Three, Two, One—PAG Has Launched Into Gear!

To take a moment to reflect, last year was the best year PAG has ever experienced with the celebration of our ten seniors (all now flourishing in college), record attendance at several events, the adoption of new programs/events, leadership opportunities, a new organizational structure and increased awareness on campus and around the state—all benefiting our boys. That said, we have now turned our attention and focus to this year and beyond in hopes to make it even more beneficial and impactful.

To begin, as a group, we’re ensuring that PAG continues to offer services and information necessary for our boys to become well-rounded students and contributors to our MBA and Nashville communities, positioning them to seize every opportunity available at MBA while also preparing them for college and beyond. Events planned this year are outlined in our Event Calendar on Page 3. Continue to check the calendar for added events and updates.

As we remain focused on these major goals yearly for existing students, our focus must also be on ensuring PAG’s continuation for future generations of MBA. To accomplish this, the PAG Executive Committee developed a lasting structure (officer responsibilities and by-laws), financial stability (implementing major fundraising projects) and PAG’s legacy (establishing traditions and an oversight committee, Parent Advisory Council).

As you review the calendar, you will see that there’s lots to do and we’ll need everyone’s help to get it all done. Already, there’s lots of energy and feedback from parents who have contributed and benefited from the knowledge and information shared throughout this organization. In order to obtain and share the information for your son, you must be involved. Come to the class meetings, general meetings and events—and be sure to have your son in attendance at the events offered to him. Talk to different families to get different views—everyone has a different experience in turn, making us a stronger group.

On behalf of the PAG Executive Committee, we welcome the new families and are glad to see the returning families for another year! Hope to see you soon!

Save the Dates

September/October Class Meetings: Scheduled by Class Reps
October—Advisory Month: Schedule meeting with advisor
October 28—November 11: Wounded Warrior Advisory Challenge
November 1—15: MBA/PAG Fall Fruit Sale
Public Speaking Workshop: Saturday, November 23
December 4: Grilled Hotdog and Bake Sale
December Holiday Social at the Bamigboye’s: Date TBD

Celebrate
National Diversity Awareness Month

“...if everyone is thinking the same, no one is thinking.”
Benjamin Franklin

Make a contribution to help find a cure! Just click on the link on MBA’s webpage and make a difference for someone.

PAG MISSION
The Parent Alliance Group’s is to provide resources for parents to assist in the development of our sons into “gentlemen, scholars and athletes” and to enrich the diversity in the MBA community.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

PAG NEWSLETTER
MBA Parent Alliance Group
Fall 2013
# 2013—2014 PAG Calendar of Events

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Check the PAG Website for updates and changes

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**Be a part of something great—GET INVOLVED!**

As noted on the calendar, there are several inaugural events scheduled this year. Consider volunteering. Contact your PAG Class Rep if you would like to help plan these events. We need your expertise!

*Thanks for everything you do! It matters!* 

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**It's all about our boys!**
**Day on the Hill**

The end of the quarter is soon, Friday, October 11th. Grades will be released Wednesday, October 16th, which is your trigger to schedule your “Day on the Hill” to meet with your son’s advisor and teachers about your son’s progress thus far and to establish a plan to ensure success for the remainder of the year. Take a copy of your son’s grades and teacher comments and ask targeted questions about how the team can work together to help your son accomplish his goals. All meetings can be scheduled on the same day. If you have additional questions, contact your PAG Class Representative.

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**Special Announcements**

*PAG/MBA Inaugural Holiday Fruit Sale*

PAG and MBA will join forces this Fall to launch the inaugural fruit sale. The sale will be community wide. Money raised will be used to fund PAG sponsored events for all MBA boys such as Public Speaking Seminars, Etiquette Sessions and Golf Clinics, etc. and to support the MBA Service Club projects.

**The sale will be held November 1-15.**

Prizes will be awarded to the MBA student/families who sell the most fruit. More details to come from the Fundraising Committee.

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**Public Speaking Workshop**

Mark your and your son’s calendars for the PAG Sponsored Public Speaking Workshop on Saturday, November 23 at MBA. Time and location will be announced in November.

This incredible workshop will equip your son’s with the skills to become a fluent and effective public speaker.

