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### A Letter from Our President

With changes underway in the structure of Detroit Public Schools, the DPS of 2012 will look different than the DPS we have come to know over the years, yet student needs will remain.

To ensure students in our community continue to be prepared and empowered for today and tomorrow, our Board of Directors recently decided to expand the mission of our Foundation to include support of current Detroit Public Schools schools, existing and future DPS-chartered schools, and DPS schools that will be operated by the State of Michigan's Educational Achievement Authority (EAA).

Now, regardless of whether a school is within DPS, is chartered by DPS or is placed with the EAA, that school will have the Foundation's support as DPS works to continue to provide quality educational experiences for Detroit students.

We'll be able to continue to aid programs like Science Fairs, Future City and the All-City High School Marching Band, to name a few, as well as programs that have yet to be identified, even as the DPS continues to evolve to meet the



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needs of the City's students.

We hope you are as pleased as we are by this news. If you have any questions, please contact me via [email](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chacona W. Johnson".

Chacona W. Johnson  
President and CEO  
Detroit Public Schools Foundation

## Parade Company and PNC Partner for Grow Up Great Program



Because of our focus on Detroit schools and young students, it is always a privilege for us to be involved with organizations focusing on educational opportunities for early childhood education.

The Parade Company, in partnership with PNC Bank, has committed to presenting [added value](#) to the support the Foundation provides to teachers participating in Grow Up Great, the early childhood program offering students in 30 Detroit classrooms in eight schools enhanced exposure to science and the arts.

The pre-K teachers from these schools received training and an Educator Guide, teaching the science of parade float building, that they can bring into their classrooms. Coinciding with the Educator Guides are Parent Guides so students can continue their learning journey at home through activities that can be replicated with recycled materials and household items.

Also as part of this program, Grow Up Great students were able to [tour the Parade Company studios](#), where float preparation is well underway, and their handprints will go on a PNC Grow Up Great float, to be unveiled November 4th, that will travel down Woodward Avenue on Thanksgiving Day.

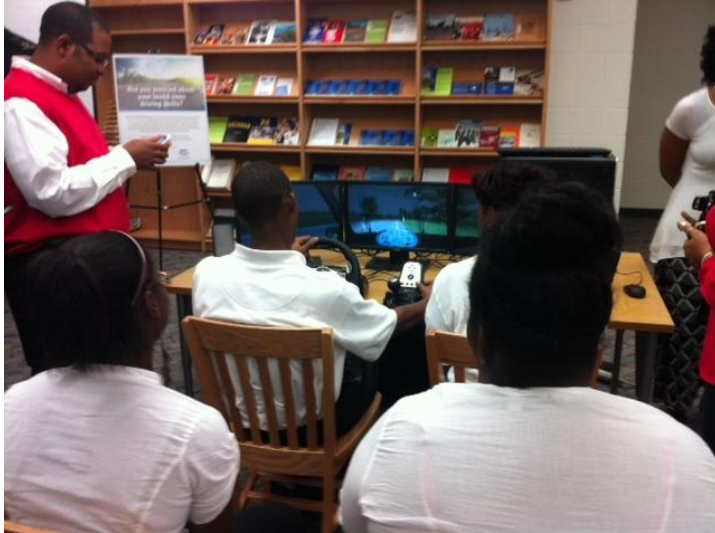
## **Golightly Career and Technical Center's Open House Fall Festival**



Thanks to generous support from Sun Valley Foods Company, the Foundation was pleased to provide funding for the Golightly Career and Technical Center [Open House Fall Festival](#) this past October. Open to the entire community, the event featured hands-on student demonstrations from a variety of the vocational programs offered at the school, including: Baking and Pastry Arts, Diversified Hospitality and Food Services.

Among the special demonstrations were meat-cutting techniques, charcuterie (the French tradition of preparing meats, especially pork, in diverse ways) and floral design. Several Golightly chefs and parents participated in hands-on classroom demonstrations of healthy meal preparation.

## **New Scholarship Challenges Students to Warn Against Distracted Driving**



Students experience the dangers of distracted driving on a simulator, while the facilitator prepares a cell phone to demonstrate the distraction of texting while driving.

Michael Morse, P.C. Attorneys at Law have partnered with Detroit Public Schools and our Foundation to announce the MORSE (Make Our Roads Safe Everywhere) Code College Scholarship Contest for DPS students. Scholarships totaling up to \$25,000 will be awarded to DPS juniors and/or seniors who best convey the message of the dangers of distracted driving via audio, video, graphic or essay entries.

If you know a DPS student who would like to apply, details are available [here](#). All applications and submissions must be postmarked or [emailed](#) no later than January 31, 2012. Winners of the scholarships will be announced and notified by April 2, 2012.

### **President Chacona Johnson Honored with Excellence Award**

Please join us in congratulating our Foundation President Chacona Johnson on her selection as a 2011 [Excellence Award](#) recipient. At its recent Excellence Awards Gala, One Hundred Black Men of Greater Detroit honored Chacona with its award for Community Service for her dedication and commitment to community through her work with the Foundation.



Pictured standing from left: Bill Middlebrooks, 100 Black Men of Greater Detroit; Julian E. Pate III, Education Director, Focus: HOPE; Dennis W. Archer, Chairman Emeritus, Dickinson Wright; Anton Chastang, President, 100 Black Men of Greater Detroit; Doug Ross, Chief Innovation Officer, Detroit Public Schools; Karen Dumas, Owner, Images & Ideas Inc.; Dwayne Crawford, Senior Vice President, 100 Black Men of America

Seated from left: G. Asenath Andrews, Principal, Catherine Ferguson Academy; Chacona W. Johnson, President & CEO, Detroit Public Schools Foundation; Equilla Wainwright, Vice President, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan



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