



Pine Forge Academy Foundation auctions lifetime Disney collection

School provides first class education for African-American youth

The Pine Forge Academy Foundation (PF-AF) announced a unique fundraising event to auction off a rare Manhattan Disney Collection to raise funds to benefit the students of Pine Forge Academy (PFA), one of only four remaining coed boarding academies devoted to developing future African-American leaders of tomorrow.

The public will have the opportunity to bid or purchase more than 3,000 rare Disney pieces including art figurines, watches, coins, pins and other rare collections and other non-Disney items from this special collection by a generous benefactor.

The PFAF Disney Auction and Sale will take place on September 16, at the beautiful Ariel International Center located at 1163 East 40th Street, in Cleveland, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

PFAF was formed in 2004 to raise and distribute funds for student scholarships and capital projects to create a rich learning campus environment.

PFA, located in Pine Forge, Pennsylvania, is dedicated to educating urban youth, primarily African-American youth, and preparing the next generation of leaders spiritually, intellectually, physically, and socially through a holistic educational curriculum.

PFA boasts a 100 per-

cent graduation and college admission rate with many national and internationally renowned and distinguished alumni in business, health, law, religion, education, music and government to name a few.

This rare Disney collection was presented as a gift to the PFAF from benefactors, Harvey Koepfel and his wife, Peg of Manhattan, New York. Mr. Koepfel, a former executive vice president with Citigroup and the current executive director of the Center for Chief Information Officer Leadership in New York, and his wife are committed to working with organizations dedicated to educating minority youth or youth at risk, like Pine Forge Academy.

He has been collecting Disney art, memorabilia, jewelry and other items for several decades.

"We are extremely excited to hold this Disney Auction and Sale Event and very honored to be the recipient of this generous gift from the Koepfels," said Dr. Melodie Mayberry-Stewart, chairman of the Foundation.

"The Koepfel's lifetime collection includes a significant number of remarkable valuables and is a terrific opportunity for collectors and non-collectors to find deals on rare pieces of Disney memorabilia, while helping to advance the mission of PFAF. Auction and sale proceeds will enable a number of African American students, who might

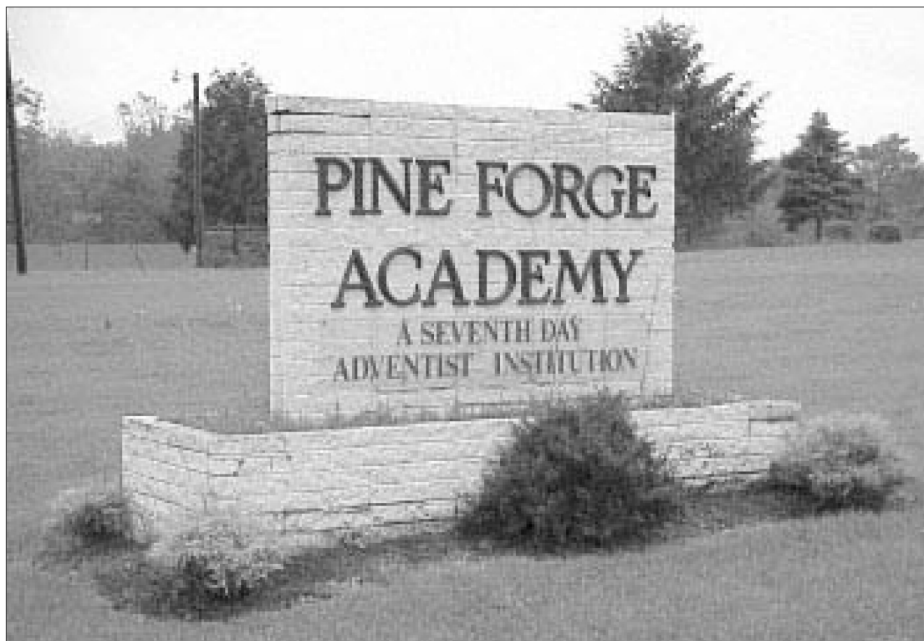
not otherwise have the opportunity, to receive an excellent education at PFA where they can develop their academic and life skills to become a global citizen and leader of the 21st century."

"Every child deserves the right to receive a first-class education and I am proud to contribute to the efforts of the Pine Forge Academy Foundation," said Harvey Koepfel.

"The Foundation's work to provide the resources and opportunities for so many underprivileged young people is helping break down the barriers to success. With a 100 percent graduation and college admission rate at Pine Forge Academy, the Foundation is helping prepare students for better opportunities in the future."