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**Your Support is Important!**

Mail PAG Dues to:

Mrs. Tara Holt
5224 Ryan Allen Circle
Whites Creek, TN 37189

Make checks payable to: MBA Parent Alliance Group or PAG

Thanks to the families who have already given for 2013-2014

Barrett & Erica Battle, Elaine & Tim Buchanan, Chico & Katrina Chandler, Sidney & Saundra Curry, Chris & Connie Dotye, Reuben & Shanta Dockery, Sam & Tomicka German, Tony & Rose Hall, Tara & Elijah Holt, Vet & Carrie Jarrett, Tyrone & Andrea Jefferson, Sheena Jones-Cooper, Robin Kimbrough, Jennifer Knight, Leslie & Mile Lacey, Derek Roby & Meandria Davis

If you have paid your PAG dues this year and your name is not listed, please contact Tara Holt, Treasurer at Tarahh2@yahoo.com

**MBA Annual Fund**

Please make your pledges or donations to the MBA Annual Fund. In part, the money is used to fund scholarships/financial aid and reduce tuition costs. 100% participation from parents and faculty will ensure that MBA receives matching funds for our sons. Any amount is appreciated! It is most important to reach 100% participation. **Deadline is June 30, 2014!**

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**Messages From PAG Members and MBA Staff**

- If you have a message to include in this newsletter, please send your complete message to Ebattle25@yahoo.com. Make sure the communication is ready to just cut and paste. Time for writing and editing is extremely limited.

- We would love to highlight your son! Please send announcements of your son’s accomplishments to share with everyone. Our boys work very hard and deserve due recognition. Because our sons will most likely not submit information on themselves, we are counting on our proud parents! To do it for them.

- Feel free to send your announcement to your PAG Class Representative.
PAG Class News!

This section of the newsletter is a new addition designed to highlight PAG activities, share information and make announcements to each class. Most classes have had their first meeting and many are in the process of scheduling the next one! Each class has its own chemistry, personality and energy! Great things are happening, please get involved to do everything you can to make the most of your son’s experience at MBA.

PAG ‘14

The Seniors started the year with our class meeting. We decided to make it a casual and celebratory event by tailgating at the MBA/BA game on September 20th. The tailgate was rainless but the game was not! Nevertheless, we beat Brentwood Academy! We had lots of food and fun as we reflected on our journey through MBA. Can’t believe it is almost over. Our next event will be scheduled soon.

Tips for Senior Parents:

- Be sure your son meets with college counseling as soon as possible and as often as necessary. They are a great resource with lots of experience to help your son navigate through the college application process. It is not too late!

- Create a resume for your son to share with college recruiters. This will help them see the whole person and understand his passions. A sample resume is located under the College Counseling tab in the MBA Website.

- Have fun!!!! It is almost over.

Congratulations to our seniors: Sammy Bamigboye (John Hopkins University), DJ Clark, Miles Curry, Tony Drew, Travante’ Easley, Bryson Jarrett and Jashon Robertson (Vanderbilt University)

Let us know if we can help or if you have any ideas — stay tuned for more PAG ’14 Events!

Vet Jarrett and Saundra Curry (Class Reps)

PAG ‘15

The Junior Class is in the process of scheduling our class meeting. Look for information from Class Reps. Be sure to attend Junior Parents as we prepare for having a great year as a class!

Tips for Junior Parents:

- Schedule college visits over the breaks!
- Meet with college counseling NOW!
- Identify any holes in your son’s resume and develop a plan to get it done.

Hope to see you at our class meeting! Andrea Jefferson, Tyrone Jefferson and Trish Tusie (Class Reps)

PAG ‘16

The Sophomore Class is planning a class meeting for Saturday, November 2nd at the Hillwood Family Fun Center!

Things to remember:

- Homecoming Dance Event—The 2016 class had an awesome time of fellowship with one another, their dates, and families. We thank each family that participated and look forward to 100% participation next year!
- College Counseling—Please continue to be encouraged to connect with the resources on campus that will benefit your son in this process.
- College Trips—Make plans for college visits. Know that you can request a list from the MBA alumni at the college you visit. (continued on next page)
- Dominican Republic Mission Service Trip—If you have decided to participate in this opportunity and have not met with Will Norton, be encouraged to do so as soon as possible.

For more information about these items and more, please refer to the email sent on October 8th.

Serving Our Class—Sheena Jones-Coofer and Rev. Reuben Dockery, Sr. (Class Reps)
Greetings from the class of 2017!

On Saturday, October 5th, the parents of the 9th Grade “gentleman, scholars, and athletes” met for breakfast. We discussed what we envision for our sons and how to help them accomplish their goals. The breakfast included great food and insightful conversation.

Upcoming Fall Events:
Community Service Project TBA
9th Grade Outing for the Boys

See you soon!
Jennifer Knight and Katrina Chandler (Class Reps)

Hello PAG ‘18 Students and Parents!

