



# E.E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving Circle Newsletter

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## Who We are

The E.E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving Circle is a vehicle to promote excellence in E.E. Smith attendance area schools. Members contribute **\$250** annually and commit to three years of membership

## Our Mission

Our vision is that E.E. Smith area schools will have a large, diverse, and committed community of individual and corporate givers

E.E. Smith area schools will be known for excellence in math and science

## Program Support

The E.E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving Circle is hosted by Cumberland Community Foundation. All donated funds will be matched by Cumberland Community Foundation up to the first \$50,000 through 2009.

## Useful Link

[www.eschoolnews.com](http://www.eschoolnews.com)

## Math Intervention

U.S. students are lagging behind their peers in other countries in math achievement, according to the most recent results from the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA), released in December 2007.

## Members

March is an exciting time for the E.E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving Circle. As we welcome 2009, we are hopeful for what's in store for the Giving Circle and the difference we can make in the lives of so many.

## What's New? What's The News?

### CONGRATULATIONS!

We are proud to announce that the Members and "Friends" of the E.E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving Circle have raised **\$10,000**. This amount will be matched by Cumberland Community Foundation to become **\$20,000**, which will be used to make grants to programs and projects chosen by the members. With this great news, we look forward to our first grant cycle.

### New Member!

Our newest member is Dineen Morton. Dineen is the Regional Director of Outreach Services for Advantage Hospice & Home Care. The Circle now has 18 members.

### New Gifts!

- Dr. Eric Mansfield made a donation from the Fathers Foundation Fund.
- Ms. Nina Stephens made a donation in memory of Otelia McAdams.
- We received a gift from an anonymous donor.

We now have 15 "Friends" and 1 Employer match.

### Don't Forget!

In January, we reduced the Membership Contribution amount to join the E.E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving Circle to **\$250 dollars** to encourage engagement from more givers in the community. We hope you will join us in our efforts.

### Activities

- March 12<sup>th</sup> - Dr. Jamale Johnson made a presentation about the giving circle at the Leadership Fayetteville Community Outreach Day. This event took place at the Cape Fear Botanical Garden at 3:30 p.m.
- March 26<sup>th</sup> - "Cause to Celebrate"-Giving Circle Members will reflect and celebrate the first year of the Giving Circle as well as kick-off 2009. This meeting will take place at The Barn Restaurant from 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Members should RSVP to [Kimmie@cumberlandcf.org](mailto:Kimmie@cumberlandcf.org) by March 24<sup>th</sup>.

- ❖ Cumberland Community Foundation will present Giving Circle members with a \$10,000 check to match the funds raised and bring the total available for grantmaking to \$20,000.

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Mrs. Marny Penix  
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### Birthdays

Marny Penix-February 24<sup>th</sup>  
Sam Fleishman-March 19<sup>th</sup>

Get your birthday or special announcements in the EESAEGC Newsletter by sending your information to Kimmie Nettles, Giving Circle Coordinator, at [Kimmie@cumberlandcf.org](mailto:Kimmie@cumberlandcf.org).

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## Watch for Details!

- **“Learn and Lead”**-In April, we will resume our “Learn and Lead” series to increase the awareness and vision of the Circle and to build membership.
- **“Mission Connection”** - Member Education Event- As a group, members will learn ways to make a lasting difference for E.E. Smith and support excellence in math and science. There will be a guest speaker and an opportunity for members, prospective members, and friends to learn more about the needs in our community.
- **1st Grant Cycle**- The E.E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving Circle will have our first grant cycle in the spring or summer 2009.

### Cumberland County Schools

In 2007, the Cumberland County School System was awarded the Magnet School Assistance Program (MSAP) grant. This grant provides funding to enhance math and science programs in six schools in the E.E. Smith district as a part of Governed Choice Programs. Jami Inman, MSAP Coordinator, has developed material to help the community clearly understand the magnitude of the initiatives that are underway at every school. *The Choosing Excellence in Math and Science* brochure and video were developed to market the Choice programs in the E.E. Smith district Math and Science schools. They are available in the student assignment office of Central Services as well as in the main office of each school. Brochures and videos were placed in the public library branches and distributed during the Cumberland County Schools Choice Fair in January. We would like Giving Circle members to share this information with friends, family, and business/community groups that have an interest in our schools. Additional brochures and videos are available by request through the Magnet Schools Assistance Program office. Contact Jami Inman at 822-7706 or [jamii@ccs.k12.nc.us](mailto:jamii@ccs.k12.nc.us).

## Members Speak Out!



“The E.E. Smith Giving Circle is very important because it gives the community an opportunity to help schools in the E.E. Smith district obtain funds to help meet specific needs of the schools in the areas of math and science. These schools desperately need our help to ensure that our students advance and don’t fall behind. We ask that you please contribute to the E.E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving Circle so we might raise the necessary funds to help advance the cause of education in our community.”

Dr. Jamale Johnson, Pastor, Founding Member