

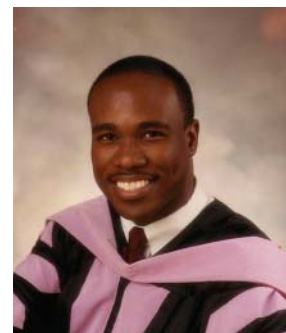
Educational Opportunity Center

THE FACE OF SUCCESS

Audrey O. Deas

EEOC Connection

The joy of all parents is to see their children more successful in life than they could ever imagine. Edward “Maurice” Mack fulfilled the dreams of his parents by becoming the first medical school graduate in the family of Mattie “Mack” Mitchell and Edward Mitchell, and is now the pride of his community. After graduating from the former St. Andrews High School in 1992, Edward and his mother sought counsel from the Educational Opportunity Center regarding college admissions and financial aid assistance. The Education Specialist also discussed his choice of colleges and provided information about majors and careers. Edward initially wanted to be an engineer, but switched his major to biology. He attended South Carolina State University, and, after graduating, he went on to Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry, in Memphis, Tennessee.

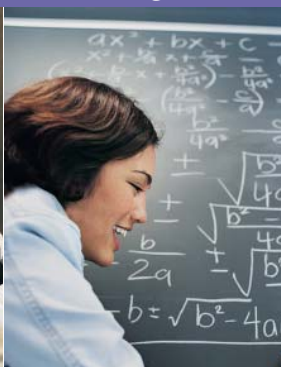


After the school of dentistry, Dr. Mack served three years in the United States Army. After completing a year-long dentistry practice and airborne training at Fort Benning, Georgia, Dr. Mack served seven months in Iraq. Upon completion of his tour of duty, he did further graduate studies at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, specializing in the area of endodontics. Endodontics is the practice of removing infected or inflamed nerves in the teeth (root canal). Dr. Mack now resides in Memphis, Tennessee where he lives with his wife Lacanas and their two daughters. Dr. Mack’s practice is also located in Memphis, where he serves a predominantly African-American community. His is one of only ten endodontic practices in Memphis, and he is the only African-American in the endodontics field in that area.

Dr. Mack is the pride of his community. He is a kind gentleman who has never forgotten those people who have helped him along the way. He always fondly remembers the many people who were instrumental in his success. He credits his parents and the EOC with helping him to begin his collegiate career and, consequently, professional journey. Dr. Mack mentioned that the EOC provided him not only with technical assistance with the financial aid and admission applications, but also motivation and encouragement. Dr. Mack says he will never forget his humble beginnings and the many people who encouraged him to study hard and always do his best.

The EOC congratulates Dr. Edward “Maurice” Mack! We are proud to have played a part in his accomplishments, and we wish him continued success!

Your College Connection

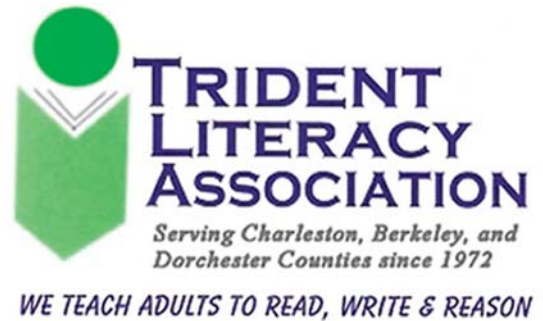


Who We Serve Will Amos

One of the organizations the Educational Opportunity Center has the pleasure of serving is the Trident Literacy Association. Founded in 1972, Trident Literacy Association has a proven record of positive outcomes. With the help of more than 200 volunteers and dozens of community collaborators, Trident Literacy Association serves more than 2000 students annually.

The mission of Trident Literacy Association is to increase literacy in Charleston, Berkeley, and Dorchester counties by offering instruction, using a self-paced, individualized curriculum in reading, writing, mathematics, English as a Second Language, GED preparation, and basic computer use.