We would like to start by congratulating our 8th grade boys on their fantastic season of 5-1 this year. Now our boys have moved onto wrestling and we are looking forward to another exciting season. We hope to see you all there.

Also we are still continuing to plan for upcoming events such as our class meeting which will be held on Sunday, November 3rd at 2:00 p.m. It is shaping up to be a ONE OF A KIND event! Stay tuned and check your text messages and email for more details.

We have a wonderful group of 8th grade parents and we look forward to working with you all this year.

Best Wishes,
Elaine and Tony (Class Reps)
Victoria (Class Rep Assistant)

The 7th Grade PAG Representatives have had an exciting kick off. We are marching forward with our theme and the best is yet to come.

We had a wonderful breakfast at the garden brunch cafe on September 21st. This fellowship brought us closer together. We inspired each other and encouraged one another. Parents told us to trust the process.

We are planning an activity for the boys during the Christmas break. 7th grade is moving forward.

The best is yet to come!

Take care,
Robin Kimbrough and Tomicka German (Class Reps)
Hello Again MBA PAG Students!

I realize we had limited time together, but if I could impart a few more words of advice to the young men, I would share the following:

- **BE strategic, focused and intentional about the CHOSEN direction for your lives.** All of the nation’s top colleges and universities are talking about opportunities and initiatives that will help them include YOU in their communities. The question is have you now actively decided to work hard, accept challenges (academically and otherwise) and position yourself to BE a strong competitor.

- **REALIZE that imagination is limitless and possibilities are endless if you will just open your minds to them.** Be protective of your imaginations; guard them from negative attitudes and influences. Your imagination is yours!

- **Each of you can be a compelling applicant at highly selective colleges if you use all the requisite parts of the application to "show" or "reveal" why your story/perspective is important for inclusion in the community.** Ask yourself, "what do I want the academic committee to have learned about me after they have read through my application (remember that wholistic view about which we talked)?" "Have I strategically used all parts of the application to clearly show what I hope they learn?"

Finally, **BE a competitor ... BE a winner.** I repeat, "Gone are the days when you can hope, wish and/or aspire to become ..." You should instead operate in states of BEING and know that because of your potential, you already ARE everything for which you are hopeful.

**Best Wishes—**

Derrick

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SAT/ACT

The remaining 2013 SAT tests are Saturday, November 2, and December 7. The ACT will be administered on Saturday, October 26 and December 14. The key to taking these tests is to make sure there is ample time to sit at least three times to get the best score. Visit www.collegeboard.org and www.actstudent.org for more information.

SAT SUBJECT TESTS

Most colleges and universities require at least two SAT Subject Tests along with the SAT (in some cases three). If your son is taking the ACT, he might still be required to take the SAT Subject Tests for admission. There are various tests such as Literature, US History, World History, Physics, Languages, and many more. If your son will be taking these courses at MBA, it is best to schedule the Subject Test in the Spring semester while the information is still fresh! For a list of the test dates visit

PSAT

Don’t take this test lightly! Scoring well can open many doors for your son in the future. Make sure he is well rested and understands that it is more than just a practice test for the SAT and ACT. A high score will put your son on the radar of the best schools in the world! In addition, it brings national recognition which holds well for scholarships.

ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS

One of the keys to success at MBA is ORGANIZATION! Help your son to be an organizational expert by scheduling an appointment with Annie B. Williams. She will assist your son with developing and implementing a system that will work for him.

Annie.b.Williams@montgomerybell.edu

PEER TUTORING

Take advantage of free tutoring from fellow MBA students. MBA has an awesome Peer Tutoring Program available to all students. Students are skilled to help others in all subjects.

Contact Fran Stewart — fran.stewart@montgomerybell.edu or Dr. Seay — rick.seay@montgomerybell.edu for more information. This is a great opportunity for little extra help. Don’t wait until it is too late. Start now! You and your son will be glad he did.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

MBA is big on service! There are many opportunities for your son to become involved in the many service projects by volunteering and leading. Start the process of identifying projects, organizations and activities—visit MBA’s website or connect with . . .

Dr. Cal Fuller: Cal.Fuller@montgomerybell.edu or Annie Williams: Annie.b.Williams@montgomerybell.edu
What’s Up with our PAG Boys?

Sammy Bamigboye ’14—Accepted at John Hopkins University
AC Carr ’15—Named President of the Robotics Team for the Junior School at MBA
D’On Coofer ’16—Opened his investment account and has purchased his first stock as he starts the process of building wealth!
Miles Curry ’14—First African-American to make the Varsity Golf Team at MBA
Adric Kimbrough ’19—First African-American to make the Junior Varsity Golf Team at MBA and chosen to raise the flag at the first home football game.
Jashon Robertson ’14—Accepted at Vanderbilt University

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU AND CELEBRATE YOUR MANY ACHIEVEMENTS!!!

