

CDHS



PURPLE COBRAS

# Charles Drew High School



# *The Purple Cobras*



In the early 1900's, the only means of education that black children received was through the homes and churches. In the early 1940's, Rev. Melvin S. Green was the principal of South Eunice Colored School, a three room school which was located at what is now 501 Lewis Street, Eunice, La. It had two grades: first and second. There were three teachers - Ms. Gertrude Sam, Ms. Deshotel and Ms. Desso. The head cook was Mrs. Suzzane Hurts. Later, several educators were instrumental in providing formal education for black children. Professor W. W. Solete was principal of North Eunice Colored School and there were grades third through eighth.

Professor Hurd, Mrs. Campbell, Ms. Alberta Bellard, Josephine Guillory, Velma Clark, Kitty Brooks, Danny Smith, Louvenia Rideau and Fred Proter were some of the teachers at North Eunice Colored School. Many of the students had to go to school in Opelousas and Crowley for a while. Through the persistence of leaders and parents, the school board established the first black high school in the Northern section of Eunice with Rev. George Guillory as principal. This school was called North Eunice High School and was located where East Elementary currently stands. In September 1951, a new brick building was built and opened its doors for black students. In the Motions and Resolutions book at the St. Landry School Board office, dated June 19, 1952, Eunice Colored High School's name was changed to Charles Drew High School, named after Dr. Charles Drew, who is known for inventing blood plasma. There were 1,132 pupils in grades first through twelfth with forty teachers and thirty-six classrooms. Jonas E. Mason was appointed principal.

Integration of St. Landry Parish schools in 1969 brought Charles Drew High School students to Eunice High School. Charles Drew High School became Central Middle School. The history of Charles Drew High School was brought to an end after eighteen years.

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## CHARLES R. DREW

"There must always be the continuing struggle to make the increasing knowledge of the world bear some fruit in increasing understanding and in the production of human happiness."

Charles R. Drew, an American physician, was noted for his research on blood plasma and was the originator of blood banks.

Drew was born on June 3, 1904, in Washington, D.C. He graduated from Amherst College in 1926, and became athletic director, football coach and instructor in chemistry and biology at Morgan State College in Baltimore.

Drew decided to pursue a medical career and later was accepted at McGill University School of Medicine in Montreal, Canada.

Drew's reputation as a blood specialist attracted the attention of the Rockefeller Foundation, which gave him a fellowship in 1936 for advanced training at Columbia Medical Center in New York. From experimentation, Drew discovered that blood plasma, which could be kept for months, could replace whole blood.

From Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons, Drew received a doctor of medical science degree (the equivalent of a Ph.D. in medicine) in 1940, becoming the first black to receive the degree. Drew's thesis, "Banked Blood," proved to be an important contribution to medical science.

In 1940, Drew set up and directed the British Blood Bank. He collected blood, converted it to plasma and shipped it to Britain, where it was used to save thousands injured by Nazi bombings during World War II. He was named director of the American Red Cross project to collect and bank the blood of donors.

Drew later was a professor of surgery and head of the Department of Surgery in the College of Medicine at Howard University, and medical director of Freedmen's Hospital.

On April 10, 1950, Drew died in an automobile accident.

# Principal's Message



Our Principal

My Dear Seniors of 1958;

Congratulation for your success in the first Annual of Charles Drew. You have done a marvelous job. You are ready to depart from Charles Drew never to return as a student.

May I remind you of a few things? Today is the day for action. Now is the time to complete the job that lies before you. Today's world wants men and women who have the habit of doing things and getting them done. It has no place for men and women who know not where they are going.

"Give me liberty or give me death. Fifty-four forty or fight". These are but a few of the inspiring words that have led men to victory in pursuits of happiness and freedom. Today we as members of a minority group must girt ourselves to march forward and throw off the yoke of half-freedom and march off as free men and women, first class citizens of America. But, my seniors, you can't stand still and do this:

God bless you in all your undertakings.

