



SHADES OF BLUE, INC.

A COLORADO NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
DEDICATED TO ENCOURAGING OUR YOUTH TO ENTER
THE AVIATION, SPACE AND SCIENTIFIC CAREER FIELDS.

TODAY'S YOUTH -
TOMORROW'S ANSWER.

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First Annual Awards Dinner & Fund Raiser

A Resounding Success!

The end of March, 2003, Shades of Blue held its first Annual Awards Dinner and Fund-raiser at the prestigious

Inverness Hotel and Golf Club, Englewood, Colorado.

Despite the rather damp and chilly evening, over 100 guests and supporters crowded into the Ballroom for a multi-course dinner, wine, and camaraderie.

Many of Shades of Blue student members rubbed shoulders with an astronaut, Tuskegee Armen, airline pilots, friends and families of our organization.

A silent auction took place during the "Welcome Hour" and during the course of the dinner. Members and friends donated many bottles of fine wine, numerous pieces of art, crafts, goody baskets, and gift certificates. Guest could wander through the displays and bid at random on these fine items.

Mr. & Mrs. Lon Culbertson of Elizabeth, CO deserve a special "Thank You" from Shades of Blue for their generous bids on numerous items.

Mr. Ed Dwight was America's first Black astronaut appointee, assigned to the "Race to the Moon" program by then-President John F. Kennedy in 1961.

Dwight never made it into space, thanks to the "politics" of the day, but went on, instead, to become one of America's foremost artists. As a token of his ardent support of Shades of Blue since its inception, and graciously consenting to design and cast the award statues, Mr. Dwight was presented with a gift of gratitude from the Board. He was given a framed first issue envelope commemorating the 25th anniversary of the first moon landing.

In honor of all his accomplishments, and as a shining example of personal achievement, we have named the Shades of Blue Annual Award after him -

the **Ed Dwight Memorial Award**.

Each year our award will be given to several individuals whose achievements, service and dedication to our youth deserves this special recognition.

The master of Ceremonies for the eve-



Two Shades of Blue Awards stand proudly next to a model of the WWII P-51 Mustang.

The awards, designed and created by Ed Dwight, America's first Black astronaut appointee, now famous artist, were awarded to four prominent recipients. (See story this page.)



Shades of Blue President Willie Daniels, II (left) proudly holds the First Shades of Blue trophy the Board of Directors awarded to him for his tireless work in serving our Organization. Also displaying proud smiles is Ed Dwight (center), America's first Black astronaut appointee and creator of our award, and Dr. Gary Coulter, President of The Challenger Learning Center of Colorado Springs, an award recipient.

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EPICETUS, a Greek philosopher living in Rome around 100 A.D., said it all with this:

**"ONLY THE
EDUCATED ARE FREE."**

If we knew this almost 2000 years ago, why is it such a mystery to us now?

Stay in school ... It is the magic road to your future!

The master of Ceremonies for the evening, Mr. Adrian Clark, Shades of Blue Board Member and President of Parks College in Denver, officiated over the numerous "Thank You" speeches of the honorees and the silent auction awards, keeping the pace steady and the course true.

At the beginning of the Award Ceremony, Board Member Robert Meyer interrupted Mr. Daniels as he was about to announce what he thought was going to be the "First" award. Instead, the Board surprised Mr. Daniels by awarding him the First Shades of Blue Award in recognition of his tireless efforts for the Organization.

Mr. Daniels regularly visits our area schools, talking to the students about Shades of Blue, and about the career opportunities in the fields of aviation, aerospace sciences, medicine, engineering, to name a few.

He is constantly traveling to visit our Congressional leaders to introduce them to the goals of Shades of Blue.

Corporate leaders in the aerospace and airline fields all are aware of the works of Shades of Blue, thanks to Mr. Daniels. He regularly represents our Organization's membership in the Space Foundation and sits on the Board of the Challenger Learning Center in Colorado Springs.

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In his "spare" time, Mr. Daniels flies a Boeing 747 for United Airlines, and is constantly recruiting other pilots to help our Organization.

And last, but not least, Mr. Daniels just broke 90 on the golf course for the first time.

