

# Shades of Blue News



## Current Events



The officers of Shades of Blue would like to extend our congratulations for another successful year in 2008. We hope you had a great holiday season and are looking forward to the most prosperous New Year ever in 2009.



## Recent News



In July of 2009 SOBI will have 9-10 slots to fill at the annual summer solo flying program sponsored by the Organization of Black Airline Pilots. If you're 16 or older by July 1st of 2009 please let us know who you are by February 28 2009 at [info@ourshadesofblue.org](mailto:info@ourshadesofblue.org). It is extremely important that you contact us as soon as possible so we can send you additional information as the date approaches.



## Upcoming Events



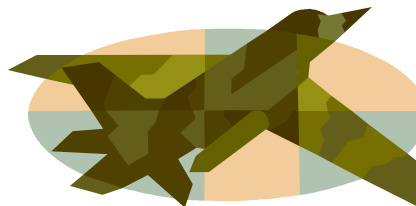
We are still planning once a month field trips to various locations in and around Colorado to explore aerospace engineering firms and other science and technology firms. Some of the trips include ITT (software engineering company), Lockheed Martin (rocket design and launch vehicles), Air Force Falcon basketball game, Challenger Learning Center (simulated trip to Mars), United Airlines Training Center (fly simulated B-777 airplanes), Front Range Airport (30-min flights in Cessna type airplanes), and many more to include a final trip of the season to the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. to visit the Air and Space Museum. All of the field trips will be on either the third or fourth Saturday in each month beginning in February. Please watch your e-mails very carefully as the month approaches and plan accordingly.

**February 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Historic book signing with Mr. Flint Whitlock author of "Capt. Jepp and His Little Black Book", and "Turbulence Before Takeoff: The Life & Times of Aviation Pioneer Capt. Marlon Dewitt Green" at the Wings Over the Rockies Museum. The time for the event will take place between 5:30-8:30 pm.

**February 7<sup>th</sup>** – Begins another 9-week ground school for Aurora public school students who would like to receive their ground school certificate. Please contact the office of the superintendent of Aurora public schools to sign-up. If you attend a school in Aurora you are eligible to attend.

**March** – Doctorial Candidate Darryl Baines will be presenting his unique style of presenting physics and science at the African-American Leadership Conference in Colorado Springs. We are planning a separate event with Dr. Baines in Denver around this same time (Details will follow) Please plan to attend this important event.

**April – for all of the Juniors and Seniors studying engineering, please mark your calendars, and plan to attend the Aerospace Career Job Fair on April 02, 2009. The event will be hosted by the SPACE FOUNDATION at the 2009 Nation Space Symposium held at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado. You are being Invited by SHADES OF BLUE .**



## Student Comments



"...The students of Shades of Blue are well spoken and filled with passion. I appreciate seeing that in all of you. They have great potential and I look forward to working with Shades of Blue on future projects and speaking to their students. I believe in the Shades of Blue organization and continue to encourage you to dream. Live, and fly. "Blue Skies", ... Barrington Irving [info@ourshadesofblue.org](mailto:info@ourshadesofblue.org).



## Mentor's Corner



**Freshmen** – This second semester is extremely important to establish you academic dominance. You should be striving for all "A's"

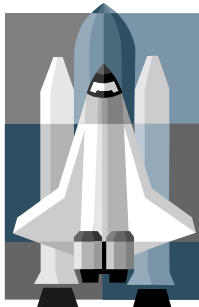


in every subject. This is the easiest way to establish an excellent GPA foundation.

**Sophomores** – You should continue your academic excellence and begin preparing for the PSAT and the CSAP exams. Prep test can be found on the internet and in most bookstores.

**Juniors** – Getting good grades in all science and math classes is critical at this juncture. Preparing well for the SAT/ACT is also a must if you plan to compete for top scholarships at top universities and colleges around the country.

**Seniors** – Your application process for the university or college of your choice should be completed. Hopefully you have sent application to at least three choices.



### Willie's Wisdom

“The sky is not the limit; continue to reach for the stars.”

### Congratulations

**Victor Glover** – Has started the first Shades of Blue Chapter outside Colorado. The chapter is located in the greater Los Angeles area.

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