

W.E.B. Du Bois Chapters

C. A. Johnson Preparatory Academy
Columbia, South Carolina

Benjamin Stoddert Middle School
Temple Hills, Maryland

Montgomery Blair High School
Silver Spring, Maryland

Coronado Alternative School
Norfolk, Virginia

Stephen Decatur Middle School
Clinton, Maryland

Eaton Fundamental Middle School
Hampton, Virginia

Albert Einstein High School
Kensington, Maryland

Booker T. Washington High School
Norfolk, Virginia

Crossland High School
Temple Hills, Maryland

Gloucester High School
Gloucester, Virginia

Hanover High School
Mechanicsville, Virginia

Mary Passage Middle School
Newport News, Virginia

Plymouth Educational Center
Detroit, Michigan

G. Gardner Shugart Middle School
Temple Hills, Maryland

Reservoir Middle School
Newport News, Virginia

Thomas Stone High School
Waldorf, Maryland

James M. Bennett High School
Salisbury, Maryland

Maria High School
Chicago, Illinois

Granby High School
Norfolk, Virginia

Ruffner Academy
Norfolk, Virginia

Eastern Middle School
Silver Spring, Maryland

Springfield High School
Springfield, Pennsylvania

Meadowbrook High School
Richmond, Virginia

Newport Mill Middle School
Kensington, Maryland

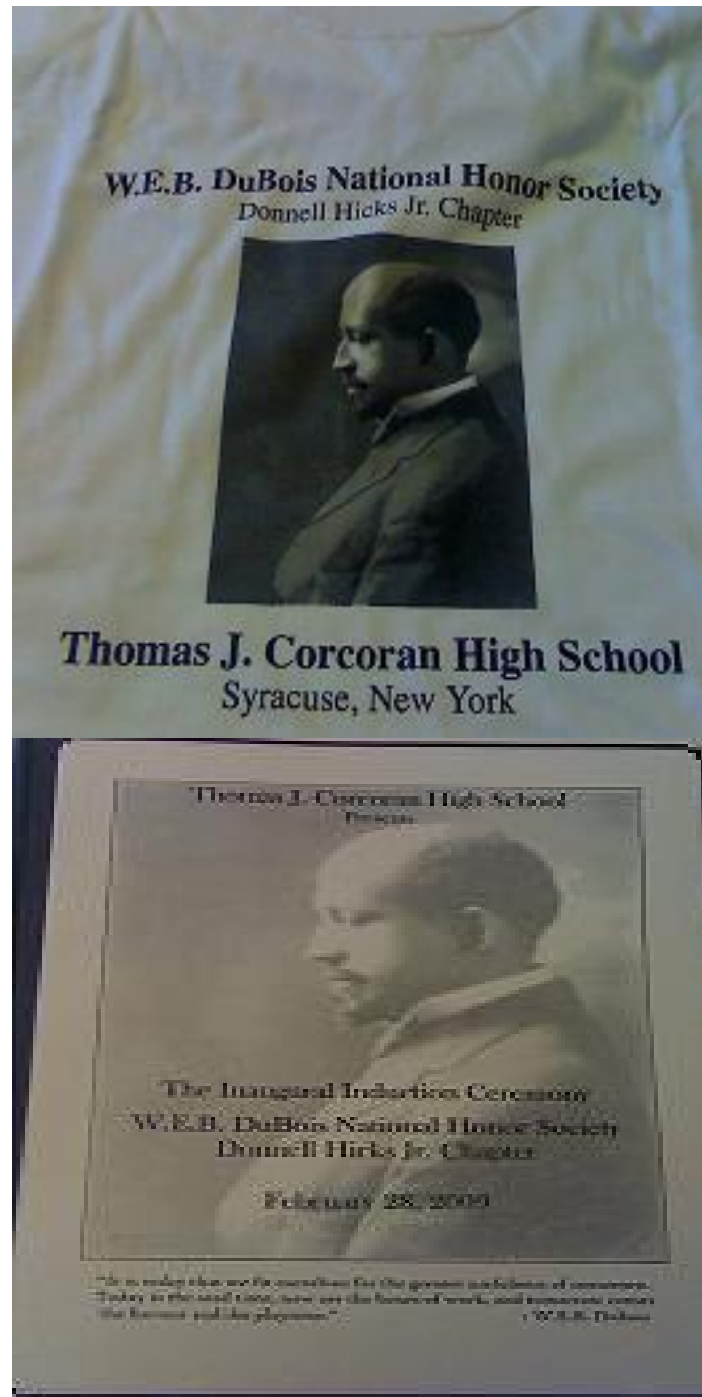
Thomas J. Corcoran High School
Syracuse, New York

