

Our Angel From Above Still Doing Good Deeds On Earth

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*Welcome to the Fifth Annual
Shani E. Duplessy Memorial
Fundraising Dinner & Scholarship Award Ceremony
Sunday, April 9, 2017
The Coral House*



The President Message
This year theme is:
(Perfection is not an accident)

“Simple but Powerful”

Good evening everyone, welcome, bienvenue a tous to the Shani. E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship Fund fifth annual fund raising dinner and scholarship award ceremony. It is a real honor to have you here with us tonight. Thank you for coming.

It has become like a tradition every year for us to bring to you for your entertainment, one of our very best musical superstars from Haiti. This year we top them all with the one and only Emeline Michel. Emeline is here and she will perform for us soon.

Before I continue I want to thank a few people who during the year have contributed so much to the Shani E. Duplessy Foundation ether by their time, services or donations. First and formal I want to thank Dr. Ariel Nicoleau for all the medications that he donated to us for our medical fair that we had in Haiti two months ago. It was a success, thank you Doctor Nicoleau. This year again we had 12 doctors and 22 nurses helping us. Some of the doctors and nurses actually live in Haiti. We were fortunate to have them with us. Thank you all.

I also want to thank Dr. Kamica Lewis for taking time off her schedule to travel to Haiti with us for that medical fair. When she informed me that she will travel to Haiti on Tuesday, attend the medical fair on Wednesday and fly back to New York on Thursday, I said to her that she will be too tired to do all that in such a short period of time. She replied to me: Uncle Oswald, for my sister Shani I would do anything. Thank you Kamica for that answer.

For the past three years Mrs. Caroline Noto has been writing to different children books publishers in the United States asking them to donate books to our foundation. As a result and because of her effort we receive hundreds of children books every year from those publishers. We distribute the books to the underprivileged children among the Toy Drive that we organize every holiday season. On behalf of the Foundation and the underprevaliged children we serve. We thank you Mrs. Noto.

Dr. Beague and his wife Sarah are in the Dominican Republic today on a goodwill mission, but I want them to know that we are very appreciative of them for taking part in the medical fair in Haiti with us two months ago.

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It has been five years since I introduced to you a group of people whom without their participation, this great organization would not be in existence. I am referring to our board of Trustees. Tonight, I am delighted to call their names and please stand when called and please remain standing. Starting with our Vice - President Michelle Duplessy, Danielle Alston, Rosita Bernadotte, Lauren Barone, Youseline Cherfilus, Allison Dicaro, Peter Dicaro, Joseph Duplessy, Nancy Duplessy, Paquita McCray, Carmelina Manzella, Nashira Nicholson, Michelle Raime, Victoria Thomas and Louis Edouard. Thank you so much to each and everyone of you for everything that you have done.

This year again the foundation selection committee has selected three outstanding students from a large pool of applicants to receive the Shani E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship Fund Award 2017 in the amount of \$6000.00 each. We cannot be more proud of their academic achievements and we have no doubt that they parents are proud of them even more. Congratulations to you all. We believe that by giving the gift of education to our children today, we simply equip them with the tools they need for a better and brighter tomorrow. we are confident that you will succeed. But we have one thing to ask of you. (Never forget to return the same kindness to someone else when the time comes.)

The construction of the school in Masson-Sion in Haiti is still in progress. With our help and your help, the school now has 9 new class rooms. We congratulate Mr. David Duchatellier for being a great partner in that project and the medical fair as well, but above all, he is a fervent advocate or ambassador if you will for the community of Masson-Sion. Well done my friend.

In closing, I want to thank our business supporters who entrusted us by advertising their businesses in our souvenir journal. I also want to thank each and every one of you for your support over the years. We could never accomplish all the great things that we have done and continue to do without your help.

Thank you so much and thank you for listening.

Oswald Duplessy, President
Shani E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship
Fund April 9, 2017



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Mission Statement

The Shani E Duplessy Memorial Scholarship was established in 2011 by her parents in honor of her loving memory.

On April 29, 2011, Shani passed away from pulmonary artery thrombosis due to a rupture in her right achilles tendon while exercising. She was only 31 years old.