This years' Award Recipients were:

Dr. Guion S. (Guy) Bluford -
 1st Black Astronaut
 Col - USAF
 STS - 8, STS - 39, STS - 53, & STS - 61A

Dr. Charles F. (Charlie) Bolden -
 4th Black Astronaut
 Maj. Gen. - USMC
 STS - 31, STS - 45, STS - 60, & STS - 61C

Dr. Fred Gregory - Deputy Admin of NASA
 1st Black shuttle commander STS - 33, STS - 44, STS - 51B

Dr. Gary Coulter - Pres of Challenger Learning Center - COS, Educator & NASA Member

Distinguished guests included:
Col. John Smith, USAF (Ret), Denver

Chapter President, Tuskegee Airmen;

Mr. Robert Adams, VP of Shades of Blue, President of TransLink Rail Services, Board member of the Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs, and Board Member of the Denver Public Schools Foundation;

Capt. Leon Miller, United Airlines and BOD Shades of Blue, USNA graduate, Class of 1978;

Capt Robert Meyer, United Airlines (Ret) and BOD Shades of Blue;

Ms. Linda Williams, Shades of Blue Board Member, and President of the African-American Leadership Institute in Denver;

Mr. Adrian Clark, Board of Directors of Shades of Blue and President of Parks College, Denver;

Col. Fitzroy "Buck" Newsum, USAF (Ret) one of the "Original Tuskegee Airman".

Volunteers who helped to pull this event together include:

Mr. Willie Daniels, II (Perezza, to all her friends);

Althea Smith, Middle-school Teacher and Commander at the Colorado Springs Challenger Learning Center;

Mrs. Adrian Clark (Velesta, to all her friends);

Karen Therman of the Colorado Governor's Office;

Mr. Eddie Parker, who videotaped the event;

Mr. Adrian Clark, Jr., computer hookups, and many others too numerous to mention, but greatly appreciated.



Part of the happy and supportive crowd at the Shades of Blue Awards Dinner.

Supporters helped raise over \$8000 to help guide Shades of Blue into the coming year. Thanks to all,



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RYAN WESTERFELDT, One Of *Shades of Blue* On-Going Success Stories.



A 4.3 point grade average, and member of *Who's Who of American Students*, Ryan received his Private License in the fall of 2002, and is currently working on his Instrument Rating. He will attend aviation school in the fall at the University of North Dakota.

Students Hall of Fame

BRANDON GRAVES one of



Shades of Blue's newest Private Pilots, is on his way this fall to Metro State College, Denver. Currently working on his Instrument rating, Brandon has his sights set on an airline career.

Shades of Blue President Willie Daniels congratulates



NICK CHERNOFF

upon earning his Private Pilot's License.

QUINCY



TYSON soloed this summer after attending our Aviation Fly-In. He is currently working on his Private Pilot License, and plans to go to Aviation College.



Jason Robinson, USNA and His father, Frank, UAL Captain, taken upon Jason's first year at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Summer, 2002

Another *Shades of Blue* Success Story!

JOIN US FOR FLYDAY 2004

FREE AIRPLANE RIDES FOR ALL SHADES OF BLUE MEMBERS!

EACH STUDENT GETS AT MINUTES OF STICK TIME!



IDENTIFIED PILOT AT LEAST 30 HANDS-ON

FREE FOOD

TOO,

AND DRINKS,

MEET OTHER AIRLINE PILOTS, AND MAYBE AN ASTRONAUT OR TWO!

FREE! FREE! FREE!

WATCH YOUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS!

www.ourshadesofblue.org



KYLE BOSEL joined the ranks of successful *SHADES OF BLUE* pilots this past year.

CONGRATULATIONS, KYLE. We know we will be hearing more about you and your successful bid for a career in aerospace!

SUMMER 2004 TOUR OF LOCKHEED-MARTIN AEROSPACE CORP.

This tour filled to capacity in record time to accompany *Shades of Blue* President Willie Daniels II. (kneeling & "wore out")



MATT ROMBACH



Received his Private Pilot's License in 2002, and is on his way to Colorado University engineering school in the fall.



Summer 2002 Fly Day Flight Line



Master of Ceremonies, Adrian Clark, *Shades of Blue* BOD and President of Parks College, Denver, somehow managed to keep "law & order" at the Awards Dinner.

For a complete scholastic, leadership, and physical outline of Academy Admission requirements, go to:

<http://academyadmissions.com/home.htmtext>



Col. John Smith, (R) President of the Denver Chapter of the Tuskegee Airman, and "Original" Tuskegee Airman, Col. Buck Newsom admire the *Shades of Blue* Award Trophies.



PART OF THE 100+ CROWD OF SUPPORTERS



Silent Auction Items helped to raise over \$8000.



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Schedule of Up-coming Events

MARCH 29, 2004
TWENTIETH
NATIONAL SPACE
EMPOSIUM
Broadmoor Hotel,
Colorado Springs.

Runs through April 1, 2004

SHADES OF BLUE
ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER
and
AUCTION FUNDRAISER!

JOIN THE MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS OF
SHADES OF BLUE
AND THEIR GUESTS AT THIS EVENT
JUNE 5, 2004

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www.mars2030.net

NASA Home Page
(To see and track the International Space Station)
www.nasa.gov

Views of Earth from Space

"IRON

rusts from disuse,
stagnant water loses its purity, and in cold
weather becomes frozen;
even so does inaction sap the vigors
of the mind."