The Talented Tenth

Thomas J. Corcoran High School

The Donnell Hicks Jr. Honor Society chapter at Thomas J. Corcoran High School is on the move. This chapter, located in Syracuse, New York was chartered January 2009.

The Hicks chapter has started planning for a beautification mural in their school and participated in community read with their local middle school students. For their spring induction, the school made W.E.B. Du Bois tee shirts and program books with information about each inductee.



Number of Graduating Du Bois Seniors

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| Albert Einstein High School Kensington, Maryland | 5 |
| Crossland High School Temple Hills, Maryland | 16 |
| Granby High School Norfolk, Virginia | 16 |
| Hanover High School Mechanicsville, Virginia | 2 |
| James M. Bennette High School Salisbury, Maryland | 10 |
| Meadowbrook High School Richmond, Virginia | 14 |
| Montgomery Blair High School Silver Spring, Maryland | 16 |
| Springfield High School Springfield, Pennsylvania | 4 |
| Thomas Corcoran High School Syracuse, New York | 10 |

New
Family
Members

W.E.B. Du Bois Honor
Society
New Inductees

Linked
by Honor

Montgomery Blair
38 Inductees

Springfield High School
3 Inductees

James M. Bennett High School
9 Inductees

Interesting News

Black Youth Invents Surgical Technique - at 14

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By: Jackie Jones, BlackAmericaWeb.com

Tony Hansberry II isn't waiting to finish medical school to contribute to improved medical care. He has already developed a stitching technique that can be used to reduce surgical complications, as well as the chance of error among less experienced surgeons. "I've always had a passion for medicine," he said in a recent interview. "The project I did was, basically, the comparison of novel laparoscopic instruments in doing a hysterectomy repair." By the way, Hansberry is a 14-year-old high school freshman.

In April, the brilliant teen presented his findings at a medical conference at the University of Florida before an audience of doctors and board-certified surgeons. Hansberry attends Darnell-Cookman, a special medical magnet school that allows him to take advanced classes in medicine. Students at the school master suturing in eighth grade. "I just want to help people and be respected, knowing that I can save lives," said Hansberry, the son of a registered nurse and an African Methodist Episcopal church pastor. His goal is to become a neurosurgeon.

The idea for his procedure developed last summer during an internship at the University of Florida's Center for Simulation Education and Safety Research at Shands Hospital in Jacksonville. Hansberry responded to a challenge to improve a procedure called the endo stitch, used in hysterectomies that could not be clamped down properly to close the tube where the patient's uterus had been. The teen devised a vertical way to apply the endo stitch and, using a medical dummy, completed the stitching in a third of the time of traditional surgery. "It took me a day or two to come up with the concept," Hansberry said.

He was supervised by Dr. Brent Siebel, a urogynecologist, and Bruce Nappi, administrative director of the Center for Simulation Education and Safety Research. Hansberry's discovery won second place in its regional science fair in February 2009 in the medical category. Education experts say youngsters as young as 10 can experience great achievement at an early age if their thirst for knowledge is encouraged and they are given opportunities to shadow professionals and get internships. Also, a rigorous study schedule that also builds in some recreation is key.

High school internships and other programs are being used by educators to boost the number of young people interested in medicine in the face of projections that there will be a doctor deficit of as many as 200,000 physicians by 2020. "It's not hard if you have a passion for it," Hansberry said.

Angela TenBroeck, the medical lead teacher, said in many ways, Hansberry is a typical student, but, she told the Florida Times Union that he is way ahead of his classmates when it comes to surgical skills. "I would put him up against a first-year med student," she said. "He's an outstanding young man. And I'm proud to have him representing us."