

# Community VISION

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Summer 2008 News

## Please Join Us in Supporting the Next Generation of East Lake



Keynote Speaker Lisa Borders inspired the CREW Teens graduates from the East Lake community on May 31st at a ceremony to celebrate their accomplishments. The 88 high school graduates participate in CREW Teens, an after school academic support program of the East Lake Foundation. They have been accepted to more than 30 colleges, including: Albany State Univ., Art Institute of Atlanta, Ball State Univ., Berea College, Converse College, DeKalb Technical College, Emory Univ., Georgia Tech, Georgia Perimeter College, Hampton Univ., North Carolina State Univ., Savannah College of Art & Design, Tuskegee Univ., Univ. of Florida, Univ. of Georgia, Univ. of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Valdosta State Univ., and Westwood College. Special thanks to Southern Company and Lee Birdsong for use of the Preston S. Arkwright Auditorium.

Our first class of CREW Teens graduates has left their indelible mark. Four years ago, they were the first class of students to complete 8th grade at East Lake's Charles R. Drew Charter School. Now, they have graduated from high school, leading the way for subsequent classes of students in the East Lake community. Proud parents, families, friends and supporters gathered in celebration on May 31. Photographers captured the diverse sea of caps and gowns, representing 14 different high schools. Many will continue their education at college and technical schools, while some will enter the workforce. Thanks to CREW Teens, all have a plan. A milestone has passed. Or has it?

While this group of 88 young people may have completed high school, their affiliation with CREW Teens does not end. The program will continue to help the graduates navigate their post-secondary years, while providing the academic counseling, tutoring, SAT preparation, and college exploration to help the following classes complete high school. **Please join us in the celebration of this milestone, while ensuring that future graduates will have the same opportunities. Leave your mark on these students by making a gift to the East Lake Foundation today.**

Donate online: [www.eastlakefoundation.org](http://www.eastlakefoundation.org)

Mail your donation in the enclosed envelope!

## East Lake's Scholars Honored



The 2008 Clara Maestri and James Don Edwards Drew Charter School Scholarship recipient is Jessica Stillwell. The scholarship is awarded to a graduate of Drew Charter School attending The University of Georgia.



Lillian Giornelli and Lisa Borders pose with the 2008 Ann and Tom Cousins Scholarship recipients (in alphabetical order): Kraynewskia Allen (Savannah State University), Yondario Atwaters (Savannah College of Art and Design), Miller Johnson (The University of Florida), Leslie Macon (Converse College), Jade Pinkston (Savannah State University), Jessica Stillwell (The University of Georgia), Bethany Wright (Georgia Tech).



Janie Stratigos poses with Bethany Wright, the 2008 James and Janie Stratigos Scholarship recipient, who will attend Georgia Tech in the fall.

# Inaugural Charlie Yates Memorial Junior-Senior Foursomes Tournament



*Having fun!*

Friends and family of the late Charlie Yates came together on May 30th to honor his memory and celebrate the 10th anniversary of both the Charlie Yates Golf Course and The First Tee of East Lake. Mr. Yates often credited the positive influence that adults like Bobby Jones had in his formative years. The Charlie Yates Memorial Junior-Senior Foursomes Tournament was created to impact the lives of East Lake youth in a similar fashion by pairing 36 role models with 36 children from The First Tee of East Lake. To further honor the event, State House Majority Leader Jerry Keen read a resolution declaring May 30, 2008 "Charlie Yates Day" in Georgia! The winning team of First Tee participant Marcus Polk, Jr. and Jeff Dunovant each received a commemorative crystal Coke Bottle Trophy, provided by The Coca-Cola Company.