Shani was born in Brooklyn, NY, on July 31, 1979. During her early age through high school she began to be heavily involved in the ministries of her second home, St. Boniface Church. She became a cantor, led the youth choir, and participated in and then became a leader of HAYO (Haitian American Youth Organization). She completed her BA in meeting, planning and acquired a Master's degree in hospitality and hotel management at New York University, class of 2006.

Shani left a legacy of good will through her charitable contributions to underprivileged children, her devoted services to her church's youth ministry, her community and to people of all ages.

The Shani E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship Fund is a Tax Exempt Nonprofit Organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The purpose of the fund is to award scholarships to deserving senior students in high school and college (all level) in good academic standing, and with a proven record of helping others within his/her own communities. The fund will also provide a limited quantity of gifts and toys to under privileged children during holiday season.

If you would like to help the Shani E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship Fund you can make a donation to help applicants get a better education.

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."

~ Henry David Thoreau

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Reflection

My dear Shani, You will always be alive in my heart. Thank you for the talks that we used to have together and your jokes. These memories are helping me cope with everyday living. I missed you so much. Mom

Shani, we will never forget you. We will never stop loving you. We feel the power of your presence throughout the wonderful accomplishments of this courageous institution that carries your name. From The Goin Family

Dear Shani, each year that passes, my family and I wonder about the role you would have played in the kids' lives now. We miss watching you do amazing things which were to help people and gave so much of yourself. You always lit up a room with your dynamic personality and brightened our hearts. Since the day you left us, I have worn your remembrance bracelet which is a part of my life now. It makes me closer to you each time I turn it on my wrist. Love you and miss you DEAREST. From Rosita Bernadotte & family

In the spirit of love, sharing and helping, this year your Foundation is in its fifth Fundraising Dinner Party. This yearly celebration reflects the love you had for the less fortunate. From above please give the necessary guidance to the members of your Foundation to continue the good work. From Uncle Guy

In Memoriam *From The Duplessy Family*

In loving memory of Pauline Marcel

In loving memory of Parisien Raime

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In loving memory of Joseph Rene Misere

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March 20, 2017

Mrs. Marie Duplessy
Shanie E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship Fund
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Dear Mrs. Duplessy,

What a privilege it is to meet a family whose foundation is based on God's word "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but to the interests of others" Philippians 2:4 ESV.

This motto of The Salvation Army "**Sharing is Caring**", comes to my mind when I think of the good that this scholarship fund is doing in the community we serve and abroad in Haiti. Not only is it helping to care for the needs of our less fortunate neighbors. It's also making a difference in the life of needy children by providing educational scholarships and a school in Haiti. The benefit from this fund is limitless because of its ability to help educate the mind of our future generation. Education is the key that will open doors which were close and empower them with the ability to aspire for greater goals in life. They are our future generation and you are giving them the tools needed be trendsetters in their adult life.

The Salvation Army Hempstead Citadel Corps and the families of the children wish to thank the **Shanie E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship Fund** for participating in the Angel Tree program.

Keep up this great work that God has bestowed on your family as an example to the people you are sharing your blessing with.

Peace and Love,

Dolores Charles
Social Ministries

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Joel Edouard

*Senior at Cathedral Preparatory School
and Seminary, Elmhurst, NY*

Joel Edouard, is currently a senior at the Cathedral Preparatory School and Seminar in Elmhurst, New York, graduating in May 2017. He will attend St. John University in the Fall. His ultimate goal is to obtain a Bachelor's degree and to become a Graphic Designer.

The following, is a quote from one of Joel's teachers: (For many students, volunteering occurs when they are free; in my opinion, Joel does not know what free time is because he is always involved and he is so humble.) end of quote. After reading Joel's personal essay and his endless list of extra curriculum activities that were part of his scholarship application to the Shani Duplessy foundation, we believe that as well. Joel is a multi-faceted student who has earned accolades of awards from several learning institutions and praises from his teachers and peers alike.

