

## ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Naturally, all of us are proud of Phenix and its contributions. This institution will long be remembered for its distinguished service to young people, to the immediate community, and to the wider state, national, and international areas of the world.

All loyal Phenixites and those who recognize the truth will agree that Phenix has gained for itself, an enviable place in the eyes of the world. Here we shall attempt to present a capsule survey of Phenix's growth toward greatness with special emphasis on the academic area.

In the outset, we might say that with regard to rating or accreditation, Phenix met the requirements for full accreditation since the early forties. It can boast of a competent and qualified faculty throughout the years. In the early 1950's Phenix had the distinction of having more teachers with masters degrees in proportion to the number of teachers than any school in the state. During that same time period, all teachers held a B.S. degree.

No matter what type of degree our teachers held, all of them put forth every effort to bring out the best in the students. They have attended summer school, workshops and evening classes, traveled at home and abroad and they have worked diligently with city supervisors and the supervisors at Hampton Institute, often they spent their own money to purchase materials that would benefit the students. As a result our students have excelled in the academic area to such an extent they entered colleges throughout the U.S. and were able to cope with students from other schools throughout the nation.

Through the years, the teachers worked diligently with the students, and encouraged them to excel in academic pursuits. Each class attempted to raise the standard of excellence set by the preceding class. Students continually ranked high on national competitive tests. They received scholarships and honors from the National Scholarship Foundations, colleges, and local organizations.

Over a period of thirty-five years, approximately 3,681 students have been graduated. Many others transferred to other schools or dropped out of school shortly before graduation. Although we do not have an accurate figure on dropouts, we believe that most of the students remained in school. They liked Phenix and they seemed highly motivated to get a good education.

Over a period of more than thirty years, Phenix graduates attended institutions of higher learning in some of the best in the nation. In most instances they were admitted to any college to which they applied and qualified, and the attrition rate was very low. The high cost of a college education was one of the main factors which prohibited many students from applying to some of the

colleges.

The development of the Financial Aid Programs throughout the nation made it possible for more students to enroll in many more of the integrated colleges. Many of our graduates have made outstanding records and contributions.

## FOLLOW UP REPORTS

Follow up reports on students-graduates, dropouts, and transfer students - became important to some extent during the late forties. Since there was no systematic manner of reporting, we regret that complete studies for each class are not available. The sketchy reports which follow will reveal a few facts about some of the classes.

### THE P.T.A. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The P.T.A. was one of the most dynamic forces in Phenix School. The growth and development of the school was possible only because of the support and the encouragement of interested parents and friends. As the Phenix Scrapbook indicates, parents opened their hearts and their purses and devoted much time and effort in the interest of the students.

The scholarship program is one of which we can be justly proud. From the report which follows, it is evident that the students appreciated the financial aid and that they took advantage of the opportunities which the PTA offered them. No doubt, the scholarships and awards were the things that gave them incentives to go to college and do their best.

### SUMMARY OF P.T.A. SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

1. Number of years involved - 23 (From 1943 to 1967; there was not a graduating class in 1949.)
2. Total Amount Awarded - \$ 6,250
3. Number of Recipients - 77
4. Follow-up of Recipients
  - a. Number that entered college - 62
  - b. Number that completed college - 36
  - c. Number still in college (1961 to date - 1968) - 15
  - d. Number that dropped out of college - 11
  - e. Number receiving degrees beyond college or still studying
    - (1) M.A. Degree - 1
    - (2) M.D. Degree - 5
    - (3) Pharmacy - 1
  - f. Number still studying - 15
  - g. Positions held by graduates
    - (1) Physicians - 5
    - (2) Nurses - 1
    - (3) Teachers - 25
    - (4) Chemist - 1
    - (5) Research Scientist - 1
  - h. Deceased - 3

A more comprehensive year by year report will be found on the next pages.

PTA SCHOLARSHIP REPORT 1943 - 1967

YEAR	AMOUNT	NUMBER OF STUDENTS		ENTERED COLLEGE	COMPLETED COLLEGE	SEEKING HIGHER DEGREES	POSITION
<u>DECEASED</u>							
1943	50.00	1		1	1		Teacher
1944	50.00	1		1	1	Masters	Teacher
1945	50.00	1		1	1		Teacher
1946	175.00	2		2	2	M.D. M.D.	Pharmacist Physician
1947	175.00	2	*1	1	1		Teacher
1948	175.00	2		2	1		Teacher
1949	No Graduating Class						
1950	175.00	2	*1	1	1	M.D.	Physician
1951	175.00	2		2	2		Teacher (2)
1952	175.00	2		2	2		Teacher (2)
1953	175.00	2		2	2		Nurse Teacher
1954	175.00	2		2	1	M.D.	Physician
1955	175.00	2		2	2	M.D.	Physician Housewife
1956	175.00	2	*1	1	1		Chemist

\* No record

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<u>DECEASED</u>						
1957	175.00	2	2	2		Teacher Research
1958	175.00	2	2	2		Teacher (2)
1959	200.00	2	2	1		Housewife Teacher
1960	175.00	2	2	2		Teacher (2)
1961	175.00	2	2	2		Teacher (2)
1962	450.00	3	3	3		Teacher (3)
1963	600.00	8	*2	5	Masters	Teacher
1964	600.00	8	5	2		
1965	600.00	8	5	2		
1966	600.00	8	5	**4		
1967	600.00	8	7	**7		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,250.00</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>36 Completed</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15 Still in College</b>
				<b>TOTAL 51</b>		

