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Jean and Arthur Fass, co-sponsors of the Class of 2017



Jean and Arthur Fass and Antonio Bunch, member of the Class of 2017



Rob Braig and others from Ferguson Enterprises shake hands with members of the Class of 2017



Rob Braig, Vice President, Wolseley Industrial Group, parent company of Ferguson Enterprises, co-sponsor of the Class of 2017

An Achievable Dream announced during the 24th Annual Tennis Ball gala in November that Arthur and Jean Fass and Ferguson Enterprises are co-sponsors of the Class of 2017. As class sponsors, they will provide annual merit scholarships for each member of the class every year that they attend college and maintain a required grade point average.

The Class of 2017 graduates will be known as The Fass Family/Ferguson Enterprises Scholars. Ferguson Enterprises also sponsored the Classes of 2008 and 2016. "This year we are particularly proud to sponsor the class of 2017," said Robert Braig, Vice President of the industrial group for Ferguson's parent company, Wolseley. "All of us at Ferguson Enterprises are proud to be a small part of what goes on at An Achievable Dream."

The co-sponsor of the Class of 2017 is a husband and wife who "support our

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Remarks by Jeshon Copeland, Class of 2012, 2016 Tennis Ball Keynote Speaker

At the 2016 Tennis Ball, our *Dreamer* graduate Jeshon gave his heartfelt testimonial: "Thank you, An Achievable Dream, for giving me the tools needed to succeed in life, because without you, I would have probably been just another statistic. I remember it like it was yesterday, when I was in elementary school, sitting on the gym floor in my uniform and reciting the banners in the

morning program. My favorite banner that resonated with me over the years was 'I am somebody.' I AM SOMEBODY. These three words were so important to me because they were a constant reminder that no matter how difficult your childhood was growing up, you can still achieve anything as long as you don't give up and you believe in yourself..." 🌟



Jeshon Copeland, Class of 2012

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24th ANNUAL AN ACHIEVABLE DREAM TENNIS BALL

The 24th Annual Achievable Dream Tennis Ball was held on Saturday, November 19, at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. More than 800 guests enjoyed an extensive silent auction, gourmet dinner and spirited live auction, featuring unique items, luxury vacations and new cars. Proceeds from the event support the students of An Achievable Dream, Summer Intersession, field trips and special activities related to the SAME (social, academic and moral education) curriculum.



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THANK YOU to **Alan Witt**, President and CEO of PBMares, for serving as honorary chairman of the 2016 Tennis Ball and for his commitment to the students of An Achievable Dream.

THANK YOU to Auction Co-Chair

John Franz, President **Diana Gulotta** and all the members of the **Rotary Club of the Virginia Peninsula** for their continued support.



THANK YOU to the many volunteers who gave their time, and to the staff of the Hampton Roads Convention Center and Embassy Suites, for making the 24th Annual Tennis Ball a success. We could not have done it without you.



THANK YOU to the item donors who provided so many wonderful silent and live auction items. Year after year, your generous and unflinching support has allowed us to provide an excellent education and numerous enrichment opportunities for the students of An Achievable Dream.

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**Alan Witt, CPA,
Partner and CEO of PBMares,
2016 Tennis Ball
Honorary Chairman**

A Toast to Walter Segaloff

It is an honor and a privilege to be associated with this event and this organization. PBMares has been an enthusiastic sponsor of An Achievable Dream for many years, and we are proud to support these students who prove to us every day that dreams really do come true.

Twenty-four years ago, my friend Walter Segaloff decided that he was going to *really* change lives in Newport News. He believed that our community could come together to provide extra resources to help students acquire the knowledge and skills—especially the soft skills—that would level the playing field so they could compete in the world of work. Hundreds of students have matriculated through the organization Walter founded and have gone on to college and careers and are in our communities as living and working productive citizens contributing to our society.

Here's to Walter who dreamed big, bodacious dreams; who never took "no" for an answer; who proved that one man *can* make a difference; who lived his life with purpose and meaning and set the example for us all. 🐾



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students and want to help them achieve their dreams," said Arthur Fass, CEO of Maritime Products International, and his wife, Jean, were touched by our Academy many years ago. "It's a privilege for me to be able to help sponsor this class," said Arthur. "God bless these young children and God bless Walter Segaloff for bringing this program to this city."

Announcement of the class sponsors is a highlight of the Tennis Ball and follows an introduction of the current seniors as they enter to the music of "Pomp and Circumstance," dressed in caps and gowns. Robert Braig challenged the students to "go out there and see how well you can do."

Class sponsorship of An Achievable Dream graduates is a concept dating from 1992, with the founding of the school by Walter Segaloff, a local businessman. The first scholarships were given to the Class of 2001, and businesses and individuals have stepped forward each year to keep Segaloff's

dream alive. To date, 95 percent of An Achievable Dream graduates have continued to two or four-year colleges or a trade school, while five percent have joined the military.