While attending Trident Literacy, students benefit from self-paced study programs tailored to meet participant needs. Study groups have five or fewer students, making learning comfortable and easier. One-on-one tutoring is available, with volunteer tutors who treat students with respect and consideration. There is a one-time annual fee of \$25 per student. There is no charge for senior citizens aged 65 and up. Students have enjoyed success in educational advancement, employment, job retention, job advancement, reading to their children, and being able to help their children in school.



The Educational Opportunity Center and the Trident Literacy Association make a perfect team because as the students gain skills, they also gain confidence. With new confidence, they often desire to stretch their wings even further, and goals that once appeared unobtainable begin to become accessible, such as the pursuit of a college education. The Educational Opportunity Center appreciates their partnership with Trident Literacy and looks forward to many more years together.

Volunteers and supporters are welcomed and appreciated.

For more information call 843-747-2223

#46 Adult College Students Ought to Know:

that you are becoming a role model for your family, friends, or fellow employees. What you're experiencing and learning, both in content and survivorship skills, is worthy of respect...and you'll get it. The tone you set by prioritizing your time and study responsibilities will become a model for others to follow.

From 100 Things Every Adult College Student Ought to Know, Carlette Jackson Hardin © 2000

Spring 2009 College Tours

College or University

Date

South Carolina State University and Clafin University

January 2009

Coastal Carolina University

January 2009

Francis Marion University

February 2009

For many years, the Educational Opportunity Center has been taking students on a tour of colleges primarily in South Carolina, but tours outside of South Carolina are offered occasionally. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to experience firsthand what different colleges have to offer. Participants will receive information about the Colleges, including the admissions process, financial aid, and the cost of attendance. They will also go on a tour of the colleges and are able to ask any questions related to attendance.

Don't miss your opportunity! Sign up Now!!

Main Campus
574-6266

Palmer Campus
722-5513 or 722-5511

Berkeley Campus
899-8020

Cyndi Sieber receives Shining Star Award



Kyle Ethelbah, president of the National Educational Opportunity Centers Association, presented Cyndi Sieber with the Shining Star Award at the NEOCA annual conference held in Washington, D.C. on September 16.

For the past two years, Cyndi has had the opportunity to work closely with the NEOCA board as the assistant to Osei Chandler, director of the Educational Opportunity Center at TTC. Osei served as secretary to the board (2006-2007) and most recently as vice president (2007-2008).

The purpose of the NEOCA is to provide a vehicle through which Educational Opportunity Centers and similar programs can aid disadvantaged student and pre-student populations to obtain a quality education by

- reviewing, evaluating, and recommending legislation affecting the development of educational opportunities, and
- developing institutional approaches that will provide greater educational opportunities.

Cyndi's contribution to the monthly NEOCA monthly board meetings included setting up MeetMe conference calls, recording minutes, and assisting with conference planning and designing an ad for the Council for Educational Opportunity. She also designed and maintained the NEOCA website, <http://www.neoca.org>.

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The Educational Opportunity Center assists adults in obtaining postsecondary education.

Free services include

- ☞ Providing postsecondary admission and financial aid information
- ☞ Academic, career, and postsecondary enrollment counseling
- ☞ Identifying people interested in furthering their education
- ☞ Technical assistance in preparing applications for financial aid and postsecondary admission
- ☞ Referrals to GED/ABE classes and other agencies for services not provided by EOC

2008 GED Dates for Ft. Dorchester High School

January 17, 2009
February 14, 2009
March 14, 2009
April 18, 2009
May 16, 2009
June 13, 2009

2009 SAT Test Dates

January 24, 2009
March 14, 2009
May 2, 2009
June 6, 2009

www.tridenttech.edu/eoc.htm



Tune
in to the
"Educational
Opportunity Update"
weekly on WJNJ FM,
106.3, Wednesdays
between 8:45 and
9:00 A.M.

Preparation Sites for the GED, including the practice test, are offered at the following agencies:

Charleston Adult & Community Ed.	937-6538
Trident One-Stop and satellite locations	574-1800
Trident Literacy Association	747-2223
Summerville Adult Learning Center	873-7372

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