If you would like to include a shout-out or accomplishment for your son in the next newsletter, send the info to your Class Rep.
Information will only be included if received by a parent, guardian or school administrator.
Greetings Parent Alliance Group!

You have been busy! I want to thank our 7th Grade Class Representatives Tomicka German and Robin Kimbrough and the PAG Class of 2019 for jumping right in and having such an impactful presence throughout the MBA community! You’re right, the best is yet to come and I am so excited for your sons! For the 8th Grade Class Representatives, Ms. Elaine Buchanan, Tony Hall and Victoria Seegers and the PAG Class of 2018, you’re the “seniors” of the junior school! What tremendous energy and excitement that each of you have brought to the fold. We’re so proud of our junior school participation and leadership - our future, as an organization, is in great hands! I could not be more confident of this because I’ve witnessed their leadership, care and pride in MBA and PAG. 9th Grade Class Representatives Katrina Chandler and Jennifer Knight and the PAG Class of 2017 know where they are, yep—their first year in the high school! As a class they fellowshipped and discussed their sons current state of affairs, while also putting together a plan to meet as frequent as possible to ensure a great start for their boys! This is where is all counts and they know it. The camaraderie among your families was palpable at your group meeting—keep up the good work for your sons—they will surely benefit from all that you planned! 10th Grade Class Representatives Sheena Jones-Coofer and Rev. Rueben Dockery, Sr. and the PAG Class of 2016 are making significant strides. They met as a group during homecoming and because they are in their 2nd year in high school, they too have been very informative in their emails and communication among family members. Your outreach and hard work have made such a statement for your class and sons….and what a turn out it will be for the Dominican Republic Service trip-keep up the great work. I love the survey that you sent out to include everyone on your decisions as a class…..awesome! Lest we not forget the 11th Grade Class Representatives, Tyrone Jefferson, Andrea Jefferson and Trish Tusie and the PAG Class of 2015 who are in the process of planning their outing. They are busy meeting with MBA college counselors, planning college visits, and positioning themselves to seize every opportunity in and outside of the classroom. Expect them to take full advantage of the many Wilson Language Grants and other opportunities out there for our PAG juniors to seize upon. They are in the process of planning their class outing. Last but certainly not least, 12th Grade Class Representatives, Vet Jarrett and Saundra Curry and the PAG Class of 2014 struck the perfect tone with a terrific tailgate among our senior class families. Special shout out to Annisa Palmer for her assistance in pulling together such a terrific event of food, fun and awesome reflection. The senior families are such a proud but humble group who are taking it all in, embracing where they are at this stage of their MBA journey. This also means they are in a full court press towards positioning their sons for a victorious final year at MBA culminating with a successful beginning at the collegiate level. Translation—using all that their sons have gained from the best school in the nation and having “options” in the spring of 2014! I wanted to take this time to acknowledge and congratulate each and every class, your unyielding work, contributions and leadership. Your service matters. Together, we will build a stronger community at MBA for our generation of young men and the next! Thank you for your dedication and commitment.

Oct. and Nov. is the perfect time to execute your “Day on the Hill”. This is when you are to meet with each of your son’s teachers and advisors now that grades are out next week for the 1st Qtr. Email each of your son’s teachers and request a meeting to discuss his progress and goals. They’ll provide available times and you simply schedule those times accordingly so that you can see everyone on the same day. You’ll discuss their progress to date, goals, accomplishments and how to improve. You want them to reach out to you at any time; keep the communication open all year. Remember, high school families, each and every grade counts, and junior school, let’s work towards honors classes so that we can reach a minimum of three AP courses at the end of your junior year. Talk with your advisors to chart this path. If you have time, please also meet with college counseling regarding your son’s college aspirations. Trust their process! Big shout out to Jide and Lola Bamiboye for agreeing to host our ALL PAG Holiday Social in December at their home – this promises to be a terrific evening for PAG -more details to come!

Finally, thanks to Tara Holt and the Fundraising Committee as they gear up for our very 1st Fall Holiday Fruit Sale. With your support, it will be a huge success for PAG and MBA! It was great to see so many of you volunteering during MBA’s biggest fundraisers of the year, the Spaghetti Supper and the Bake Sale.

Best—Sidney “Sid” Curry, PAG President ’14
2013—2014 PAG Executive Committee

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