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WBOK celebrates with staff, family and friends its 5th Anniversary of ownership by Danny Bakewell, Sr. and the talk show format as well as the promotion of Paul Beaulieu to General Manager.



WBOK Station Owner, Danny Bakewell, Sr.



WBOK General Manager, Paul Beaulieu

Photos by Lloyd Dennis

By Edwin Buggage

A Life of Service to Community

Paul Beaulieu is a passionate advocate of African-American uplift. On weekdays from 3-6 PM he can be heard on WBOK-1230 AM. With his unmistakable New Orleans accent and unapologetic words he is one who does not mince words and for many citizens of the City he is a breath of fresh air with his refreshingly politically incorrect analysis and insight. Over several decades he has been on the frontlines of the struggle for racial equality and access. Today he continues to be an important voice in the City of New Orleans, looking back at his storied career he says,

"I wrote a column for the Louisiana Weekly and Data News Weekly, in addition to writing for the States-Item and for a time I published my own newspaper "The Spectator News Journal." Continuing he says, "I felt then as I do now that the Black perspective is important but it is often ignored in the mainstream media, so we need to continue to have outlets that talk about who we are and what we think about the issues of the day," says Beaulieu of what has become his life's work and mission.

During his lifetime of activism Beaulieu has been involved in empowering African-Americans on many fronts. He is rooted in the tradition of giving and service. As a graduate of St Augustine High School and throughout his life he's worked in a variety of capacities but one thing has remained a constant, uplifting and giving voice to African-Americans. "Outside of my

On the cover: L to R, Gerod Stevens, WBOK Program Director, Paul Beaulieu, WBOK General Manager and Danny Bakewell, Sr., WBOK Station Owner.

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work in media, I worked with the Urban League under Clarence Barney; it was a different kind of leadership more of a boardroom type activism, I was able to design and implement several affirmative action programs that Moon Landrieu funded. My goal was to get African-Americans in jobs of all sorts."

But what he has come to be garner great acclaim from is his work in the world of media, "I had a television show called "Dimensions" which was a news magazine format, it was something the City had never seen at the time. I incorporated a lot of things in the show including entertainment. I felt then as I feel now that you have to give people some of what they want to give them what they need. In the area of print I won the Press Club Award for political column writing, also I was the first Black op-ed columnist for the States-Item; but what's interesting is that the same stuff I wrote about from 1970-73 are the same issues different faces." Continuing he says, "I have always fought against the system that's tried to roll over us and being informed is important so we know what we're up against, and that is why Data News Weekly, The Louisiana Weekly, The New Orleans Tribune and WBOK are important to our community."

WBOK: Real Talk for Real Times

Recently, he has taken on a new role as the General Manager of WBOK-1230AM, a station that's dedicated to talk radio targeting African-American listeners. Of this new path down his journey to serve his community and give them a forum he says, "I was on cable access for 8 years on a show hosted by myself and Lloyd Dennis called "Between the Lines," that was centered on

the issues facing our City and our community. And one day Danny Bakewell Sr. a native New Orleanian living in Los Angeles had just purchased WBOK was in town and staying at the Windsor Court Hotel and while he was shaving he heard these strong opinions on the TV and came to see who it was and realized it was me so he called me and I signed on. I thought it would be something new to explore because I'd worked in television as well as print but never in radio, so I thought this would be a unique opportunity to reach the community in a different way."

Excited about his new role as the station's GM he says the team he has in place is key to WBOK's continued success and growth moving forward, "I am fortunate that I have people like Gerod Stevens who is the stations Program Manager and Assistant General Manager and Gary Williams who is our Sales Manager and the entire staff is vital to our success. But moving forward I would like to reach out to a younger demographic and bring that audience in as well because they are our listeners also and we would like to grow it moving forward by bringing programming that is targeted to that audience."

Its current slogan is "Real Talk for Real Times, and its format "Talk Back, Talk Black" is significant as many Black voices have been muted since Hurricane Katrina. Now in its fifth year as a talk radio station it fills a void according to Beaulieu, "In five years it has become a forum for African-Americans to discuss issues and give voice to our community and how they affect us. It has been not only a source of information and inspiration but education for our community. Also for other communities it is a window inside of the Black community."