Pastor Myron Edwards, of the Glenville Seven Day Adventist (SDA) Church in Cleveland, Ohio, a church located in the urban center of the city, and an alumnus and supporter of the Pine Forge Academy stressed the importance of schools like PFA for developing our future leaders.

"The greatest need in the world is not of academic excellence, but excellence in character. Character development doesn't just produce good people, but people of excellence in every area of life. That's what Pine Forge Academy is about. It develops leaders who prove excellence is no accident!" said Edwards.



Sandra Kubit, vice president and planned giving manager with the Key Private Bank Non-Profit Services and an ardent supporter of PFAF pursuits to benefit our youth said, "Key Private Bank Non-Profit Services is proud to support the Pine Forge Academy Foundation's worthy mission and their strong commitment to provide funds to ensure PFA can provide a well-rounded education by preparing students spiritually, intellectually, physically, and socially. Today's youth are tomorrow's future leaders."

Kazell Pugh, TLC Springwater president and long-time supporter of the Pine Forge Academy Foundation said, "TLC Springwater is proud to support the efforts of the Pine Forge Academy Foundation.

"It is extremely important for TLC Springwater to work with organizations that create opportunities for our minority youth, especially those in urban communities who might not otherwise have the resources to pursue educational excellence. The PFAF works tirelessly to provide students with a rich learning environment to strengthen their life skills and self-confidence,

to realize their individual goals, and to contribute to the future success of our communities."

"I am very honored to be a part of this great initiative in support of PFAF, said Sheryl Hunter, the Coordinator for the Division of Health Careers and Sciences at Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland, who has volunteered hundreds of hours to the auction event, said, "As a parent of three teenagers, it is imperative to expose our youth to a quality education, which in turn creates a solid foundation to help strengthen their core values resulting in a successful future."

"We are extremely excited to host this important fundraising event at the Ariel International Center to benefit deserving students at Pine Forge Academy," said Radhika Reddy, corporate sponsor and co-owner of the Ariel International Center, site of the auction and sale. "This event represents an occasion for everyone involved and all those who believe in the importance of educating our urban youth to come out and support this event with their participation and support for the PFA Foundation."

Merchandise will be

available for sale and bidding starting at 10 a.m. and concluding at 6 p.m.

There will be lighting "silent auctions" every hour and the main auction of the rarest pieces will start mid-day.

The public is invited to buy or bid on items from the lifetime collection, donated by the Koepfels, including pieces of porcelain, pewter, and brass; limited edition watches and alarm clocks; signed limited edition prints, drawings, paintings and cells; rare pins, stamps, and key chains.

All purchases will be 100 percent tax deductible.

Join celebrity auctioneers and special mystery guests for this fun event to benefit future leaders of tomorrow.

Admission is free and there will be refreshments. For more information on the PFA Foundation Disney Auction and Sale visit www.pfafoundation.org or contact the foundation office at (216) 851-1018 or email at info@pfafoundation.org. Foundation hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursday and 9 a.m. to noon on Fridays.

Saturday, September 8 at 2:00 p.m.

The Cleveland Public Library and the Cleveland YWCA present a FREE screening of the award-winning documentary film *The Contradictions of Fair Hope*, with introduction by the Reverend Leah C. K. Lewis of Olivet Institutional Baptist Church. An interactive discussion with the executive director and executive producer will follow. This film documents an important part of African American history, however, **parental discretion is advised. Portions may not be suitable for younger audiences.**



Executive director S. Epatha Merkerson, best known for her role in the NBC television series Law and Order.



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Event is FREE. Seating is first come, first served.



CMSD junior to work Senate Page Program this fall

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A Cleveland Metropolitan School District student will spend this fall in Washington as part of the Senate Page Program.

U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) will sponsor William Clayton, a Cleveland School of Science and Medicine junior, as one of 30 students from across the United States who will serve as a page in the U.S. Senate this fall.

"William is a hard-

working, driven, and talented young man, and I look forward to working with him in the United States Senate," Brown said. "His successes in the classroom, as a participant in the Law and Leadership Institute, and in Mock Trial and Moot Court have prepared him well for his upcoming term on Capitol Hill. Only a small fraction of students are allowed the opportunity to serve as a Senate page and I know

that William will represent Ohio and Cleveland well over the course of the page program."

"I am excited for this opportunity. Not many people get to experience it. For me to be a Senate Page will be a great opportunity," Clayton said. "For my school, this is a landmark because of the national prestige of the program. Hopefully, this will open more opportunities for my school in the future."