



**ALFORD**  
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# Alford Family News

June 2018 Issue

**M**ake sure you are registered for our upcoming family reunion. The Extraordinary Alford's will be arriving in Oklahoma City for the 2018 Alford Family Reunion on July 6<sup>th</sup>. We have fun filled weekend planned throughout for our family and friends. Make your plans to be there.

Theme: **An Ordinary Family,  
Doing Extraordinary Things**

Dates: **July 6-8, 2018**

Hotel: **The Courtyard Marriot  
13511 Highland Park Blvd  
Oklahoma City, OK 73120  
405-418-4000**

Group Code: **Alford Family Reunion**

Room Rates: **\$99.00**

Registration: **\$80.00/3 days or \$35/1 Day**

Pay Online: **[www.paypal.me/AlfordReunion](http://www.paypal.me/AlfordReunion)**

Sat. Day Party: **Montellano Event Center  
11200 N. Eastern Avenue  
Oklahoma City, OK 73131**

1. **Complete and return your registration packet.** Complete and return your registration forms as soon as possible.

Via Email: **[thealfordreunion@gmail.com](mailto:thealfordreunion@gmail.com)**

Via Mail: **Alford Reunion 2018  
c/o MyTay Green  
1721 Glen Falls Lane  
Pearland, Texas 77581**

2. **Questions?**

Email: **[thealfordreunion@gmail.com](mailto:thealfordreunion@gmail.com)**

Call or Text: **281-773-6756**

3. **Stay up to date with reunion plans.**

Via Web: **[www.alfordfamilyreunion.com](http://www.alfordfamilyreunion.com)**

Via Facebook: **Alford Family Reunion 2018**

2018 Alford Reunion Chairs  
Gloria Carr & MyTay Green

**An OKC Takeover Production**

**#ExtraordinaryAlfords**

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Music by DJ D Chappell  
Moon Jump  
Soul Food  
Games

Portraits by RS Photos  
Face Painting  
Awards  
Prizes

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**SATURDAY, JULY 7, 2018**  
*A Family Reunion*  
**ALFORD DAY PARTY**

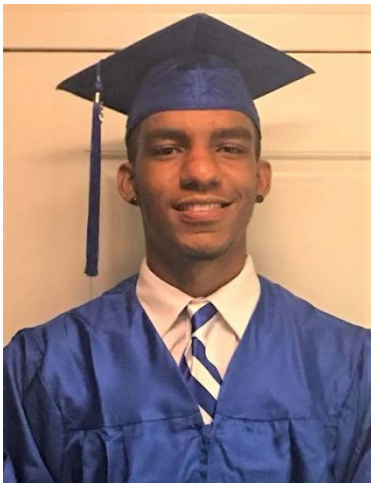
Children Tickets \$25      Doors Open 3:00-8:00pm      Adult Tickets \$35

## The 2018 Graduate Edition

This is the time of year when we celebrate our Alford graduates. We are always excited to see our family members reach their academic goals. Together we congratulate the Alford class of 2018. Below are the announcements for this graduation season.

### Will Tibbs

Cheers to our own **Will Tibbs** who graduated from Fayetteville State University with a degree in Psychology



on May 12, 2018. Will received numerous collegiate accolades, including the Academic Excellence Award!

William "Will" Tibbs, IV is the son of Gloria & William "Bill" Tibbs, III, and twin sister of Celia Tibbs; Grandson of William Tibbs, II; G/Grandson of Troy & William Tibbs, Sr.;

G/G/Grandson of Matthenia "Emma" Coffey; and G/G/G/Grandson of John Henry Coffey.

### Celia Tibbs



We are extremely proud of **Celia Tibbs** who graduated from Gardner Webb University on May 12, 2018. Celia will be pursuing a career in media/public relations and communications.

Celia Tibbs is the daughter of Gloria & William "Bill" Tibbs, III and twin sister of William "Will" Tibbs, IV;

Granddaughter of William Tibbs, II; G/Granddaughter of Troy & William Tibbs, Sr.; G/G/Granddaughter of Matthenia "Emma" Coffey; and G/G/G/Granddaughter of John Henry Coffey.