Captain of his school Varsity Basketball team, member of the National Honor Society, Headman of the senior class at Cathedral Prep. Member of Precalculus Honors, Member of the student Leadership Council, Tutor, Music Orchestra, Sacristan, Church lector, Choir member etc,etc. These are only a few activities of Joel busy schedule. And guess what, Joel continues to maintain an academic Grade Point Average of 93.81 over 100 for 4 years consecutively

In his acceptance letter Joel wrote: I am honored to be the Shani E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship Fund Award 2017 recipient. I would like to thank the organization for giving me the opportunity to apply. With this scholarship, I plan to fund my education to achieve my Bachelor's in Graphic Design. I truly believe that award will set me on the path to creating an art center in my community that will teach youth how they can use their talents to benefit their communities.



Grace Angeline St. Urbain

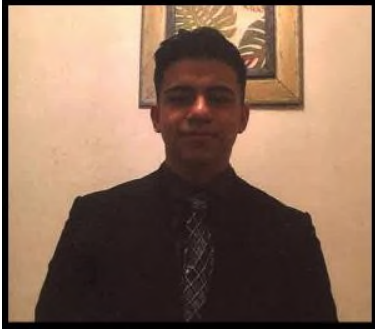
Freshman at the University of Georgia

Grace St. Urbain is currently a freshman at the University of Georgia USA, completing her second semester and majoring in International affairs and Romance Languages. Despite her constant involvement in countless extra curriculum activities after school and on behalf of her community since her early years in high school to college today, Grace has maintains a full academic workload that excels into a 3.83 grade point average over 4. Well done Grace!

In her application for this scholarship, Grace wrote in her personal essay: Education has always been consistently present. Whether formally in book studies or in a more general approach in the learning of the arts, especially music and global Knowledge that shaped me into the student of life. The more I learn, the more I am eager to extend my education and discover how far I can broaden my horizons and push my limits both inside the classroom and in my community.

In her acceptance letter for this scholarship, Grace wrote: The generous assistance that the Shani E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship Fund has awarded me is a blessing that will help me achieve my academic goals. It will allow me to meet some of my financial demands of my career at the University of Georgia. This scholarship will alleviate myself and my family of the financial stress that comes with pursuing my degree.

Grace is pursuing a bachelor degree in both International Affairs and Romance Languages. Her ultimate goal is to achieve a degree in International Law with a specialty in immigration.



Bravo Zayas

Senior at St. Francis Prep, New York

Bravo Zayas is currently a senior at St. Francis Preparatory School in Fresh Meadows, New York. In his application for this scholarship, Bravo wrote: In my first year in high school, I was hungry for challenges. I reached goals that defined me as the student that I wanted to be, and dedicated myself to the quest for knowledge. In sophomore year, I packed my schedule with challenging classes and took a more active role in my community. My family was struggling financially and my brother and I were taken out of school three weeks before Christmas break. We didn't return until a week after the second semester had begun. I spent the entire year playing catch up with lessons I missed and the lessons that were built upon the ones I missed. This would happen again in my junior year. End of quote. Despite all those unfortunate setbacks, Bravo did not let them stop him from maintaining an outstanding academic grade point average of 4.03 over 4, year after year. Excellent!

His director of counseling wrote this: Bravo has been enrolled in one of the most demanding curriculum we offer at St. Francis Prep. By the end of his time here, he will have graduated with a combined 11 Honors and Advance Placement classes. Bravo is one who you want on your team or in this case your community. On top of his already demanding schedule, Bravo has taken 4 years of foreign language and 2 years of string orchestra.

In his acceptance letter for this scholarship, Bravo wrote: First off, let me just say what an honor and privilege to have been selected for this award. From the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank everybody that had a part in the selection process. It is with humility and profound gratitude that I accept this scholarship. This scholarship will allow me to easily attend my school of choice, St. John's University. The doors your gift has opened for me will truly come a long way in my academic growth for many years to come. Thank you for your generosity. Bravo will pursue a degree in Biology at St. John's University after graduation in June from St. Francis Prep.

A Special Thank You Note

From

The Duplessy Family

To

McVeigh Associates, Staff & Personnel

For your Dedication and Unparalleled

Contribution to the Shani E. Duplessy

Memorial Scholarship Fund

We owe you a Monumental

Debt of Gratitude

Thank You

Sincerely

Oswald & Michelle Duplessy

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The following pictures are of the School of Masson-Sion, Haiti, sponsored by the Shani E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship Fund



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"And all may do what has by man been done."

