarship to the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Chase is a Middle Linebacker for the Warhawks!



Khadijah Neal

Khadijah is the daughter of Reverend Douglas and Sharon Neal. She graduated from Southern University and is teaching 2nd grade at Winnsboro Elementary School, while enrolled in courses to obtain her Masters Degree.



Roy Boston, III

Roy is the son of Roy and Sandra Boston, Jr. He is the grandson of Ella Neal Boston. Roy graduated from Summer Creek High School, Cooper LCI, in Houston, TX, Spring 2018.



Miracle Monroe

Miracle is the daughter of Patience Norman and Granddaughter of Ella Boston in Houston, Texas. Miracle is an "A" and "Honor Roll" Student at Texas Online Preparatory School. Miracle had been promoted to the 4th Grade.





Melissa Blackson

Melissa Blackson - A Senior at Southern University,
Vice-President of Food, Nutrition, & Dietetics Association
; Vice-President of "The Beta Psi" chapter of
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (William Neal Branch)



Bethany Blackson

Bethany Blackson - Staff Attorney for the
Louisiana House of Representatives
Committee on Health and Welfare - November, 2017
(William Neal Branch)



Ken & Tan Blackson

Kenneth W. Blackson, Sr. , married to Tan,
(William Neal Branch) was installed as Pastor
at Holly Grove, B. C. in Wisner, LA, June 10,
2018.



*Dustin & Destiny
Blackson*

Dustin Blackson - Received his Pharm. D (Doctorate of Pharmacy Degree)
- May, 2018 from the University of Louisiana at Monroe; he's urrently
employed by Albertson's Pharmacy in Alexandria, LA

Destiny Blackson - was voted as Teacher-of-the-Year Finalist at
Winnsboro Elementary School. She was also appointed as LEAD TEACHER
and Teacher Mentor . (William Neal Branch)



Kenny Blackson

Kenneth Blackson, Jr. - Graduated from Southern University with
Masters of Public Administration - Dcember, 2017
Kenneth also graduated from Southern University Law Center - January,
2018

He is currently employed as an Attorney Advisor-Policy Section; Civil
Rights, Labor & Employment Law Division, Office of the General Counsel,
U.S. Department of Agriculture. (William Neal Branch)

Betty Neal

Betty Neal was selected as the Northcentral Diocese 2017 WOMAN-OF-THE-YEAR by the United Christian Women's Ministries, Church of Christ (Holiness) USA (Carey Neal Branch)



Merrideth Parrish

Merideth Parrish: After seven years with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Merideth is completing her 2nd Year as the FIRST African American female Administrator (Director of Family and Neighborhood Services) for the Independence School District in Missouri. (Carey Neal Branch)



Evan Neal

Evan Neal: 2018 Graduate of Van Horn High School in Independence; Evan plans to attend College in fall of 2019 on a 4-Year football scholarship. Evan will major in Sociology and Psychology. He was also recognized among the top 100 Missouri High School Wide Receivers in 2018. (Carey Neal Branch)



Evelyn Neal

Evelyn Neal: 2018 graduate of Van Horn High School in Independence and One of twelve winners of the Missouri A+Scholars' Award, which will pay 100% of Evelyn's FIRT TWO YEARS of college. Evelyn was also accepted into the Highly Competitive and Nationally renowned Art Institute of Kansas City, receiving more than \$30,000.00 per year in merit and artistic scholarships. Evelyn plans to pursue her Associates of Applied Arts degree at Metropolitan Community College, beginning Fall, 2018. She will earn her Bachelors of Fine Arts degree from the Kansas City Art Institute in 2020. (Carey Neal Branch)



Erika Parrish

Erika Parrish: is completing her 8th grade year at Pioneer Middle as an A/B Principal's Honor Roll student. She will enter Van Horn High School's Accelerated Academics program as a Freshman in the fall, where she will pursue "Dual College Credit" in courses toward her Criminal Science degree while in high school. As an avid competitive fast-pitch softball athlete, Erika plans to attend Mississippi State University on a "full-ride" softball scholarship in 2021. Erika was baptized and professed Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior in May, 2017. (Carey Neal Branch)



Ethan Parrish

Ethan Parrish: continues to perform very well academically as a 4th grader at Procter Elementary. In 2018, he won two leadership awards and is a member of the Thrive Youth Ministry program at Revive, his home church in Independence. When he's not competing in track & field, Ethan works alongside his mom, Merideth, as a volunteer when she serves and makes presentations at local homeless shelters. Ethan was baptized in May, 2018. (Carey Neal Branch)