### Natalie Yvonne Henderson

Alford graduates are awesome and **Natalie Yvonne Henderson** is no exception! Natalie graduated from



Central Michigan University on May 5, 2018, with a Bachelor of Arts in Broadcast/Journalism-Cinematic Arts. She is already working as a Production Assistant of Casting and Talent for MTV in New York City.

Natalie is the daughter of Nancy A Moore; Granddaughter of

Roxanne Moore; G/Granddaughter of Alphretta M. Starks; G/G/Granddaughter of Major "Datey" Alford, Sr.; and G/G/G/Granddaughter of Matthew Solomon Alford.

### Sydney Michelle Scott

Hats off to beautiful **Sydney Michelle Scott** who is a new graduate of Tuskegee University, obtaining a Bachelor of



Science degree in Biology. Commencement exercises were held on Saturday, May 12, 2018 in Tuskegee, AL. Way to go Sydney!

Sydney is the daughter of Lynne Simpson-Harding; Granddaughter of Wessylyne A. and James Allan Simpson; G/Granddaughter of Emily and Wesley Dow

Alford; and G/G/Granddaughter of Matthew Solomon Alford.



## Ryan Alford



Congratulations to **Ryan Alford** who graduated from Texas State University on May 10, 2018. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations with a minor in Business. He will be working for a public relations firm beginning this summer.

Ryan is the son of George Ray Alford; Grandson of Lee Ann & Edward "Big Ace" Alford, Sr.; G/Grandson of Bernice & George Alford; G/G/Grandson of Wesley Dow Alford; and G/G/G/G/Grandson of Matthew Solomon Alford.

## Chazni Caesar



Congratulations to **Chazni Caesar** who graduated on Saturday, May 12, 2018, from Wichita State University. Chazni received of Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering.

Chazni is the daughter of Sandra Alford; Granddaughter of Amos Alford; G/Granddaughter of James Willie Alford;

G/G/Granddaughter of Lafayette Alford.

## Shakayra Coleman

A round of applause go out to **Shakayra Coleman** who is a



recent graduate from Wichita Online Virtue/Chester Lewis. Commencement exercises were held on May 15, 2018. She will be attending Butler Community College in the fall, majoring in general studies.

She is the daughter of Benita Bell & David Coleman; Granddaughter

of Bennie Bell, Jr. & Mary Barber; G/Granddaughter of Dinnetta & Bennie Bell, Sr.; G/G/Granddaughter of Willie C. Bell; G/G/G/Granddaughter of Lucinda Alford & Ivory Bell; and G/G/G/G/Granddaughter of Matthew Solomon Alford.

## Brittany Hammons

The Alford stars are shining ever so bright! We are very proud of **Brittany Hammons** who graduated from the



University of Central Oklahoma with a degree in Family Life Education - Child Development on May 4th, 2018.

Brittany is the daughter of Hersey & Nicole Hammons, III; Granddaughter

of Hersey & Kathryn (Emery) Hammons, II.; G/Granddaughter of L.C. & Erma (Alford) Emery; G/G/Granddaughter of Charlie & Asalee Alford; G/G/G/Granddaughter of Wesley Dow Alford; and G/G/G/G/Granddaughter of Matthew Solomon Alford.

### Chris Dunlap Harris, M.D.



Is there a doctor in the house? YES THERE IS! We are tremendously proud of our own **Christopher Dunlap Harris** who graduated, May 19, 2018 from the Oklahoma University College of Medicine. Dr. Harris is now a Family Medicine Resident at

the OU Medical Center. He was awarded Outstanding Professional Multicultural Student and devoted countless hours volunteering mentoring and coaching incoming medical students. Please join me in congratulating Christopher Dunlap Harris, M.D.

Chris is the son of Emily Patterson Harris; Grandson of Violet & Lee Virgil Patterson, Sr.; G/Grandson of Emily & Wesley Dow Alford; and G/G/Grandson of Matthew Solomon Alford. He is married to the beautiful Amreen Harris and father to Nayaah & Carter.

### Izell Jarell Dunigan

We shout congratulations to **Izell Jarell Dunigan!** Izell graduated from Wichita South High School on May 10, 2018. He will be pursuing a career as a firefighter and received the Pathway Award for outstanding performance, fire science.