Real Talk in Black and White

He is someone who has come to be known for being outspoken and provocative, "I try to deliver the truth as I see it and sometimes it may be offensive to some, but it is designed to get people to think about issues and become civically engaged. Also it is about putting our issues at the forefront of the discussions of our City." Most notably in post Hurricane Katrina New Orleans he sees an overt attempt to erase Black power both politically and economically. "From the African-American perspective I see what's being attempted is a takeover; it is in your face something that the Whites of the City are saying right now is we want our City back." Continuing he says, "In my office I have a copy of the Times Picayune that shows all the places that were slated for green space and one of the dots was where I live and I keep it not because it was my house but because it is significant. And some of these plans are not new, before Hurricane Katrina the Whites were more politically correct in their agenda, today that is not the case."

Beaulieu calls what is happening "The Big Takeaway and feels that African-Americans must fight to retain its institutions and foothold in the City of New Orleans. "Race Relations are at an all time high as far as it being divided. Through their action the Whites have said we want the City back and they have basically given crumbs to the African-American community. And with all the billions of dollars that's come into the City post Katrina they give our community 35 percent and what's worse they pat themselves on the back and get on the soapbox and say look what we've done for the African-American community."

Paul Beaulieu: Talk Back and Talking Black

Over several decades there has been an increase in the number of Black political leaders, but Beaulieu, sees a troubling trend among some who are charged with the public trust. He feels right now the African-American community needs more quality leaders moving forward, "In our leadership, I cannot think of any person who

would stand up like a Dr. King, I remember there was a time when our leadership spoke for us and were working to bring jobs and resources to the community, but now more often than not it is about them and their small circle benefitting and not the masses of our people."

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AMFC, LSUHSC-NO and David Raines Community Health Centers: A shared passion for building a healthier Louisiana

By Michael A. Rashid

More than 70 years ago, my grandfather, David Raines, made a commitment to improving the welfare of Louisiana's most vulnerable citizens when he deeded the land for what is now the David Raines Community Health Centers' (DRCHC) main facility in Shreveport.

I've had the distinct honor of not only continuing my grandfather's legacy of service to those most in need, but making it my life's work as president and CEO of AmeriHealth Mercy Family of Companies (AMFC), a leading, mission-driven Medicaid managed care organization.

Last year, AMFC established LaCare, a Medicaid managed care plan that now serves more



L to R, Michael A. Rashid, President and CEO of AMFC, Yolonda Spooner, MD, General Russel Honoré

than 155,000 eligible beneficiaries throughout Louisiana. Like many of our other plans throughout the country, LaCare

leverages our 30 years of expertise in effectively managing health care for those who need it most – low-income, chronically ill people facing a host of barriers to quality care.

Health plans like LaCare are

successful because they partner with other mission-driven health care organizations like DRCHC, which recently celebrated 20 years of ensuring access to quality, affordable health care services for all, regardless of ability to pay.

DRCHC also understands that improving the health of Louisianans also requires improving

health education opportunities in the state. To this end, DRCHC is using part of the proceeds from its 20th anniversary celebration, held earlier this year, to fund two scholarships in allied health and nursing at Southern University at Shreveport. AMFC was honored to both sponsor the celebration and the scholarships.

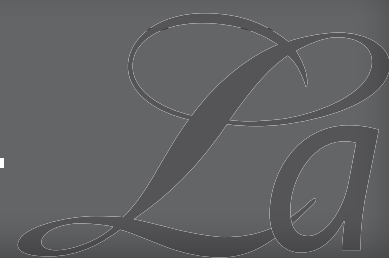
This spirit of investing in educating the next generation of health care leaders also drove our recent endowment of a professorship at LSU's School of Public Health in honor of Gen. Russel Honoré. This gift both honors the leader of the Gulf Coast relief efforts after Hurricane Katrina and helps provide LSU's public health students with the tools they need to im-

prove health outcomes in the state.

My grandfather realized all those years ago that Louisiana needs organizations like DRCHC and the LSU School of Public Health. I look forward to DRCHC and LSUHSC-NO continuing to build a healthier Louisiana for generations to come.

Michael A. Rashid is president and CEO of AmeriHealth Mercy Family of Companies (AMFC) and the grandson of David Raines. One of AMFC's Medicaid managed care plans, LaCare, participates in Bayou Health, Louisiana's Medicaid managed care program. For more information about AMFC and LaCare, visit www.amerhealthmercy.com and www.lacarelouisiana.com.