Previous class sponsors are: the Frank and Marie Blechman Foundation (2001); Mary Hughes, owner, Hampton Roads Harley-Davidson (2002, 2012); Michelle Jacobs, former president of the Lee Group (2003); Chesapeake Bay Seafood House Restaurants, in honor of Alan and Beverly Diamonstein (2004); Caleb and Virginia West and Dollar Tree Stores (2005); Smithfield Foods (2006, 2015); W.M. Jordan Company (2007); Ferguson Enterprises (2008); NC and Linda Hardee (2009, 2010); Bay Electric Company and the Biagas Family (2011); Aubrey and Peggy Layne (2013); Mike and Nancy Petters (2014); Charles and Mari Ann Banks and Ferguson Enterprises (2016). 🐾

An Achievable Dream Happenings



Special thanks to **Dominion Virginia Power** and **Newport News Shipbuilding** for donating our brand new outdoor classroom to our Middle/High School! This outdoor classroom will allow our **Dreamers** to experience nature firsthand in multiple ways. It can be a learning center, a project-based station and an area for reflection and observation.



Even in the winter, our Virginia Beach **Dreamers** love to go outdoors for some fresh air and scientific observations. The winter garden is spectacular! The kindergarten and first graders collect data from their raised beds weekly.



A group of our Freshmen and Sophomore **Dreamers** attended a college tour at **Hampton University**. Members of the **Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity** took the students on a campus tour and gave a PHENOMENAL presentation. Our **Dreamers** learned about the importance of GPAs, challenging oneself beyond one's comfort level and getting involved in community service.

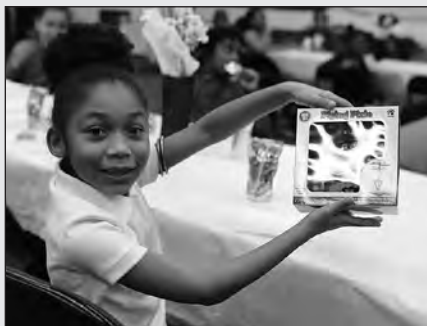


The **City of Newport News Department of Vehicle and Equipment Services** hosted An Achievable Dream seniors **Preston Walker** and **Quincy White**, who were accompanied by **Pervis Blake**, Director of Operations and Student Services for An Achievable Dream. The students toured the City's vehicle services facility located at the Oyster Point Operations Center and learned about some of the important components of vehicle fleet management, including work flow, fueling, recycling, warehousing, depreciation and outcome measures.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS



Members of the Virginia Beach based **WHO (Women Helping Others)** donated books to each student **Dreamer** at Seatack Elementary/An Achievable Dream Academy just before Winter Break in December. The students were excited to be able to choose a book that they could take home.



Thank you to **Bubba Hutchinson** of **Brake King**, **George Garofolis** of **Schooner's Bar and Grill**, **Anthony Franz** of **Major League Painting** and **Gene Laughery** for putting together a toy drive to provide holiday gifts for more than 50 **Dreamers**! Present to distribute the toys were **Jonathan McKee**, **AJ Marchigiani**, **Mike and Nancy Lincoln** and **Brittany Stellute**.



Special thank you's to the **Casey Auto Group** family for donating food items to our schools for the holidays! Your generous donations were greatly appreciated! Shown at right are **Sherry Grant**, Director of Marketing, Casey Auto Group, left, and **Marilyn Sinclair-White**, Principal, An Achievable Dream Middle and High School.

Smithfield

Thank you to **Smithfield Foods** for donating holiday hams to the families of 52 **Dreamers**!



Mark your calendar

Give Local 757, May 9, 2017 Go to GiveLocal757.com.
A 24-hour online fundraising event to benefit An Achievable Dream.

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An Achievable Dream is participating in the fourth annual **Give Local 757**, a 24-hour Hampton Roads fundraising event where “everyone can be a philanthropist.” Mark your calendars to donate online anytime from midnight on May 9 through midnight on May 10. The minimum donation is just \$10! Your support is vital to keeping our students’ dreams achievable. Stay tuned for more information. To learn more, go to GiveLocal757.com. 📱

Did you know?

Fun Fact about An Achievable Dream

Each day, soldiers from Fort Eustis, sailors from NAS Oceana and Dam Neck and law enforcement volunteers from Newport News greet An Achievable Dream students with a handshake as they arrive for school. The soldiers and sailors serve as role models of discipline and responsibility, provide extra help in the classroom and occasionally accompany students on field trips.



WORDS to Live By

“The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual.”

—Vince Lombardi

Why do you support An Achievable Dream?

“All of us at Ferguson Enterprises are proud to be a small part of what goes on at An Achievable Dream. It is a tremendous organization. Just about anything is possible.”

—Rob Braig, Vice President,
Ferguson Enterprises

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

*THANK YOU
for supporting
our students.*

Donations of school supplies for the school stores

Each day, our students in kindergarten through fifth grade earn merit points for attendance, good behavior and proper uniforms. Those merit points translate to dollars in their school checking account. Once a month, *Dreamers* visit the school store and are able to purchase needed school supplies with their dollars earned. Donations to stock the school stores are always appreciated, from standard

items such as notebooks, pencils, erasers and crayons to fun items like activity books and stickers.

Teacher appreciation gifts

Our teachers work long hours and truly are the backbone of An Achievable Dream. Donations of gift certificates to restaurants or retail stores, items for the classroom, or anything that would put a smile on a teacher’s face are welcome.

Donate online and make a difference in the life of a child

Your tax-deductible donation makes it possible for our children to succeed in school, continue to college and become successful members of society. An Achievable Dream is changing lives through education. Your generous support will keep hope alive for thousands of students. **To donate online, go to AchievableDream.org/make-a-difference.** 📱

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- ☐ **\$10,000:** Will help with the cost of college visitation trips for our high school *Dreamers*.
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Saturday, May 20, 2017**

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