Izell is the son of Ila Alford-Ray; Grandson of Jenni Alford-Ray & Ivan

Ray; G/Grandson of Pete Alford & Vera Williams-Alford; G/G/Grandson of Lafayette Alford.

### Dominique Marshall, R.N.

Not only do we have a doctor in the house, we have a nurse too! We celebrate the great accomplishment of **Dominique Marshall** who completed her nursing degree



on May 17, 2018 from the Community College of Rhode Island. Dominique is a graduate from the University of Arizona and former assistant volleyball coach at Providence College. She now joins the medical professional as a Registered Nurse, graduating

with high honors and serving as president of two student-nursing organizations.

Dominique Marshall is the lovely wife of Daniel Marshall. Daniel is the son of Debbie Tibbs-Collins; Grandson of Joe Tibbs; G/Grandson of Troy Tibbs; G/G/Grandson of Matthenia "Emma" Coffey; and G/G/G/Grandson of John Henry Coffey. She is mom to Gianna and little Isaiah.

### Major Leonard Alford, II

A big round of applause go out to **Major Leonard Alford, Jr.** who graduates from Yucaipa High School on June 6,



2018. He has not committed to a college yet but will be making his final decision within the next 2 weeks. We anxiously await his announcement!

Major Leonard Alford, II is the son of Major L. Alford, Sr.; Grandson of Major

Alford, Jr.; G/Grandson of Major "Datey" Alford, Sr. and G/G/Grandson of Matthew Solomon Alford.



## Tiffany Weldon

The Alford's are coming to takeover your television!

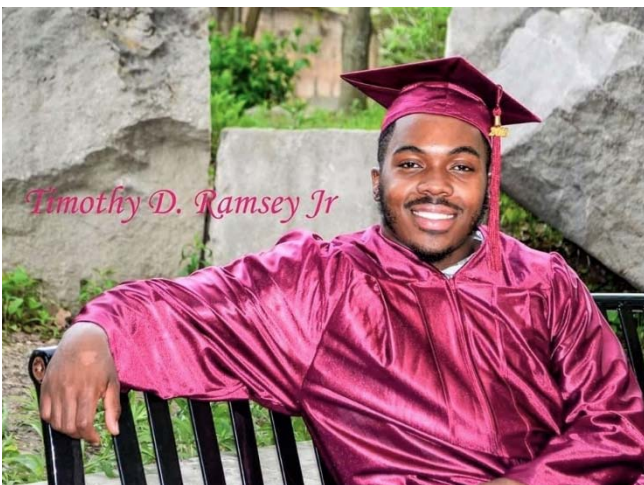
**Tiffany Weldon** graduated from San Jose State University on May 24, 2018 with a Bachelors of Arts in Radio Television Film. She will be working as an Intern/Production Assistant for the Netflix series "On My Block." Tiffany was an active campus leader at SJSU; participating as a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, intern with radio



station 90.5 FM KSJS San Jose, Frosh Orientation Leader of Student Involvement and Senior Orientation Leader Team Lead.

Tiffany is the daughter of Lisa Mapps-Weldon & Charles Weldon, Jr.; Granddaughter of Charles Weldon, Sr.; G/Granddaughter of Bea Jennings Weldon; G/G/Granddaughter of Effie M. Alford Jennings; and G/G/G/Granddaughter of Matthew Solomon Alford.

## Timothy Ramsey, Jr.



Join us in sending a shout out to **Timothy Ramsey, Jr.** He will be graduating from Lawrence Central High School in Indianapolis on June 7, 2018. Timothy will be attending

Adrian College where he plans to become a student-athlete majoring in Sports Management.

Timothy D. Ramsey, Jr. is the son of Rev. Timothy D. Ramsey, Sr. & Mona Ramsey; Grandson of Emma Jean Sanders; G\Grandson of Major "Datey" Alford and G\G\Grandson of Matthew Solomon Alford.

# Congratulations Alford's!

## Promotion of Bryan Byrd



We have more outstanding family news to share. Reposting a very special announcement from Bryan Byrd.

