

### Rockin' The House: Student talent on display at Gentilly Terrace



Gentilly Terrace Charter School's best student talent was on display during the "My Favorite Things" talent show sponsored by The Institute of Women and Ethnic Studies (IWES).

In addition to the incredible talent on display, IWES donated 30 uniform vouchers, \$500 in cash and copier paper to the school. Talent show winners received cash prizes and field trips.

*Photo: Gentilly Terrace's very own Ocean Girls perform "Thinking About You".*

**View Photo Gallery:** <http://bit.ly/XnRhGt>

### Rockin' Fundraiser: All-stars perform for Lake Area High School



New Orleans' music community put its all-star talent on display at Howlin' Wolf for a great cause — the Lake Area New Tech Early College High School band .

The Rebirth Brass Band, Michael Ward, To Be Continued Brass Band and Davell Crawford performed. Proceeds will be used to acquire band uniforms and instruments for students.

*Photo: Rebirth Brass Band's Derrick Shezbie*

**New Beginnings photo gallery link:**

<http://bit.ly/YfT1DN>

**Facebook photo gallery link:**

<http://on.fb.me/SjcRuf>

### Rockin' The Vote: Gentilly Terrace students "vote" for president



On the eve of the 2012 election, students at Gentilly Terrace Charter School had the unique opportunity to cast a "vote" for President of the United States in a simulated election. The voting simulation provided students in grades Pre-K to 8th with a real life civics lesson.

William J. Fischer Accelerated Academy's band join the Gentilly Terrace Drumline in Rocking The Vote through the halls of the school. Also on hand were Q93 Radio personalities DJ Slab, Trey White and Mal.

And the results? It was Obama 417, Romney 36 - students, faculty and staff voted.

**New Beginnings photo gallery link:**

<http://bit.ly/WNPex4>

*William J. Fischer Accelerated Academy's and the Gentilly Terrace Drumline rally student voters.*



## Pierre Capdau receives new playground and fitness center

In an effort to help build a healthier and safer city for New Orleans' children, AmeriHealth Mercy Foundation and LaCare, a member of the AmeriHealth Mercy Family of Companies (AMFC) teamed up to build a recreational facility on the grounds of Pierre Capdau Charter School.

The project includes building a playground, a children's outdoor fitness center and two basketball courts, as well as a beautification program. Associates of LaCare, the Foundation, AMFC, Crescent City Community Church and other volunteers built the new facility on October 26, 2012. Construction was followed by a ribbon cutting.

The playground is the fourth built this year by the Foundation's Safe Playground Build program, following others built in Columbia, S.C., Philadelphia, Pa. and York, Pa. This particular build will be the Foundation's largest yet and will produce a facility that will serve children in multiple ways.

"This is the first time we are building a playground, fitness center and two basketball courts in the same day," said Maria Pajil Battle, president of AmeriHealth Mercy Foundation. "We are looking forward to building a facility that will benefit the children of New Orleans for years to come."

LaCare is one of the health plans that participate in Bayou Health, Louisiana's Medicaid managed care program. It currently serves more than 155,000 members across the state.

"We looked at which communities in our service area could most use a recreational facility, and New Orleans was an obvious choice for our first build with the AmeriHealth Mercy Foundation," said Kathy Stone, executive director of LaCare. "Having this safe place to engage in physical activity will help put children in the school and the surrounding neighborhood on the path to good health and quality of life."



*Pierre Capdau Charter School second graders give a passing grade to new playground equipment.*



*Students say "thank you" to providers of new playground, fitness center and basketball courts.*

**New Beginnings photo gallery:**  
<http://bit.ly/TkaTY9>

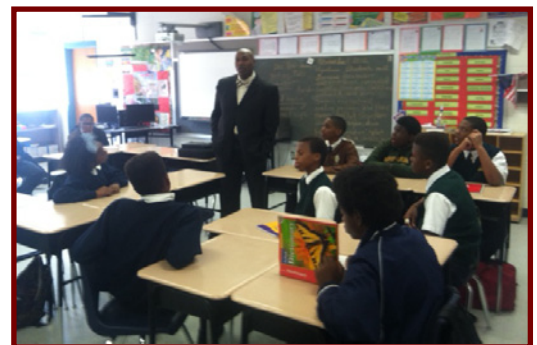
**Facebook photo gallery:**  
<http://on.fb.me/Yg04wa>

## Medard Nelson students learn the "Power of Education"

Medard Nelson Charter School students recently received first-hand testimonials from native New Orleanians who attribute their successful careers to the "Power of Education".