\* No record

\*\*Still in College

PTA SCHOLARSHIP REPORT 1943 - 1967

Summary of those who completed college

SUMMARY:	UNKNOWN	25
	DECEASED	1
	TEACHERS	25
	PHYSICIANS	4
	NURSES	1
	HOUSEWIVES	2
	RESEARCH	1
	CHEMIST	1
	PHARMACIST	1

80% of those receiving PTA Scholarship; entered college; 32% completed and 15 students and 35 still in college

## THE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM 1941 - 1967

**Approximately 772 Students Received Over \$ 700,858.00**

Before the early forties, our graduates received some financial aid through work-study programs and through gifts from philanthropists to continue their education. Hampton Institute and the P.T.A. were among the first to offer financial aid. Since there were no official guidance counselors until 1958, senior class sponsors and teachers solicited funds from churches, sororities and fraternities, and other community organizations for promising students. During the mid-fifties, more and more opportunities became available through competitive examinations sponsored by the United Negro College Fund, the Merit Scholarship Program, Private and State Colleges, athletic grants, and state and federal programs. Counselors worked diligently to ascertain the programs that were available, informed teachers and students of the requirements, and attempted to motivate every one to excel in academic pursuits, extra-curricular activities, and citizenship. We believe that we were greatly rewarded for our efforts. A report under the title Dollars For College is on file at the Beau Brummell Club which lists the year by year activities--the donors and the recipients. The following summary reveals the extent of the program:

### Scholarships, Awards, and Grants

Year	Recipients	Amount	Year	Recipients	Amount
1941	1	125.00	1954	23	3,770.00
1942	2	130.00	1955	13	4,150.00
1943	4	230.00	1956	36	22,165.00
1944	6	355.00	1957	44	26,575.00
1945	7	408.00	1958	33	33,140.00
1946	8	485.00	1959	47	19,900.00
1947	10	575.00	1960	44	27,047.00
1948	7	750.00	1961	80	80,505.00
1949	No graduates		1962	68	104,749.00
1950	7	666.00	1963	51	70,113.00
1951	8	1,630.00	1964	54	66,691.00
1952	14	2,525.00	1965	46	108,211.00
1953	10	3,262.00	1966	52	91,290.00
			1967	60	31,411.00
			*1968	Not Available	
<b>Total</b>				<b>772</b>	<b>700,858.00</b>

\* We regret that the report for 1968 not available. In our haste to move from Phenix to Bethel, the folder for 1968 was misplaced. The rapid increases in scholastic ability and financial aid causes us to estimate that the figures for 1968 may be as much or more than the previous years.

**SOME INTEGRATED COLLEGES WHICH PHENIX GRADUATES  
ATTENDED DURING THE LAST TEN YEARS (1957-1967)**

College	Number Enrolled	Year Entered	Years Attended	Graduate	Still There
Allegheny College	1	1957	2	0	0
Allentown College	2	1957	2 (each)	0	0
Antioch College	1	1957	4	1	
*Baldwin Wallace Col.	1	1958	2	0	0
Blackburn College	1	1959	4	1	
Bradley University	1	1959	4	1	
Bradley University	1	1958	4	1	
Bradley University	1	1963	1	0	0
Bucknell University	1	1957	4	1	
Catholic University	1	1966			1
*Cedar Crest College	1	1960	2	0	0
Our Lady of Elms	1	1961	4	1	
Columbia University	1	1966			1
Davis & Elkins Col.	1	1963	3	0	1
Davis & Elkins Col.	1	1965	1	0	1
Duke University	1	1966			1
Duquesne University	1	1966			1
Fordham University	1	1961	2	0	0
Harvard University	1	1966			1
*Haverford College	1	1957	2	0	0
Hiram College	1	1957	4	1	
*Hiram College	1	1962	3	0	
Indiana University	1	1960	4	1	
Ohio University	2	1962	4 (each)	2	



College	Number Enrolled	Year Entered	Years Attended	Graduated	Still There
Ohio University	1	1963			
Penn State University	2	1960	4	1	
*Penn State University	1	1963	2	0	0
Purdue University	2	1957	4 (each)	2	
Rensselaer University	1	1962	4	1	
Richmond Prof. Inst.	1	1967			1
Rockford College	1	1960	4	1	
*Seton Hall University	1	1966	1	0	0
Springfield College	1	1960	4	1	
*Temple University	1	1962	2		
U.C.L.A.	1	1967			1
University of Virginia	1	1966			1
VA Polytechnic Inst.	1	1966			Deceased
Wesleyan College	1	1954	2	0	0
Wheaton College	1	1960	4	1	
Williams College	1	1966	1		0
Wilson	1	1966		1	
Wilson	1	1967			1
<u>Yale University</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1956</u>		<u>1</u>	
TOTAL	45			19	11

\*Students entered another college and were graduated or are still enrolled in college.