J.E. Mason, Principal

*J.E. Mason*



B. RANDELL

W. ROSE

C. ROUGEAU

E. SAM

J. SEMIEN

R. SHILLOW

C. SIMIEN

L. SONNIER

C. STEVENS

M. STEVENS

Mrs. H. THOMAS

R. TRAIL

E. WATLEY

E. WILLIAMS

Darnell de Mon  
Graduation 1967

## CLASS OF 1967

1.	John Acclis	41.	Myrtle Dean Cuillory
2.	Camel Ray Allison	42.	Priscilla Guillory
3.	Fredric Roy Anderson	43.	Ray Allen Guillory
4.	Clarence Ardion	44.	Ruby Guillory
5.	Delia Ardion	45.	Rufus Guillory
6.	Audrey Batiste	46.	Lorris Hebert
7.	Anthony Bellow	47.	Margaret Ann Issac
8.	Charlene Bouillard	48.	Helen James
9.	Claudette Castille	49.	Mary Ann Janis
10.	Diana Carrier	50.	Mathilda Janis
11.	Mary Joyce Ceasar	51.	Gloria Helen Johnson
12.	Joyce Chapman	52.	Donald Lee Jordan
13.	Jimmie Craven	53.	Roland Ray Jordan
14.	Lerrie Common	54.	Micheal LeDay
15.	Micheal Cunningham	55.	Nathan Malaveaux
16.	Ronald Cunningham	56.	Marie Matthews
17.	Mary Jane Colbert	57.	Hebert Lee Moore
18.	Lette Jean Denton	58.	Kilmann Popillion
19.	Edward Dixon, Jr.	59.	Kildred Popillion
20.	Clayton Doucet	60.	Linda Pouillard
21.	Layton Doucet	61.	Linton Pouillard
22.	Ingrid Doyle	62.	Marton Pouillard
23.	Claudia Jean Dupre	63.	Brenda Randell
24.	Virginia Ann Dupre	64.	Walter Rose
25.	Horace Edwards, Jr.	65.	Charlie Rougasau, Jr.
26.	Junior Altry Edwards	66.	Hilda St. Andrews
27.	Yvonne Edwards	67.	Elizabeth Sax
28.	Shirley Fontenot	68.	Julia Semien
29.	George Fisher	69.	Rose Mary Shillou
30.	Adam Frank	70.	Carolyn Simien
31.	Marilene Gallow	71.	Lois Sonnier
32.	Betty Guillory	72.	Cleveland Stevens
33.	Brenda Guillory	73.	Mercedes Stevens
34.	Edonia Guillory	74.	Renelia Trail
35.	Julia Guillory	75.	Illa Ruth Watley
36.	Joan Guillory	76.	Charles Williams
37.	Gwendolyn Guillory	77.	Eligah Williams
38.	Geneva Cuillory		
39.	Micheal Guillory		
40.	Milton Guillory		

In Loving Memories Of:  
*Shelton Wagle*  
 Jimmy Dixon &  
 Phillip Murray Doyle  
*Abraham Rogers*

## FACULTY

Harvey Gardines, Superintendent

Jonas E. Mason, Principal

Elias Williams, Asst. Principal

Freddie Alfred

Everett Lastrappe

Emily R. Alfred

Phillip Lastrappe

Roy Batiste

Francis Leday

Glady Blount

Russel Lemelle

Donald Bush

Sarah Lewis

Loyce Chachere

Gloria Louviere

Fred Dupre, Jr.

Vivian Mason

Dock Edwards

William Mason

Edward Francois

Earl Milburn

Mary A. Frank

Josephine Ned

Oscar E. Gauthier

Mathew Ned

Gertrude Giron

Delore Owens

Snowden Grant

Moses Pickney

Brenda Hardy

Gloria Rayme

Gerald Hardy

Genene Sims

Gloria Harris

Ivory Stewart

Eula Lastrappe

Silverine Stevens

Albert Taylor

**CLASS MOTTO**

*"All wish to possess knowledge few are willing to pay the price"*

**CLASS COLORS**

*Maroon and Pink*

**CLASS FLOWER**

*Carnation*

1967

## BACCALAUREATE

PROCESSIONAL

NATIONAL ANTHEM ----- BREND A RANDELL

PLEDGE ----- BREND A RANDELL

INVOCATION ----- CHARLENE BOULLARD

SELECTION ----- CHORUS

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER ----- MR. EVERETT LASTRAPES

