Gearing Up for Dedication Weekend

The beginning of each school year in the Atlanta University Center is always an exciting time for us here at the Lyke House! From meeting and greeting new faces, to sharing memories with returning students, faculty and staff, the energy surrounding new possibilities and opportunities to live the mission of the Center is simply exhilarating. With a little over a month into the fall 2013 school semester, our time with the students has been simply wonderful, and we would not be able to minister to them without your prayers and financial support. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts, and ask that you continue to keep Lyke House in your prayers and thoughts as the school year moves on! It’s also hard to believe that we’re only a few weeks away from celebrating Dedication Weekend! Once again we have a schedule of the awesome events that will take place at the Center and around the city of Atlanta that you can participate in or support! Please review the Dedication Weekend schedule of events on the reverse side of this newsletter for more information about the activities and services you can join us in!

This year’s Dedication Weekend guest speaker will be Lyke House alumnae LaSheka D. Beaman. LaSheka is a 2007 graduate of Clark Atlanta University (CAU), where she received her Bachelors degree in Political Science. During her time at CAU she was a very active Lyke House student, participating in retreats and even serving as the CAU Liaison for the National Catholic Student Coalition of Lyke House. LaSheka was also heavily involved in several campus organizations, including serving as the president of the CAU chapter of Students for Barack Obama during his first presidential campaign. She also worked for Georgia state senator Nan Orrock (District 36), and currently serves as the Legislative and Constituent Services Coordinator for Atlanta City Councilmember Joyce Sheperd (District 12). She is a very active alumnae and member of the Lyke House Alumni Network, and occasionally attends Mass and stops by the Center to chat with students.

Originally from Pittsburgh, PA and member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME), LaSheka converted to Catholicism in February 2012 and is a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Atlanta. She is also engaged to Ashley Morris (our Assistant Campus Minister) and their wedding will take place here at Lyke House (the place where they first met) in October! We look forward to hearing her message for the students, alumni and friends of Lyke House, and we very much look forward to seeing you during our Dedication Weekend activities! Ù
Greetings Alumni! When you think of Lyke House, what memories come to your mind? I think of liturgy meetings, fellowship, retreats, friendships, academics, service and of the intense spiritual and moral maturity I developed as a member of Christ’s body. Lyke House became like home (pun intended) only when I became actively engaged and submitted to God’s authority to show his power through my many weaknesses. As I reflect back on those memories, it is my hope that current and future Lyke House students are able to encounter Christ through their experience at Lyke House. In the spirit of supporting current Lyke House students, alumni, and Catholics in the AUC, the Lyke House Alumni Network was developed.

The vision of the Lyke House Alumni Network is to ensure the Catholic Center’s enduring presence in the Atlanta University Center through fundraising, volunteerism, and advocacy. Another aspect of the Alumni Network will be to foster community and meaningful communication among Catholic alumni.

We kicked off our campaign last April to donate a baptismal font to Lyke House. We’ve raised nearly $4,000 toward the goal of $5000. Donations are still being accepted until Dedication Sunday on October 20, 2013. Please send donations to Lyke House, 809 Beckwith St. SW, Atlanta, GA 30314 or go to our the Lyke House web site and give through the Georgia Gives electronic program. Please designate that your gift is for the permanent baptismal font.

Alumni, we’d love to hear from you! Please share your ideas, updates, etc. on our Facebook page, “Lyke House Alumni Network.” You can also email me at candis.m.hunter@gmail.com.

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Upcoming Events

October

Thursday, Oct. 17th - Sunday, Oct. 21st | Dedication Weekend
Schedule of Events:

Thursday, Oct. 17th, 4:00 - 6:00 PM | Meet & Greet Reception for AUC Faculty and Staff

Friday, Oct. 18th, 6:00 - 8:00 PM | Community of Parishes
Celebrate with the Lyke House Bowman Scholars
(light refreshments)

Saturday, Oct. 19th | Day of Service
Community Service Event for Lyke House students, staff, Council of Advisors and volunteers

Sunday, Oct. 20th @ 10:15 AM | Dedication Sunday Mass and Brunch; LaSheka D. Beaman, Guest Speaker;
Alan Pinado, Honorary Chairperson for Dedication Celebration

November

Wednesday, Nov. 13th, 2013 | Georgia Gives Day
An opportunity for you to participate in an all-state giving to your favorite non-profit organization, Lyke House: The Catholic Center at AUC! YOU CAN GIVE ALL DAY!!!

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