*Mrs. Charles R. Yates with son, Comer Yates.*



*First Tee participant Miles Goldman is presented the Silver Tee Award for Closest to the Pin by Tom Franklin.*



*Comer Yates presents the Coke Bottle Trophy to Marcus Polk, Jr.*



*Former U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn speaks with participants of The First Tee of East Lake.*



*Karen Elaine Webster Parks and teammate Dari Goldman with Rep. Jerry Keen (R- St. Simons) and teammate Martavious Adams.*



*Getting into the Swing!*



*Billi Marcus with teammate Kelly Willis.*



# CommuniTEE News!



*Pictured (from left to right): Bob Crosby, board member of the Friends of The First Tee of East Lake, Charles Banks, Jeff Reinke, LaShanta Davis, Rob Richardson, Charlie Harrison, Chris Witcher, Roi Johnson, and Sam Wright, Jr.*

## Congratulations to the 2008 Harrison Scholars!

The East Lake Foundation was proud to recognize the 2008 recipients of the **Charles W. Harrison Scholarship** at a picnic dinner on July 13th at Meadow Nook, the historic home of Sylvia and Charles Harrison located in East Lake. The Charles W. Harrison Scholarship benefits employees of the East Lake Golf Club and the Charlie Yates Golf Course who are working towards their undergraduate degree and exemplify outstanding character, integrity and leadership skills. Sixty Harrison Scholarships have been awarded to deserving candidates since the program was started in 1998. Congratulations to these seven outstanding students!



*Valerie Hartman Levy and Chris Millard pose with CREW Teens participants before heading out on the first "Take a CREW Teen to Work Day."*

## Take a CREW Teen to Work Day

The Friends of The First Tee of East Lake hosted a job shadow day on May 2nd for East Lake youth who participate in CREW Teens, a program designed to boost high school graduation rates. Participating companies included: the Atlanta Speech School, East Lake Golf Club, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, Perfect Image Printing, Southern Company, SunTrust and Turner. Special thanks to Valerie Hartman Levy for spearheading this successful event!

## Atlanta's Corporate Community Aligns with The First Tee Core Values

Keller Williams Realty chose Integrity. Srixon, Confidence. And Delta Air Lines picked Perseverance. Each of these Atlanta area companies chose to honor the values that drive their business, the same values The First Tee strives to instill in East Lake youth, with a **tee sign sponsorship** at the Charlie Yates Golf Course. The First Tee of East Lake teaches over 800 young people annually



the life-enhancing values that are inherent to the game of golf. They learn how to apply a set of Nine Core Values (Honesty, Integrity, Sportsmanship, Respect, Confidence, Responsibility, Perseverance, Courtesy and Judgment) to meet the challenges in the course of life. If these values align with your company's mission, we encourage you to consider spotlighting your company's support of The First Tee of East Lake and other educational programs in East Lake. Or if these core values bring to mind anyone in your life, consider naming a tee sign at the Charlie Yates Golf Course in their honor. To learn more about sponsoring a tee sign, contact Rhonda Davidson at [rdavidson@eastlakefoundation.org](mailto:rdavidson@eastlakefoundation.org) or (404)373-4351.





### Scouting out new ways to serve!

For his Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project, Cody White chose to combine his interest in East Lake, his passion for golf and his drive to serve, to create a much needed and appreciated project for The First Tee of East Lake. Realizing The First Tee driving range at the Charlie Yates Course lacked seating, Cody worked with our staff to design and build benches for students to sit on while receiving

instruction from The First Tee staff. The Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project is the culminating effort in a Scout's candidacy for Eagle Scout leadership training, and the project must demonstrate leadership while benefiting a Scout's community. Cody designed the benches, raised the funds to pay for supplies, and recruited volunteers to help him build and install the benches onsite. Now, our students have a great place to sit and pay attention while learning the fundamental life and golf skills associated with The First Tee! To learn more about volunteer opportunities in East Lake, please contact Erik Day at [eday@eastlakefoundation.org](mailto:eday@eastlakefoundation.org) or (404)373-4351.



### Wedded to Giving!

East Lake residents Christy Bottoms and Patrick Wolf honored their commitment to each other and their community this spring. Instead of the traditional wedding gift registry, Christy and Patrick set up a charity gift registry ([www.JustGive.org](http://www.JustGive.org))

for their guests to donate to several organizations important to the couple, including the East Lake Foundation! "We just love our neighborhood," states Christy, "and are so proud of what has been accomplished." To learn how you can make your event more meaningful through supporting East Lake, please contact Alicia Brady at [abrady@eastlakefoundation.org](mailto:abrady@eastlakefoundation.org) or (404)373-4351.

*Community Vision is a publication of the East Lake Foundation. Our mission is to provide the tools for families of The Villages of East Lake and students of Charles R. Drew Charter School to build a better life for themselves and future generations through education, affordable housing, job readiness and connections with the broader community.*



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