- Edward Young



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WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Dedicated to our former scholarship recipients

From Tanyah Thomas, Scholarship recipient, April 2016

I am currently attending NYU and I was able to find my place at NYU in a few communities which have helped me get out of my comfort zone and find a space where I can speak liberally about some of the issues that are occurring around the world.

I currently partake in the African Student Union dance team, Black Student Union and of course the Haitian American Student Association. These communities are dear to my heart and I know I wouldn't have been able to find the type people I did anywhere else. This is why when the Duplessy family reached out to me to speak about my Journey I didn't hesitate because this scholarship has played a major role in my life here at NYU. After receiving this award my mind was set in helping my new community at NYU and this was possible through America Reads/ America counts. This is a program where I was given the opportunity to tutor children and help them improve in certain subjects so they could be successful. Although I was only able to work for a month, this did leave an impact on me because being able to assist the children around in my new community is an opportunity that this scholarship has given me a chance to experience. I never thought I could be able to attend such a prestigious university due to the fact that my financial situation has always limited the decisions I made in my life. But with the support of this scholarship, my family and many others I was given a chance to choose where I wanted to spend the next four years of my life, and I am glad that it is at NYU. I am forever grateful towards Mr. and Mrs. Duplessy for making my dreams a reality and not letting my financial situation stop me from getting anywhere in life.

From Marie Albanese, Scholarship Recipient, April 2016

My first semester at Syracuse University went very well academically, as I ended with a GPA of 3.7, making the Dean's List. Outside the classroom I got involved with an organization called Otthoton and raised over one thousand dollars for the Upstate Gilisano Children's Hospital supporting the fight to combat childhood cancer. This semester, I have been initiated into the Alpha Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta, and I am beginning to start fundraising for an organization called Girls On The Run, supporting the building of strong womanhood. This scholarship has had a huge impact on my college life, as it helped me attend Syracuse financially as well as motivated me to continue my community service work to make everyone at your scholarship organization proud. Once more, I cannot thank you enough for awarding me the scholarship and I hope the winners of this year uses it to their highest benefit to excel inside and outside the classroom, just like I did. not have had the opportunity to excel academically and serve the community if it were not for the Shani E .Duplessy Memorial Scholarship.

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From Mykelle Richburg, Scholarship Recipient, May 2014

First off, I would like to thank the Duplessy family for extending the opportunity to apply for the scholarship. Receiving the Shani E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship has allowed me to pursue an academic career at the one of the most prestigious institutions in the nation, Howard University. At Howard University I was able to join numerous organizations many of which I hold leadership positions. This summer, I have the opportunity of conducting research in Ghana with the Young African Initiative. While at Howard University, I have maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.65. I am thankful that I am able to attend Howard University and would not have had the opportunity to excel academically and serve the community if it were not for the Shani E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship.

From Cynthia Devendran, Scholarship recipient, March 2015

Dearest recipients,

First off, Congratulations on being one of the few recipients of such an esteemed award! I was in your place last year along with two other intelligent individuals. It really is a privilege to be receiving such a prestigious Scholarship. And although this is a privilege that you should be thankful for, it is much more than that. It is a reminder that you did something great. About a year ago, I was ecstatic to find out that I was chosen for this scholarship. It helped in so many ways financially and academically. Currently I am a sophomore, biology major on the Pre-Dental tract at Stony Brook University. I aspire to enter Stony Brook Dental School after graduation. Currently I am the secretary of my residence halls Hall Council, Teaching Assistant of a freshman Dental Class. I work at the Stony Brook Ambulatory Surgery Center as a student assistant. Most importantly, I am a student balancing school with a healthy and fun lifestyle. The scholarship I received helped me mostly with that; being a student. It relieved some of the financial burden that every college student is inflicted with. I would like to thank the Shani E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship Fund founders who give me this opportunity to accept this award and expend on my future endeavors with it. To the newest recipients, Congratulations again and always remember how to correctly expend this accomplishment into your future.

In Loving Memory...

Shani

**You Traveled the World Sharing Your Smile and Laughter
You are Forever in Our Hearts As Our Family, Friend and Co-Worker**

