

WootenNews

Founder's Perspective:



Myrtle Faye Rumph

Dear Friends,

Greetings to each of you! The year 2005 is going to be a very exciting year for the Al Wooten Center. We have two wonderful events scheduled for this year. On Friday, May 13, 2005 we will host our Second Annual "Catch The Vision!" Awards Dinner. This gala event will be held in The Pavilion at Hollywood Park in Inglewood, CA. Our Awards Dinner gives us the opportunity to honor individuals and corporations who have made an outstanding contribution to the Al Wooten Jr. Heritage Center over the years. We extend to each of you an invitation to attend our dinner or become a sponsor for the event.

In October we will present our "Ninth Annual Golf Classic," held at the California Country Club in Whittier, CA. If you are a golfer, we invite you join us on that day for a great day of golfing and fun in the sun.

We are grateful to each of you for your continued support of the Wooten Center. Thank you and may God continue to bless us all!

Wooten Teen Educational Center Renovated

The Al Wooten Jr. Heritage Center is pleased to celebrate the re-opening of the renovated Teen Education Center, at 9100 South Western. In May, we will have an open house to introduce the Teen Education Center's newest program, Wooten Center College Track (WCCT).

The Teen Education Center has been undergoing renovation since January of this year. After the Wooten Center painted the



Wooten Teen Educational Center Reading & Study Room



Wooten Teen Educational Center front office

interior, donated carpet, window blinds, and lighting fixtures were installed. Many thanks go to Steven King, Computer instructor, who 'caught the vision' and provided muscle and elbow grease to the tasks. Mr. King stepped out on faith and contacted Mr. Norman Martel at **Moss Drapery Center**, who

donated a set of window blinds; Mrs. Hernandez of **Hernandez Carpet**, who donated two rolls of carpeting; **Imperial Shade and Venetian Co.** who donated one roll of carpet and padding. The Wooten Center thanks the companies and individuals who "Catch the Vision" with us.

You can realize tax advantages by donating **STOCK** to the Wooten Center. Contact Linda Miles at (323) 756-7203 at the Wooten Center to learn more.

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"World's Greatest Ice Cream Man" Visits the Wooten Center

Matt Allen, nationally known as the "World's Greatest Ice Cream Man" visited the Al Wooten Jr Heritage Center giving free ice cream to everyone. He has traveled the highways of the United



Matt Allen poses with Myrtle Faye Rumph and Wooten Kids & Staff

States, in his infamous ice cream truck donating ice cream to community centers and neighborhoods of under-privileged children.

Stated Mr. Allen, "I just love the laughter of children and that's what keeps me motivated", as he drives around in his infamous Ice Cream truck. During his visit to the Wooten Center, Matt gave out 75 flavors of popsicles, ice cream sandwiches, drumsticks and much more.

Good luck to Matt Allen in his quest to be "The Worlds Greatest Ice Cream Man!"

Wooten Employee Spotlight

My name is Cordell Gamble and I am seventeen years of age. I am a senior at Crenshaw high school and will be graduating in June of 2005. It has been a long way to this point in my life, which nearly didn't happen.



Cordell Gambell, On-On-One Tutor

On Friday April 23, 2004 my dreams were almost deferred. I was shot in my upper thigh leaving the Wooten Center after closing hours. I was in the hospital for weeks in which several surgeries and blood transfusions took place. I left the hospital in a wheelchair and was required to take several months of physical therapy. The doctor said it would be a lot of pain involved with healing due to the fact my thighbone had to be bound with titanium for strength.

I have been a member at the Wooten Center for the past five years. Two weeks prior to my gunshot wound, the center hired me as a part time tutor for their One-On-One Tutorial Program.

After doctors allowed me to walk with crutches, I decided I wanted to return to work. I enjoyed helping children the same way the employees and volunteers helped me. My plans are to finish high school and attend Matthew Brown College in Santa Monica, Ca., and major in business management. My career goal is to be a businessman.

**Crystal Jones
Wooten Center
Student of the Month**



Crystal Jones

Crystal Jones entered into the Wooten Center After-School Program in July 2004. At that time her grades were D's & F's. While attending the Center Crystal has found assistance from the educational programs offered, including One-On-One tutoring, homework assistance, computer classes and much more. Crystal's grades are now A's & B's, with an A in Science, up from a D and B+ in English, up from a D. She credits the staff of the Wooten Center for her improvement.

Congratulations Crystal, the Wooten Center is very proud of you.

**Wooten Center
Congratulations**



Diamond Lagarde

One of the Wooten Center's youngest members, Diamond Lagarde, recently received an Scholastic Achievement Award from California State Senator Jim Battin. Diamond also received an Honor Roll award and Perfect Attendance award from Midland Elementary. Diamond plans on going to college and wants to someday be a school teacher, singer & minister.

Congratulations Diamond and keep up the good work!

Friday, October 28, 2005, 12:30 P.M.

The Al Wooten Center
Ninth Annual Golf Classic

California Country Club
1509 South workman mill road
Whittier, California 90601

Great day of golfing, including
18 Holes in the Scramble Format, Putting Contest,
Shotgun Start, Lunch on the Course,
Awards Dinner & Raffle and Silent Auction.

For more Information, please call
The Wooten Center at: 323-756-7203

**Al Wooten Jr. Heritage Center
"Catch The Vision!" Awards Dinner
at The Pavilion at Hollywood Park
Inglewood, CA 90303
Friday, May 13, 2005**

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Riverside Poly High School
Visits the Wooten Center



Riverside Poly High School pose in front of the Wooten Center

On February 20, 2005, the students of Riverside Poly High School visited the Al Wooten Jr Heritage Center. The group included student Jamia Wooten, niece of Al Wooten, Jr. and granddaughter of the Wooten Center President/Founder Myrtle Faye Rumph.

During their visit, the 30 students and faculty were treated to a tour and history presentation of the Wooten Center. Since this was the first visit to South Central Los Angeles for many of the students, they had many questions for the Center Staff. We enjoyed their enthusiasm and sincere concern about the status of this community. Many of these young people come from affluent neighborhoods and do not have to endure the violence and crimes of South Central Los Angeles. However, as we learned, the similarities between the youth far exceed the differences when it comes to peer pressure and adolescent pressures.

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***HISTORY OF THE
AL WOOTEN JR.
HERITAGE CENTER***

The Al Wooten Jr. Heritage Center owes its creation to Myrtle "Faye" Rumph, a mother whose own son, Al Wooten Jr., was murdered in South Central Los Angeles, the innocent victim of a drive-by shooting, thought to be part of a gang initiation. Determined that her son's death would become more than another senseless tragedy, Mrs. Rumph, with the help of her family and a group of concerned citizens, founded the Al Wooten Jr. Heritage Center.

The Center is a public benefit organization with 501(c) 3 exempt status. The Center offers educational and recreational services to young people wanting to break the cycle of gang violence. It offers hope, a safe haven and learning opportunities to the many students that walk through its doors every day.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Al Wooten Jr. Heritage Center is a neighborhood approach to the revitalization and empowerment of a community in crisis. We provide a safe and caring learning environment committed to good

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