SPEAKER ----- REV. PAUL ORNTER, PASTOR  
ST. MATHILDA CATHOLIC CHURCH, EUNICE, LOUISIANA

ANNOUNCEMENTS ----- MR. J. R. MASON, PRINCIPAL

BENEDICTION ----- MICHAEL GUILLORY

RECESSIONAL -----

## COMMENCEMENT

PROCESSIONAL

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PLEDGE ----- JOYCE CHAPMAN

INVOCATION ----- MICHAEL CUNNING RAM

SALUTATORIAN ADDRESS ----- CAROLYN SEMTEN

SELECTION ----- CHORUS

VALEDICTORIAN ADDRESS ----- LAYTON DOUCET

SOLO ----- MARY ANN JANICE

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER ----- MR. GERALD J. HARDY

GUEST SPEAKER ----- MR. NORMAN FRANCIS  
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
XAVIER UNIVERSITY

AWARDS ----- MR. E. J. WILLIAMS

MR. J. E. MASON  
PRINCIPAL  
CHARLES DREW HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS SONG ----- SENIOR CLASS

The Senior Class  
of  
Charles Drew High School

announces its

Commencement Exercises

Monday evening, May twenty-ninth

Nineteen hundred and sixty-seven

at seven-thirty o'clock

High School Gymnasium

Baccalaureate

Sunday, May twenty-eighth

High School Gymnasium, 10:00 A. M.

The Junior Class

of

Charles Drew High School

Presents

*Three Coins In The Fountain*

In The Fountain Lounge

Friday Evening

April Twenty-eighth

Nineteen Hundred Sixty-seven

These Memories

were

Personally Printed

for

Juniors and Seniors

## PROGRAMME

### THREE COINS IN THE

F—From This Moment On

O—Our Thanks To You

U—Unforgettable

N—Noteworthy Predictions

T—Treasures For You

A—Among My Souvenirs

I—It's Magic

N—Now The Day Is Over

Welcome Address ..... Michael Victorian

Response ..... Phillip Doyle

## SENIOR CLASS

### OFFICERS

Phillip Doyle .....	President
Layton Doucet .....	Vice-President
Brenda Guillory .....	Secretary
Lerrie Common .....	Treasurer
Horace Edward .....	Reporter

### SPONSORS

Everette Lastrappe	Gerald Hardy
Josephine Ned	

### COLORS

Maroon and Pink

## JUNIOR CLASS

### OFFICERS

Michael Victorian .....	President
Stanley Coleman .....	Secretary
Matt Hurke, Junior .....	Treasurer

### SPONSORS

Freddie Alfred	Gladys Blount
William Mason	Mathew Ned

### COLORS

Pink and Yellow

### FLOWER

Apple Blossoms

### MOTTO

Three Coins In The Fountain



Mr. J. E. Mason—Principle

Cleveland Stevens

Freddie Anderson      Jimmy Dixon      Phillip Doyle      Rufus Guillory      Ronald Jordan      Martin Poullard

Rose Shillow

Walter Rose

In Memory of our Loved Ones:  
Death does not mean the utter forgetfulness of earthly friends and loved ones in the Lord. The emptiness and longing in our hearts, the undying memory of those precious loved ones who have departed, will be more than mere buried hopes. "Now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known" 1 Corinthians 13:12. This verse has in it the implication that we shall know each other better in Heaven than on earth. Here our knowledge of each other is partial; knowledge of each other is partial; in Heaven it will be complete.

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Class of 1967



Mr. J.E. Mason—Principal

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Freddie Anderson      Jimmy Dixon      Phillip Doyle      Rufus Guillory      Ronald Jordan      Walter Rose  
Cleveland Stevens      Rose Shillow      Martin Pouliard