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City's Neighborhood Engagement Office To Host Neighborhood Summit

This Saturday, the City of New Orleans Neighborhood Engagement Office will host the first New Orleans Neighborhood Summit, a free, one-day conference featuring skill-building workshops, City information sessions and opportunities for residents to connect with others working to build strong and vibrant neighborhoods.

"New Orleans is a city of neighborhoods, each with unique strengths and challenges. We hope this Neighborhood Summit will provide residents with information that will help them in their efforts to revitalize their communities," said Mayor Landrieu. "We believe in building true partnerships between the community and the City, and this Summit is one more way we hope to make government more accessible to the neighborhoods we serve."

The event will take place from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at the UNO Lindy Boggs International Conference Center at 2045 Lakeshore Drive. With a thematic focus on building sustainable neighborhoods through preparing leaders,



connecting communities and promoting effective strategies, the Summit was created with neighborhood association leaders and members in mind; however, any resident may attend as long as space is available.

Those interested in attending should complete the registration form available online at <http://nola.gov/neighborhood-engagement/engage/summit/register/>

Attendees can choose to participate in one of 10 different professional skill-building workshops taking place from 9:30am to 11:45am:

Advocating for your Community: Participants will learn the

basics of community-based advocacy and strategies for communicating with decision makers;

Discovering Community Leadership: Participants will learn about the characteristics that make for an effective and influential leader;

Basics of Community Organizing: This workshop will provide "tried and true" tactics for recruiting residents, building issue-oriented campaigns and sustaining momentum;

Using Arts and Culture to Revitalize your Community: Through exercises and activities, participants will learn ways to leverage their neighborhood's unique cul-

ture and their residents' artistic effectively;

Mobilizing and Engaging Youth for Community Building: Participants will learn effective strategies for recruiting young people and keeping them involved and active;

Building Effective Partnerships: Participants will learn strategies for building and maintaining effective partnerships to advance community objectives;

Land Use and Zoning: This workshop will explain key technical terms and planning maps to enable residents to better understand and participate in planning processes;

Blight Remediation and Neighborhood Marketing: Participants will learn how to promote a community's inherent assets while tackling blight and its impacts;

Using Data to Build Your Case: In this workshop, participants will learn how to understand, interpret and analyze data to communicate what's happening in their communities; and

Promoting Healthy, Green Neighborhoods: In this session, participants will learn how to engage and educate residents on the practices of green and healthy living.

The Neighborhood Summit will include a working lunch with discussions at each table, a showcase of neighborhood success stories and information sessions from key City agencies. Participating City agencies include the Sewerage & Water Board, Code Enforcement, Public Works, NOLA Business Alliance, the Office of Supplier Diversity, JOB1, Safety & Permits, New Orleans Redevelopment Authority, the City Attorney's ABO unit, and Coastal & Environmental Affairs.

Former New Orleans City Councilmember Troy Carter Hosts The 20th Annual Troy Carter Friends & Family Thanksgiving Dinner

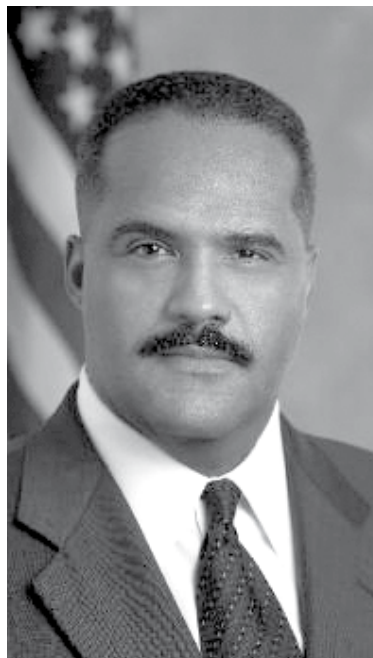
Former New Orleans Councilmember Troy Carter is hosting the 20th Annual Hon. Troy Carter Thanksgiving Dinner at Behrman Gymnasium in Algiers. The event is scheduled for Saturday, November 17, 2012 starting at 12:00 noon lasting to 3:00 p.m. Behrman Gymnasium is located at 2529 General Meyer Avenue on New Orleans' Westbank.

The Hon. Troy Carter Thanksgiving Dinner is in its twentieth year and was started when Mr. Carter was a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives and has continued through his 8 years on the New Orleans City Council and now he continues this tradition as a private citizen. He,

his family and friends are proud to continue this tradition with senior citizens and those within the community who may be less fortunate or, who simply may enjoy the family fellowship at Thanksgiving. Councilmember Carter says, "this is an opportunity for the residents of our region to sit down in the spirit of camaraderie and enjoy a feast prepared especially for them. The event is for everyone from all walks of life."

