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Influential Community Leaders

By Cathryn Baker

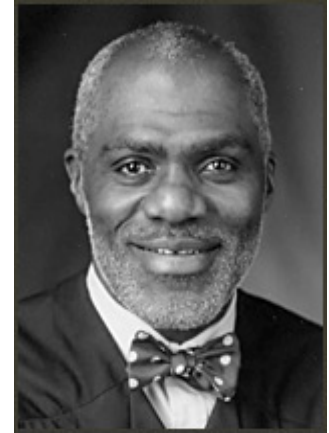
Alan Page is a man of many accomplishments. He has been an important influence in the St. Thomas community for years. He has provided several students with financial assistance in the form of scholarships and in return, they have complete 50 hours of volunteer service where they have instilled important values and encouraged younger students toward post-secondary education.

Born Alan C. Page August 1945 in Canton, Ohio, Page is a man of many accomplishments. He attended the University of Notre Dame where he became an All-American athlete. Page was drafted into the National Football League (NFL) after graduation from Notre Dame. He went on to play professional football for the Minnesota Vikings -- known best as the "Purple People Eaters" -- until 1978 and later for the Chicago

Bears until 1981.

During his full-time professional football career, Page also pursued law full-time at the University of Minnesota. In 1978 he earned a Juris Doctor and went on to practice law for a firm in Minnesota, "I had been playing football for 15 years," says Page "it was time for me to move on and I had been interested in law long before football."

Page is the first to practice law in his family. In 1993 Alan Page became the first African-American to be named associate justice for the Minnesota Supreme Court where he presently holds office. "I think it's natural being black that [your race] plays some role in the mind of others... though who I am - is a person of color," says Page. "Knowing what it is to be discriminated against and overcoming race-based views is not something I spend a lot of time focused on. The issues are



Alan C. Page

there and you just have deal with them."

"The success of our scholars, creating hope and opportunity for them is the most rewarding and satisfying," says Page. He has a prominent presence in the country as a national advocate for minority children's rights. In 1988 he established the Page Education Foundation, an organization that promotes the participation of minority youth in obtaining

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End of the Year Celebration (BBQ)

This year we are combining the annual BBQ with the Multicultural Student Services' Reception for graduating seniors and graduate students. Please join us for good food, fun, and help celebrate those graduating in May! The Multicultural Student Services Graduate Reception & Annual T.G.I.F. Mentor Network BBQ will be held on May 6, 2005 from 4:00pm until 5:30pm North Campus Upper Quad. The rain site will be in Murray Herrick Center Rogge Dining Room.



Alan Page posing with Page Scholars

“Football is the past – a good past, but I want to be remembered with children, my children and other children. I encourage them to strive for excellence and prepare themselves to take advantage of opportunities that may arise...”

post-secondary education.

Students that participate in this program are awarded a renewable scholarship and provided with a mentor to help inspire and motivate them throughout their academic careers. Alan Page says that, “If we’re going to solve the problems that people of color face a key component is education.”

In order for Page Scholars to maintain their position in the organization they must complete 50 hours of service in their community that consists of mentoring and tutoring middle school children. “Page has created a program that not only benefits the col-

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lege student, but utilizes that student as a living tool to instill motivation and hope into younger students. I am proud to have been apart of this organization,” says Sharifa Charles a former Page scholar who attends the University of St. Thomas. Charles left the program for a year to travel for her major in Adolescence Sexual Health and African American Studies. Her service project was held at Saint Philips Church in North Minneapolis where she mentored high school teenagers after school.

Page’s devotion to education and community extends beyond the Page Foundation. He assisted with the establishment of the Kodak/Alan Page Challenge, which is an essay contest that helps minority students recognize the significance of post-secondary education.

“Page is pretty laid back and humble for a man of his stature,” says Student Support Manager Leah Dobbins of the Page Education Foundation. “He’s very friendly and loves to meet people. There are a lot of things he could have done with his fame. But he chose to be a

force in the community. He’s an exemplary figure in our society.” Leah Dobbins is a native of Minnesota who began working for the organization late last year after graduating from Boston College. She had been inspired to work for a non-profit organization that dealt with children after realizing the significance education. “I met Page at an award’s ceremony at the U of M,” Dobbins says, “I was pleasantly surprised by his speech, it was very thoughtful. He’s not a man of many words, but when he does speak it’s worth listening.”

Alan C. Page continues to reign as Associate Justice for the Minnesota Supreme Court. He is husband to Diane Sims Page and together they have four children. “If I could be remembered, it wouldn’t be my association with football,” says Page. “Football is the past – a good past, but I want to be remembered with children my children and other children. I encourage them to strive for excellence and prepare themselves to take advantage of opportunities that may arise...”

For more information please visit www.page-ed.org

We Appreciate All That You Do!

By Eileen Ward

Within the next year, St. Thomas will be losing one of its favorite staff members. At the end of March 2006, Earline McCauley will be retiring. We, at Multicultural Student Services, know that she will be missed greatly. For the students and staff that have not yet gotten to know Earline, here is your chance.

Earline grew up in Chicago, Illinois, but as an adult, she moved to New Jersey and then Minnesota due

to relocation for her husband’s job at the 3M Company. She has lived the last twenty years in Woodbury, Minnesota. She spends much of her time with her three adult children and her ten year old grandson Devin, who she hopes to travel and spend more time with once retired.