Good evening FB friends and family. I am humbled to announce that I was named the new Principal at Reed Middle School tonight at our Duncanville ISD Board meeting. I am so thankful for this opportunity and I appreciate my family and my educational mentors. Hazel Byrd thank you for believing in me and speaking this very night into existence for the past 10 months. Dana Carter you are the rock of our family, thank you for never allowing me to settle for anything less than excellence. Bryan K. Byrd educators are what made our family...I am so happy to continue the tradition, I aim to make Uncle Lloyd proud. Our talks push me to make our last name



worth something. Sam Nix I will always be indebted to you, thank you for teaching me how to lead and continuously investing in me. Kelly Riley Hastings you are so special, the past 9 years you have always had my back! Anthony Criss, wow, 6 years ago when I came to you with my plan and you told me to shoot my shot, I appreciate you so much! Laura Z Jones 12 years ago, you modeled excellence through action and I will never forget your professionalism and commitment to excellence. Darwin Brown our friendship and your competitive spirit continues to push me daily, thank you sir.

Lastly, last year I had to make a tough decision to leave the comforts of stability and I made the decision to bet on myself, for those of you that are committed to excellence and determined to make a positive impact on our youth...bet on yourself!

Reed community, parents, and staff...It is time to work, we must ensure that our students are prepared to win in the game of life. We will write success stories one student at a time.

Let's give **Principal Byrd** a huge Alford round of applause! Bryan Byrd is the son of Dana Carter & Fred Carter; Grandson of Nathaniel Alfred, G/Grandson of Major "Datey" Alford; and G/G/Grandson of Matthew Solomon Alford.

## Our Growing Tree

### Zavion Jacquay Brown, Jr.



We welcome another prince to the Alford family. **Zavion Jaquay Brown, Jr.** was born on May 25, 2018 at 3:11a.m. He weighed in at 7lbs 6oz and measured 21 inches long. Congratulations to the proud parents.

Zavion, Jr. is the son of Zavion Jacquay Brown, Sr.; Grandson of Candice Samuels-Brown; G/Grandson

of Lillian Patton; G/G/Grandson of Elizabeth Alford Patton; G/G/G/Grandson of James Willie Alford; and G/G/G/G/Grandson of Lafayette Alford.

### Amere Dyonne Antonio

We welcome another handsome prince into the Alford family! **Amere Dyonne Antonio** was born March 1, 2018 at 5:47pm. He weighed in at 6lbs 15oz and 19 in long and he is already stealing hearts.

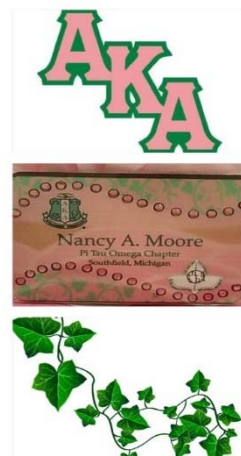
Amere is the son of Aviance Brown; Grandson of Candice Samuels-Brown; G/Grandson of Lillian Patton; G/G/Grandson of Elizabeth Alford Patton; G/G/G/Grandson of James Willie Alford; and G/G/G/G/Grandson of Lafayette Alford.



## Going Greek

### Nancy A. Moore

On Sunday, May 27, 2018, **Nancy A. Moore** joined the Pi Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc. in



Southfield, MI. Please join us in congratulating her!

Welcoming her into the sisterhood are many other notable Alford AKA's including:

Emily Harris, Gwynell Patterson Wilson, Violet Alford Patterson, Wesslyne Simpson, LaNita Harris, Lynne



Simpson-Harding, Brenda Nails Alford, Deandra Bradley, Kim Smith, Valerie Hill, Ericka Dooley, Latoya Moore and Amreen Harris.

Nancy A Moore is the daughter of Roxanne Moore; Granddaughter of Alphretta M. Starks; G/Granddaughter of Major "Datey" Alford, Sr.; and G/G/Granddaughter of Matthew Solomon Alford.

of James Willie Alford; and G/G/G/Grandson of Lafayette Alford.

Please continue to keep our family in your thoughts and prayers.

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## In Memory Of . . .

### Reggie Alford, Jr.

Our family mourns the untimely passing of **Reginald D. Alford, Jr.** He was born on July 31, 1986 in Oklahoma



City. He attended the Francis Tuttle Technology Center, where he studied CNC Machinery. Known for his charisma and charm, Reggie was cherished by all who knew him. His life was cut short in a fatal car accident on May 2, 2018. He was 31 years old.