There will be plenty of good food and entertainment for those attending - THIS EVENT IS FREE OF CHARGE TO EVERYONE.

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Platinum Birthday Celebration for the Goins Twins

Jane Goins Wright and June Goins Hazeur



Jane and June pictured with Paul's children and grandchildren.



Jane & June with three generations of nieces



Mark Goins, Jane Wright, Paul Goins, Noi Goins, Paul's wife and June Hazeur – Jane and June's siblings



The twins with their cousins



Chris, Jr., Chris Matthews and Kristen Wright-Matthews (party planner)



Jane pictured with her grandchildren



Jane & June pictured with their 70th birthday cake before they blew out the candles.



Attendees as they second-lined around the twins



Kristen Wright-Matthews, Treniece Goins, Jane Wright, Ronald Wright, Donnell Brown and Juanita Walker. Jane's husband and children



June pictured with her son Derek, his wife Tabitha and their three sons.

Photos by family.

Ronald Wright, Jane's husband and their daughter Kristen planned a 70th Platinum Birthday Party for the twins, Jane & June. It was held at Jane's home in Awendaw, SC. They requested that everyone wear silver or gray to represent platinum, most of the family complied and also some of the guest. Their guest traveled from near and far. Their siblings traveled from New Orleans, LA and Lancaster, CA. Their children and grandchildren traveled by air from Redmond, WA, Los Angeles, CA, and Inglewood, CA. Other family members in attendance were cousins who traveled by car from Gonzales, LA, Hahnville, LA, Elizabeth, NJ, Rahway, NJ, Sharpsburg, GA, Atlanta, GA, Smallville, GA, Grayson, GA and New Orleans, LA. Jane, Ronald, Chris and Kristen's friends and family were from Awendaw, Mount Pleasant and Charleston, SC. It was an elegant sophisticated event with home cooking and a variety of beverages and wine. You could feel the love for the twins from every direction. Even from above, the weather had been ugly; raining all day until approximately 6:00 P.M. when it stopped and God gave them his blessings and there was no more rain that evening or for the cook-out the next day. All the family who attended traveled several miles to be a part of this grand celebration. They all enjoyed themselves and expressed their gratitude for being included.



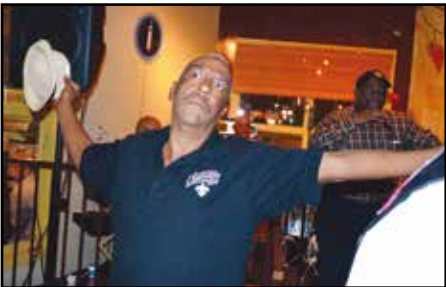
Velma Wright-Dickerson - Ronald's sister

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Saints Fans Enjoy the Win

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While the Saints fought for the victory over the Atlanta Falcons, fans gathered to cheer the team on.



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American People Re-elect President Obama and Vote for Action Now



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To Be Equal

"You elected us to focus on your jobs, not ours. And in the coming weeks and months, I am looking forward to reaching out and working with leaders of both parties to meet the challenges we can only solve together." – President Barack Obama

You might expect that one of the longest and most intense

presidential campaigns in American history should be followed by a period of rest and celebration. We cannot afford that luxury at this time. While we congratulate President Obama and Vice President Biden on their decisive victory last week, we believe that urgent issues like the approaching fiscal cliff, the education of our children, continuing high unemployment and a still sluggish economic recovery require immediate action. The American people not only voted to make President Obama a two-term president, they voted for the end of partisan gridlock in Washington and a government that gets things done. That is why on the day after the election I sent a letter addressed to President Obama, Representative Nancy Pelosi and Speaker John Boehner, urging them to

immediately get to work on four critical priorities for the next four years:

A comprehensive jobs program executed through a partnership among government, the private sector and the nation's non-profit community.

An intense focus on children and youth, with a national policy to move the nation toward universal early childhood education, an expansion of the effort to make post-secondary education affordable, and an emphasis on job training and skills retraining for those who did not finish high school on time.

A comprehensive new approach to community safety and crime reduction, with a stronger enforcement of existing gun laws, re-enactment of the assault weapons ban and a thoughtful examination of disparities in the

criminal justice system.

