



GOLDEN TECHITE

A CHRONICLE OF MCKINLEY
TECH ALUMNI CELEBRATING
MORE THAN 50 YEARS SINCE
GRADUATION

President's Message

As the summer brings on warmer weather, more things are opening because of the way the pandemic was managed by health officials and local governments in this area. The D.C., Maryland and Virginia area ranked 14th in having one of lowest mortality rates in the United States.

As a result, Tech went through the school year successfully and was able to hold its Awards Luncheon on June 2nd in the school's gym. The awards included scholarships covering all four years of their college education. Golden Techites Scholarship Chairman, George Izumi, a 1957 graduate, selected Olachi Njoku and David C. Banu as recipients of the Golden Techites scholarships of \$1,000 for the 2022-2023 academic year. Olachi will be attending the University of Massachusetts in Lowell, MA and Mr. Banu will be attending the New Jersey Institute of Technology. MTAA's Scholarship Chairman, Jerry Glenn, Class of 1972, also presented his organization's thirteen \$1,000 and four \$500 scholarships. Additionally, the Tom Antonielli Family scholarship for \$1,000 went to Gerado Morales who will be attending Mt. Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD and the Barbara W. Butler scholarship for \$1,000 went to Liyah Tyner. She will be attending North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, NC. We wish all the best in their pursuit of excellence in this next phase of their life.

The MTAA-GT participated in Tech's Registration Day. This particularly important event takes place each year across all schools in the D.C. area. Eric Price, class of 1978, and Evelyn Brown, class of 1965, volunteered on behalf of the alumni association to participate. Registration began at 10:00 am with prospective students assembling in the auditorium. There were approximately one hundred students accompanied by their parents, siblings, and friends. After the registration process, the now registered students and those accompanying them learned more about the programs available at Tech. Students and faculty were set up in the hallways at tables displaying biotechnology group (robotics) projects, biology set-ups and program displays of diverse options which students could choose to participate as enrollees. An excellent example was the group of five students from the robotics club. They were members of the first-year class who placed eighth in DC competition with the invention of a machine operated by remote control that shoots the basketball into the hoop. Can you just imagine the vision, ingenuity, and creativity, utilizing engineering skills, to create such an invention?

The students were excited and curious, evident on the faces, as they moved from display-to-display recording in their minds what to select in the new school year. The MTAA/GT representatives shared the details on the alumni association and its relationship with Tech's officials. They also pointed out the value of Tech's resources available to the students and parents, encouraging them to take advantage of all. This program helps students focus on what will be important in reaching their education and career goals.

Eric and Evelyn also helped manage the sale of tee shirts. Both contributed to the McKinley Tech coffers. Time ran out, but both said it was a wonderful experience to meet faculty members, as well as existing and new students in the class of 2023. Their experience certainly brought back memories of waiting in the auditorium and the anticipation of enrolling at McKinley and the excitement and adventures that lie ahead for exploring new opportunities, meeting new friends and the academic achievements that await them. Thanks to both for covering this major event at Tech!

Evelyn also brought to our attention that Sam Gilliam, a renowned abstract artist who taught at Tech, passed away at the ripe old age of eighty-eight. He certainly had a tremendous influence on her and other art students, including hers. Gilliam has a tremendous reputation worldwide and was highly respected. She remembered the days trekking to the DC galleries that influenced her art appreciation as did other young minds at Tech. Sam Gilliam was an American color field painter and lyrical abstractionist artist. Gilliam was associated with the Washington Color School, a group of Washington, D.C.-area artists that developed a form of abstract art from color field painting in the 1950s and 1960s.

On June 11th, Tom Antonielli, George Izumi and Evelyn Brown and I were among the more than one hundred attendees at MTAA's annual Barbeque event, enjoying a deluxe cookout. Photo coverage of the event is available at <http://www.mckinleytech-alumniassociation.com>. Tom Antonielli and I joined MTAA's President and Vice President, Sherry Stanard and Leon Segears, in a photo taken at the event. Tom's wife, Dianne, prepared her world-famous Mac and Cheese casserole. Evelyn Brown and George Izumi were other Golden Techites in attendance.

Prior to attending the Awards Luncheon, Evelyn, Tom, and I toured the memorabilia exhibition that Juan Hernandez, Tech's Librarian, had added to the library. It includes publications, photographs, awards symbols, and other items of interest throughout Tech's history. He still needs more material for inclusion to the collection. Keep that in mind when we have our next reception or tour of Tech.

In the Tech spirit,

Bill Butler, Golden Techites President

P.S. – We have had some inquiries about the next Golden Techites reunion. We are working with the MTAA to have a meeting with Tech officials on holding the reunion at the school. A survey will be sent out soon to determine the level of interest in a reunion at the school. We will keep you posted on this matter.

New Members and Changes

1949 - Richard Hetherington, Leesburg, VA, 703-443-1242

1959 - Georgia Campbell, Forestville, MD, jmcampbell9@aol.com

1965 - William R. Bond, Jr., wrbondjr@gmail.com *

1968 - Nena **Wright** Arroyo, nena.lynn32@gmail.com *

Asterisk: Denotes New Member

In Memory

1936 – Sumner K. “Bud” Hushing II, 3/31/2020, North Palm Beach, FL

1942 - Marie E. **Harris** Satterwhite, 5/31/2022, Germantown, MD

1943- Porta Spirodopolous, 5/17/2022, Washington, DC

1945 - Robert T. Ligette, 7/19/2022, Greenbelt, MD

1946 - Robert D. Grigg III, 4/23/2022, Bethesda, MD

1948 - Florence **Hodges** Curley, 6/12/2022, Frederick, MD

1949 - Francis Frain, 7/16/2022, Edgewater, MD

1950 - Joseph Wolfinger, 3/8/2022, Middletown, MD

Olive **Smith** Chaisson, 8/9/2022, Silver Spring, MD

Thomas Ridge, 7/17/2022, Vero Beach, FL

Carol Ann **Novak** Pagi, 4/28/2022, Washington, DC

1951 -Doris **Williams** Christy, 7/11/2022, Columbia MD

1954 - Edward "Eddie" Michael Sacchet, 3/29/2022, Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Award Recipients



*Olachi Njoku and David C. Banu
George Izumi Presenting*



*Gerado Morales
Tom Antonielli Presenting*



*Liyah Tyner
Bill Butler Presented*

Presenters



Tom Antonielli, Bill Butler, George Izumi, Evelyn Brown and Jerry Glenn

MTAA Barbeque



Leon Segears, Tom Antonielli, Bill Butler and Sherry Stanard



Registration Day



Eric Price and Evelyn Brown: MTAA & Golden Techites Volunteers



Registration in Tech Auditorium

Registration Day



Tech Library



Juan Hernandez (Librarian), Tom Antonielli, Evelyn Brown



