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Hope Academy student champions with Hope Academy staff, judges for the competition, and event participants.



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Alice G. Thompson presents trophies to the student champions.



across the country. Black Family Development, Inc. (BFDI) is pleased to join with many others in saluting the honored legacy of Mr. Sam Logan. The youth participants of BFDI's Positive Youth Development programs will learn of the many contributions of Mr. Sam Logan, and learn first-hand of the difference he has made in the field of journalism, advocacy, and community service.

# THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT OBAMA QUIZ BOWL

The students of Hope Academy participated in the Inaugural Honorable President Obama Quiz Bowl. Hope Academy is a public school academy established in 1998 by Bishop Andrew Merritt, Pastor of the Straight Gate International Church. The school will be relocating to the recently renovated Winterhalter building in March of 2012.

The Honorable President Obama Quiz Bowl, a BFDI Positive Youth Development Initiative, was held on December 16, 2011 at Hope Academy. A great lesson in social studies was received by the guests and participants. The sixth and seventh graders from Hope Academy excelled in their knowledge of America's first African American President, The Honorable Barack Obama. Some of the quiz questions may have eluded the average person. However, the Hope Academy student participants were not stumped by questions like these:

"President Obama's second book was entitled, The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream. What was the title of his first book?""

"Before he became President, Barack Obama moved to Chicago in 1985 where he worked at Roseland and the Altgeld Gardens communities. What was his job?""

Alice G. Thompson, BFDI Chief Executive Officer conceived of developing a meaningful learning experience for youth to gain knowledge and understanding of a monumental achievement in history, the election of America's first African American President. In creating the Honorable Obama Quiz Bowl, and developing the study guide, students learned about President Barack Obama, his accomplishments and challenges, and the steps that guided his path to the White House as the 44th President of the United States.

"All of our Positive Youth Development events are great, but the Obama Bowl was phenomenal. In our more than 11 years of implementing these events, we have never witnessed a more prepared group of students who had so mastered the subject matter," stated Alice G. Thompson.

BFDI acknowledges the participation from our judges; Carole Jasper Quarterman, Consultant; Keisha Allen, CEO, Charismatic U, Inc.; Cynthia Marks, Registered Nurse ; Marshallle Montgomery, Senior Program Associate New Detroit, Inc.; and Norman Bent, Executive Director, Consortium of Hispanic Agencies.

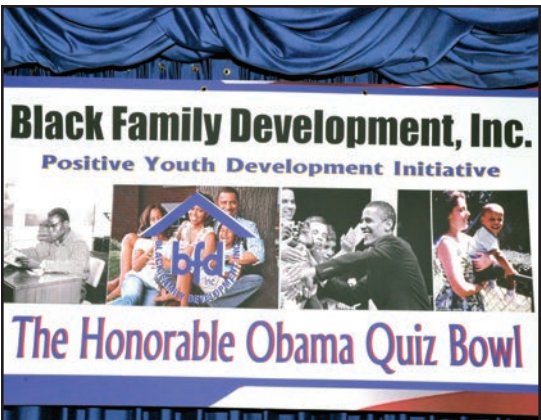
A special thank you is extended to the Hope Academy Choir for their vocal selection, I Smile by Kirk Franklin. The hard work of the Hope Academy students, the teachers, and the cooperative effort established by the Principal, Veneda Fox-Sanders, helped to make this Positive Youth Development initiative a success.

\*Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance is the title of President Barack Obama's first book.

\*\*In 1985, President Barack Obama worked as a community organizer at Roseland and the Altgeld Gardens communities in Chicago.

Please visit our website to view photos from this event, and find more information on our Positive Youth Development Initiatives.

Black Family Development, Inc. is pleased to take part in this Memorial Tribute Edition of the Michigan Chronicle, celebrating the life of Mr. Sam Logan. It is written, "A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver and gold." The name "Sam Logan" is a good name. It is a name that is esteemed highly in this region and



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Hope Academy first place champions.