A fair and sensible deficit reduction plan that includes one dollar in revenue enhancements for every dollar in spending cuts.

In my letter I emphasized that the devastation of Superstorm Sandy exposed the desperately slim margin to which our most vulnerable citizens cling. Even before the storm hit, African American and Latino unemployment had been over 10 percent for the past four years. It currently registers at 13.8 percent and 9.7 percent respectively. In addition, if Congress and the President fail to reach an agreement by New Year's Day, \$1.2 trillion in automatic across-the-board cuts will be made to domestic and defense programs, including draconian cuts to education, nutrition programs for

women, infants and children and low-income heating assistance.

Avoiding the so-called "fiscal cliff" of sequestration and reducing the deficit in a way that is fair must be the first order of business when the House returns this week.

My letter to the President and Congressional leaders concludes: "While there are many issues that you must confront, we believe those outlined above are the most important facing the nation and urge that they form the centerpiece of your second term domestic agenda."

The National Urban League will soon convene an Urban Ideas Forum with policy and program experts, private sector executives and analysts to elevate the discussion of income inequality, disparities in education and workforce investment.

A Post-Election Mobilization Agenda



Julianne Malveaux
NNPA Columnist

After we savor the feeling of sweet success that comes from President Barack Obama's election, there is work to do. Most of us got the outcome that we both worked and hoped for, but we have to resist the temptation to exhale and get on with our work. Before the president takes the oath of office for a second time, African Americans should mobilize around these issues:

1. SEQUESTRATION. Unless the Democrats and Republicans can cut a deal during the lame-duck session of Congress, our budget will be cut automatically. While House Speaker John Boehner has softened his tone just a bit and indicated his willingness to compromise, he still has to herd his Tea Party colleagues into also agreeing on ways to avoid sequestration. The notion of cutting expenditures at a time of slow economic growth makes no sense. Neither does sequestration, a desperate move to avoid a compromise. What do we need to address the deficit? A long-term plan that takes economic cycles into account.

2. POVERTY. Tavis Smiley and Cornel West spent much of this fall on a poverty tour, rising up the 27 percent of African Americans who live in poverty. This contrasts with the Middle Class Tax Force that President Obama has

asked Vice President Biden to lead. It would be great if the president would form a task force to reduce or eradicate poverty, and he might do so if he were urged to. Meanwhile, as the holidays approach, keep the poor in your community in mind, and find a local charity to sponsor.

3. STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS. Presidential elections seem to suck all of the air out of the political landscape, and rightly so. We elect a president only every four years, and his (maybe one day her) focus have long-term implications. But so do city council, school board and mayoral elections. Many are held in off years so that local candidates don't get swallowed in the national hype. It's a great time to get involved in these elections or even consider running yourself. Voting is literally the least you can do, not the most you can do. Failing to engage in full civic participation

cedes your choices to others who are engaged.

4. THE HOUSING CRISIS. Despite action at the national level, many banks are dragging their feet rather than offering modifications for under water mortgages. Just a fraction of those who qualify for these mortgages have been offered them by their banks. Congress probably can't deal with this issue during a lame duck session, but it is certainly time for people to get together to reverse this trend. The problem: Too many of us are ashamed to talk about our financial status, thinking it's a personal problem instead of a structural problem. The solution: Consider involving a state legislator or local leader in developing a workshop for those who are under water. Get bankers there to explain why so many have not been offered loan modifications. Take the results to your congressperson and ask them to act on it.

5. PARENT PLUS LOANS AND OTHER HIGHER EDUCATION ISSUES. While the federal government provides an opportunity for students to have parents borrow for their tuition, the federal government has tightened requirements on the loan to the point that nearly half of those who qualified last year do not qualify any more. The result? Thousands of student, especially at HBCUs have the choice to pay up or get out. Or, the other choice is for colleges to "carry" these students. This is a bad idea when regulators judge colleges, especially historically Black colleges, by fiscal stability. Speaking of education, this is a challenging time for HBCUs to experience cuts in Title III and other federally-sponsored programs. In a second Obama term, issues affecting HBCUs should

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Iconic Brass Band Releases Album in Memory of Fallen Members Hot 8's "Life and Times" Album

The Hot 8 Brass Band, one of the leading New Orleans music groups is set to release their first album since Hurricane Katrina. Known equally for a hard-hitting, brash musical style and a traumatic history of violent losses, the Hot 8's new "Life and Times" album captures both the musical personalities and the life experiences of the band members.