Left to cherish his memory are his parents, Reginald D.

Alford, Sr. and Tonja Alford; daughters Aniyah Damonni Alford and Kaliyah Shanya Dixon; sons Damon Letrell Alford and Damion Kentrell Alford; and sisters Timeka Monique Alford and Brittany Shantia Alford.

A visitation was held on Sunday, May 13, 2018 at Temple and Sons Funeral Home in Oklahoma City, OK. The homegoing celebration for Reggie took place on Monday, May 14, 2018 at Prospect Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, OK.

Reggie Alford, Jr, is the son of Reginald Alford & Tonya Alford; Grandson of J.W. Alford & Venita Hicks; G/Grandson of George & Elizabeth Alford; G/G/Grandson

## Our Family Health

### 7 Tips to Building a Strong Mind & Body

May is the time of our Alford family children graduate from high school and go off to college, or leave middle school to start high school. In this article I will attempt to offer you tips to assist our students' to survive and stay healthy.

1. Students skip meals or eat the wrong foods: Families have saved for years to have the funds to send their children to college only to discover it is not enough to cover everything.
2. Suggestions of healthy foods – google is great to find new menus for healthy eating. I suggest mixing some vegetarian dishes into your daily meals.
3. Prep ahead because you will not have a lot of time. Ask parents to send you lots of ziplock bags to keep your mixed green salad. Have Tubbleware on hand to store your shredded vegetables (all in separate containers). Keep a couple of Avacado's and apples on hand to add to your salad. A great dressing is just olive oil and balsamic vinegar.
4. Easy menus can be found on google, but try to avoid too many carb dishes like macaroni and cheese, pasta, breads and pizzas. These turn into sugar and make you sleepy. Yes, that's why you are sleepy after lunch.
5. Take your lunch bag and water each day with healthy snacks like fruit, nuts and sliced vegetables. Avoid eating too much peanut butter.

6. Sugar is devastating to your concentration and stamina so try to cut down on your intake. Read the label for how much sugar is in your natural tea drink. Also, avoid too much sodium. Read the label on your Raman noodle package, it's off the charts. Avoid soft drinks and sugary drinks altogether.

7. Treat yourself once or twice a month to dine out. The cost of eating fast food can be more than \$6 per day. If you eat out two times per day, seven days per week, on average you will spend \$336 per month. Why not spend less and eat a nice meal out for a fraction of the cost. Your waistline and wallet will thank you.

Building a healthy body will help you recover faster if you become ill. We have people in our family fighting kidney disease, auto immune diseases, arthritis, allergies, acid reflux, and many other ailments. Your body is your temple of gold and you must protect it like a greedy pirate. Eating the healthiest foods can help you feel better.

Lastly, exercise should be added to your daily routine. Start light by getting in the habit of walking at least a mile every day. Pick up your pace when walking from class to class. Ride your bike, dance, swim or go to the gym, but keep your body moving. It will thank you with a life time of good health.

**Sharon Brown-Alford**  
**Health & Wellness Committee Chair**

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### Alford Family Scholarship Donations

Please consider donating to the Alford Family Scholarship Fund. Proceeds are used to assist Alford family members who seek to further their education. To make a donation or for more information please contact our scholarship chairpersons:

Edward & Hedy Jackson  
3210 Sheehan Drive  
Land O Lakes, FL 34638  
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**The Alford Store Has It All!**

*The Alford Store will be open on Saturday at the reunion. Make sure to stop by!*

### Honoring our Alford Legacy

Solomon Alford fathered seven mulatto children in rural Mississippi from 1849-1880. Six of those children born on the Alford plantation to a slave girl named Lussie; while their brother resided on the nearby Coffey plantation. These seven stars, along with their mother, endured countless hardships and overcame tremendous adversity so that we may live. We stand on their shoulders and honor their Alford legacy.

- ★ Lussie
- ★ John Henry Coffey
- ★ Matilda Ann
- ★ Matthew Solomon
- ★ Mary
- ★ Rosie Lee
- ★ Lafayette
- ★ Major Clemon