Dr. Maxille Moultrie, professor at Minnesota State and native of New Orleans, spoke to students about the power of education. He believes that kids should begin thinking about college and careers in middle school.

Mr. Chris Lee is a chemical engineer for Haliburton oil company in Houston, Texas. Mr. Lee earned his GED in New Orleans and later went on to receive a B.A in engineering. He discussed the importance of developing study skills and applying mathematics to real life.



*Dr. Maxille Moultrie speaking at Medard Nelson Charter School.*





## Gentilly Terrace principal Tracy Guillory delivers keynote address to Catholic Charities' Foster Grandparents Luncheon

Gentilly Terrace Charter School principal Tracy Guillory was honored as invited keynote speaker for Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans' (CCANO) Foster Grandparents Luncheon held at the Hilton Riverside Hotel in New Orleans.

CCANO's Foster Grandparents is a program that benefits low-income seniors and special needs children.

Foster Grandparents provide their life experience, wisdom, love, and attention to encourage and mentor children and troubled teens in a variety of settings such as schools (including Gentilly Terrace), Head Start and day care centers, shelters, and rehabilitation facilities. Seniors receive a small stipend and transportation assistance.



Principal Tracy Guillory (center) and assistant principal X. Patrice Wright visit with Gentilly Terrace's volunteer Foster Grandparents: (from left) Mrs. Bernadine Reimonenq, Ms. Ella Williams, Ms. Gwendolyn Hagan, Ms. Louise Joseph, Ms. Shirley Winston, Ms. Betty Allen and Ms. Joyce Holloway.

## Pierre Capdau students serve on New Orleans Recreation Development Commission's 2012 Teen Council

Pierre Capdau Charter School students Atraiena Kelley, Davonne Morrison, Derrick Jones, Garian Gibson, Gernae Davis, Raheen Sylvester, Rayna Smith, Robria Green were selected to participate on the 2012 Teen Council of New Orleans Recreation Development Commission.

Teen Council members create, develop and implement citywide teen driven programming; and actively participate in the facilitation of leadership, team building and mentoring workshops.



## Medard Nelson students play in flag football tourney at Saints facility

Medard Nelson Charter School students visited the Saints practice facility, participating in an NFL sponsored flag football tournament for 12-14 year olds.

*Photo: (First row, from left) Arriel Hollingsworth (8th grade), Raymond Williams (8th grade), Antoine Joshua (8th grade), Jestin Harris (8th grade), Bailey Jones (7th grade)*

*(Second row, from left) Jovon Williams (7th grade), Quindell Prather (7th grade), Jessie Harris (8th grade), Jericho Galloway (6th grade), Justin Thomas (7th grade)*



## Medard Nelson students celebrate Harvest Fest

Medard Nelson Charter School students brought in the fall season with Harvest Fest. The celebration included games, costume contests and dances.



Harvest Festers: (from left) Davonte Thomas (5th grade), Mekhi Edwards (4th grade), Ryli Ramee (3rd grade), Diamond Jackson (4th grade) and Joseph Roberts (5th grade).

## Let's play!



Pierre Capdau Charter School second graders stream onto their new playground for the first time following the ribbon cutting ceremony.

## Gentilly Terrace selects 2012-13 Teacher of the Year



Principal Tracy Guillory presents Stacy Clayton with the school's 2012-13 Teacher of the Year award.

Gentilly Terrace Charter School teachers have selected fourth grade math/science teacher Stacy Clayton as 2012-13 Teacher of the Year. She was honored during the staff's pre-Thanksgiving luncheon.

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- Medard H. Nelson Charter School
- Lake Area New Tech Early College High School

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