"Everyone knows what this band has been through," says bandleader and sousaphone player Bennie Pete. "Our story is the story of the New Orleans streets. This album just tells those stories to the world."

The album is being released by the Tru Thoughts record label, based in England. Advance European reviews of the CD has already recognized its unique power. The BBC: as "an appealing metaphor for their home city's hope and vitality." The Guardian offers that "No outfit has done more than the Hot 8 to recast the long tradition of New Orleans marching music for modern times. This second album finds them in incendiary form."

Graffiti artist Banksy, whose works appeared across New Orleans as commentary on the devastation following Hurricane Katrina, embraced the use of his artwork on the album. Banksy's



The Life and Times of the Hot 8 Brass Band

Album Release:

November 13, 2012

Release party:

November 17, 9 pm

d.b.a. on Frenchmen,
618 Frenchmen Street

New Orleans's own Hot 8 Brass Band has epitomized New Orleans street music for two decades. The band plays traditional Second Line parades, hosted each Sunday afternoon by Social Aid and Pleasure Clubs, infusing their performance with the funk and energy that makes New Orleans music loved around the world. The members of the Hot 8 were born and raised in New Orleans and many began playing together in high school. Today, the Hot 8 balance local performances with national and international appearances. They have appeared in the HBO series *Treme*, in Spike Lee's *When the Levees Broke*, and on Time-Life Records and Smithsonian Folkways.

Visit www.hot8brassband.com to learn more.

vigilante style resonates richly with the iconoclastic Hot 8 music. Other influences on the album stretch from Dr. Michael White, mentor to the band, to Basement Jaxx in England. Recently, the band has worked with Lauryn Hill, Mos Def, and the Blind Boys

of Alabama.

"The Life and Times of the Hot 8" is the first in a series of epochal recordings by the Hot 8, a tribute album to fallen band members, and an album of New Orleans traditionals. Taken together, these recordings will capture the voice

of an era on the streets of New Orleans. On November 13, we are proud to unveil the first episode in this series.

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be high on the list of things our president must pay attention to.

6. THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY. African Americans have been President Obama's most loyal supporters. When will we get the attention we deserve? We can't meekly ask for it, we have to demand it. With high Black unemployment rates, challenged inner city employment possibilities, and high drop-out rates, our community is in desperate need of attention. The location of one federally funded new state-of-the-art high school, with both honors programs and job-training programs, can make a real difference in inner cities.

Julianne Malveaux is a Washington, D.C.-based economist and writer. She is President Emerita of Bennett College for Women in Greensboro, N.C.

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Chante' Rice is crowned Miss Black Louisiana USA 2013

Miss Black Louisiana USA is proud to announce that Franklinton native Chante' Rice was crowned Miss Black Louisiana USA 2013 on Saturday, November 10th at the Louisiana State Police Auditorium during its annual pageant themed "Rock the Crown". She also captured the People's Choice and Director's Community Service awards. Chante' states, "Winning Miss Black Louisiana USA 2013 means that I am tasked with the responsibility of continuing a great legacy of pageantry and community involvement."

Miss Rice graduated from Franklinton High school with honors in 2005. After high school, Chante' attended Louisiana State University and obtained her Bachelors of Science with a concentration in Human Resources Education in 2009. She returned to Louisiana State



University and obtained an Alternative Teacher Certification in Business Education. Miss Rice currently attends Saint Leo University pursuing her Master of Business Administration.