Earline has many hobbies but the one that she cherishes is reading. “Especially the bible,” says Earline. She also likes to read Frank Peretti.

Along with reading, Earline loves being active. Earline says, “I am a strong advocate of exercise and maintaining a certain degree of wellness.” She loves to parasail and hopes to soon be a licensed scuba diver. She also likes to travel. She has already gone on two African photography safaris and visited the Great Wall of China.

Recently widowed, Earline recounts fond memories of traveling with her husband to “different states

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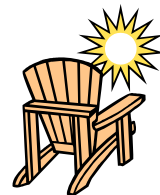
May's Events

***Finals Meltdown Events*

<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Tuesday 3</i></p> <p>Multicultural Monday 11:30am-2pm/Commuter Center Visit the Commuter Center for free M&Ms and a chance to talk to a MSS staff member!</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Friday 6</i></p> <p>Wellness Center Cookout! 5-7pm/Wellness House Come enjoy mocktails, bring friends, and an article of clothing to tie-dye! And don't forget great food to celebrate the end of the year!</p> <p>TGIF Graduate Reception 4-5pm/North Quad</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Monday 16</i></p> <p>MSS Office: Free candy and bubble gum for your daily sugar fix! (yes we have chocolate!)</p> <p>**Wellness Stress Spa Day Commuter Center/2-4pm</p> <p>**Late Night Breakfast The Grill/9pm-Midnight!</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Tuesday 17</i></p> <p>**Breakfast & Study Tips 8-11am/Commuter Center Enjoy bagels and coffee and pick up some study tips!</p> <p>**Ten Minute Massages! 11am-2pm/Commuter Center Free relaxation!</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Wednesday 18</i></p> <p>**Bagel Wednesday 8-11am/Commuter Center Study Tips</p> <p>**Ten Minute Massages! 11am-2pm/Commuter Center Free relaxation again!</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Thursday 19</i></p> <p>**Breakfast & Study Tips 8-11am/Commuter Center Muffins and Juice!</p> <p>**Graduation Celebration 11am-2pm/Commuter Center Cake and punch!</p>



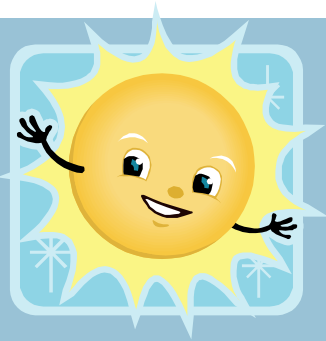
*Congratulations Graduates!
Have a Beautiful Summer Everyone!*



**MOVING OUT? GOT EXCESS JUNK?
WE'LL DON'T THROW IT AWAY!!**

STUDENTS MOVING OUT AND DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, FURNITURE, BIKES? ATTEND **DONAPALOOZA** TO LEARN MORE ABOUT DONATING YOUR NO-LONGER-NEEDED ITEMS TO THE SALVATION ARMY.

AN INFORMATION-AND-DONATION TABLE WILL BE SET UP FROM **NOON TO 1 P.M. ON MAY 5, 10 AND 12, OUTSIDE OF THE COMMUTER CENTER AND OFF-CAMPUS SERVICES**, LOCATED IN THE LOWER LEVEL OF MURRAY-HERRICK CAMPUS CENTER. SMALL DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE TABLE.



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Multicultural Student Services Welcomes You!

Dear Reader:

Multicultural Student Services would like to encourage you to take full advantage of the many opportunities available to you as a UST student. Our staff members provide personal attention and opportunities for students to foster their personal growth while gaining cultural awareness. We are available to assist with questions or concerns about diversity, personal identity and academic support or provide any other assistance that you may need.



You are encouraged to attend our programs and training events emphasizing multicultural education and awareness. We also serve as a liaison and referral for many community and campus officers. Stop by Multicultural Student Services at 106 Murray-Herrick Campus Center to meet us and see what we have to offer. Our office hours are 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. We can't wait to meet you!

Sincerely,

Multicultural Student Services

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just to try out different restaurants."

Earline first started working at St. Thomas sixteen years ago. She started as a secretary in the Social Science Department for five years until she became the "executive" secretary for the Provost of the University. After working for the Provost for five years, she became the Wellness Coordinator for the employees, which was a year pilot program.

Since 1999, she has worked in the Facilities Scheduling as the Facilities Coordina-

tor. As the coordinator, she assigns meeting spaces for faculty meeting, student clubs, and departmental meetings for the St. Paul Campus. The hardest part of her job, Earline says, is "being detailed."

Earline loves the job at St. Thomas. She loves "just being around the students on a daily basis. It helps keep [her] young and informed." After her experience with work, she recommends that students find a job that they can have fun with. She says, "Have fun with whatever you do!"

Of all great things

about St. Thomas, the thing that Earline will miss the most is the friends that she has made. But don't worry, she won't be bored. She plans on starting her own home business, becoming more involved with church, and spending time with her grandson Devin.

Make sure that before Earline leaves, you stop in and say goodbye one last time! We'll miss you Earline! But before you leave we all want to take the time to savor your presence by showing our love and appreciation!

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