

## **Aspirations Newsletter** **MAY 2010**

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**Welcome to Aspirations!** Group 22 starts on Tuesday, May 4. Please take a moment to contact our new members and make them feel like a part of our family.

### **Driving lessons anyone???**

If you are interested in being part of a group specifically designed for those on the Spectrum wanting to gain instruction about how to study for and take the driving temp license test contact Dr. Tom fish at [fish.1@osu.edu](mailto:fish.1@osu.edu). We need about 5-7 interested parties to make a go of this.

### **Aspirations Book Club Thursdays from 7-8pm**

Barnes & Noble, Second Floor 1598 N. High Street (SE Corner of High & 11th AVE)

**Currently reading: The Sigh of Haruhi Suzumaya by Nagaru Tanigawa**

For more information, please contact Renee Devlin at [devlinre@yahoo.com](mailto:devlinre@yahoo.com).

### **Our next Recap** is coming up... **Games night**

Wednesday, May 5 room 235 Nisonger Center 6:30 to 8:00 pm

<b>Guest Speaker; Kelly Stephenson COTA Project Mainstream</b>
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Mainstream is a shared-ride service, scheduled in advance, and available as a door-to-door service to customers upon request whose need is determined through ADA Para transit eligibility process. Eligibility requirements are based on the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). Please RSVP to Jeff at [siegel.45@osu.edu](mailto:siegel.45@osu.edu) or [JKRAMER0007@columbus.rr.com](mailto:JKRAMER0007@columbus.rr.com)

### **Congratulations!!!**



**Jason Brand** graduates from Capital University May 8 with a degree in vocal performance from the Musical Conservatory.

**Tyler Stanfield** for making Employee of the month with VG Janitorial services!

**Kitwana Norris** (young aspirations group 4) who is performing in "Find Your Voice"; a special evening hosted by the Miracle-Gro Capital Scholars. This is a program featuring music, poetry, and performances by Columbus youth. At, COSI on Friday, April 30, 2010 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm as part of their Family Friday night (*see Jeff for free tickets*)

**Eight of our members** appeared on separate programs this month on WCMH Columbus Channel 4.

**Daytime Columbus hosted by Gail Hogan**

Melanie Yergeau & Justin Rooney appeared with Angela on Monday April 12.

A video to the show can be found at [wcmh.com](http://wcmh.com)

**“The Autism Puzzle” hosted by Jerrod Smalley**

Melanie & Justin, along with Jeffrey Strasser, Patrick Meehan, Ashley Hankey, Brian Cloppert, Joel Harwood, Nick Kramer and Kitwana Norris appeared on Wednesday April 21 follow the link below <http://www2.nbc4i.com/cmh/video/detail/d8b70354-9ed8-102d-a6fd-001ec92a4a0d/35491/>

**Ceith Purifoy.** Below is a link to an article about the Open Door Studio including a picture of Ceith showing off his artistic talents. He just went through the last Aspirations group. His brother Paul was in one of the very early Aspirations groups so Ceith has come to many of the Recap events already.

[http://www.snponline.com/articles/2010/04/09/worthington\\_news/arts/woalltvart\\_20100402\\_0220pm\\_1.txt](http://www.snponline.com/articles/2010/04/09/worthington_news/arts/woalltvart_20100402_0220pm_1.txt)

**Kudos** to Angela & Jeff who were Ann Fisher's All Sides guests Tuesday April 28 to discuss Autism Awareness Month in April [www.wosu.org/allsides/](http://www.wosu.org/allsides/).

## **Aspirations Guys**

**May meeting** May 16 5:00 -6:30 pm

Graeter's Ice Cream 2282 E. Broad Street 43209

## **Women of Aspirations**

The Women of Aspirations went to Magic Mountain Saturday April 24 attending were Kamaria, Natalie, Alexis & Elizabeth. Welcome to Annum Yasin sister of Momin (aspirations fall 08) who is helping Whitney with WoA.

### **Next WoA meeting:**

Sunday, May 9 from 5:00 - 6:30pm

Noodles & Company 5032 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43214

Check your email for more updates from WoA.

For more information, please write WoA Coordinator Whitney Brooks at

[WomenOfAspirations@gmail.com](mailto:WomenOfAspirations@gmail.com).

*Happy Birthday Kamaria!!!!*

## **Young Aspirations**

We just started our fourth group of Young Aspirations, ages 13-17, the book club continues meeting weekly at Borders on Sawmill from 11am-noon 6670 Sawmill Road. This is a chance for the teens to talk and hang-out weekly together in a fun, supportive environment. An informal parents group meets at the same time at Einstein's Bagels nearby. Thanks to Hillary Spears, Mike Perryman, and his daughter Tessa for their hard work in making this book club come to life. For further info contact Hillary Spears at [HillarySpears@gmail.com](mailto:HillarySpears@gmail.com) or Mike Perryman at [Vperry7490@aol.com](mailto:Vperry7490@aol.com)

**Newsletter contributions** This is *your* group and newsletter. We need people to write about past and upcoming events.