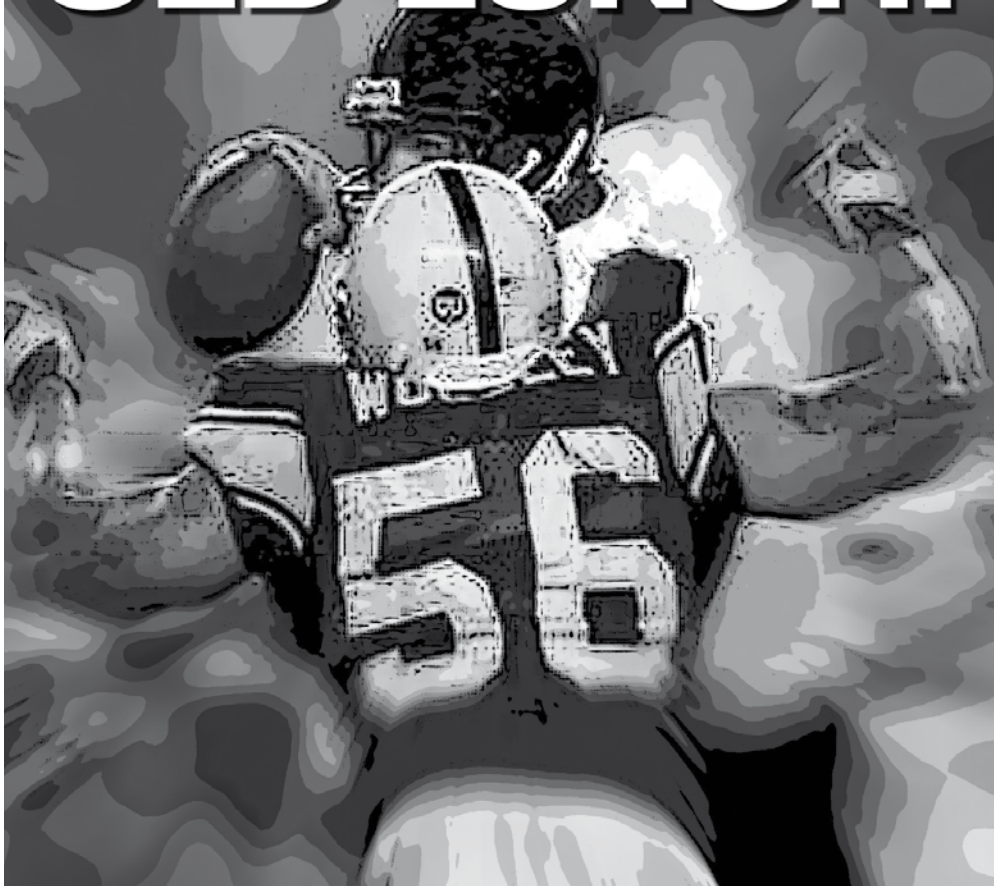
During her reign as Miss Black Louisiana USA 2013, Chante' will travel the state of Louisiana promoting her platform P.U.M.P.S. (Promoting Uplifting Morals & Professional Skills). P.U.M.P.S. is designed to help young ladies transition to professional women by providing workshops, mentoring, and volunteer opportunities. As an educator at Title IV School, she saw the need for a professional development series for teen girls firsthand. An abundance of young women living below the poverty line are from single-parent homes and do not have professional role models. P.U.M.P.S. will not only give the young women an opportunity to

develop professionally, but it also will provide moral values that they will use throughout life.

When Chante' is not shaping the minds of the students at Baker High School, she enjoys traveling, scrapbooking, cooking, entertaining guests, and spending time with her dog named Boston.

The Miss Black Louisiana USA organization is one of the state's leading and foremost successful scholarship programs providing assistance to young women of color. The goal of Miss Black Louisiana, USA is to promote educational, financial, and leadership status state wide and on a national level within the African-American community. The organization promotes a pageant that allows women of color the opportunity to display their beauty, talents, and accomplishments. The pageant also offers scholarships to its winners.

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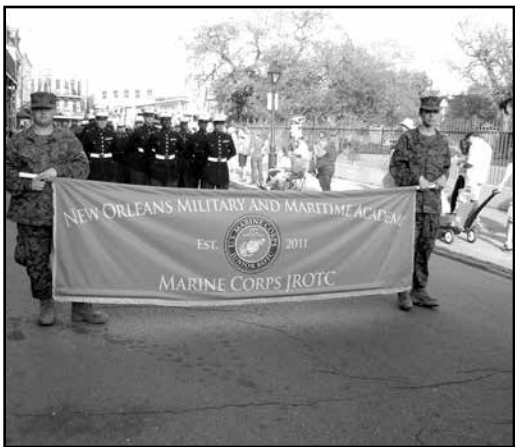
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He says today that the African-American civil rights groups, the clergy and media is in the vanguard of giving the community a voice and to develop a new breed of leaders, "Today we need people who will organize from a base whether it is the churches, NAACP, Urban League, and political groups. And for us to have a voice moving forward WBOK has to continue doing what its doing, Data News needs to continue doing what it's doing as well as the Louisiana Weekly and the New Orleans Tribune. We need to have vehicles that could develop leaders." Paul Beaulieu is a man who continues to lead and a man of courage and commitment who gives African-Americans a voice not simply to talk back but to do it in a way that is unapologetically Black.



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