



**ST. ALOYSIUS  
EDUCATION CLINIC**

# FAMILY NEWS

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### Three Decades of "Making a Difference in the Lives of Children"

**Beth Pettit**, founder and Executive Director of St. Aloysius Education Clinic (SAEC), has devoted the last three decades of her life as a champion of the belief that educational success begins by building literacy skills and fostering a love for reading in children at an early age. She has also addressed a range of academic and social needs that our students encounter as they move through elementary and middle school, enter high school, and prepare themselves for college.

"Every morning when I wake up, I feel so blessed to know that my day will be filled with activities which will have a lasting, positive impact on the lives of children. Whether developing programs to meet a specific educational need, providing assistance to a youth applying to college, or reviewing the sounds of the alphabet with preschool children, my life is never dull but always rewarding" says Ms. Pettit, about the organization she founded and has led for the past 30 years.

SAEC began in the early 70's after Pettit attended a special reception. The reception was also attended by the founder of Reading is Fundamental (RIF), the oldest and largest nonprofit children's literacy program. After receiving help with funding from the former

2009	
<b>July 22</b>	First Summer Reading Festival ~ Literacy Day 9:00am—11:00am (See 30th Anniversary Events pg. 2)
<b>July 26</b>	Mass of Thanksgiving ~ St. Aloysius Church 10:00am (See 30th Anniversary Event pg. 2)
<b>August 7</b>	Annual Rockland State Park trip (See 30th Anniversary Events pg. 2)
<b>August 29</b>	Qualifying test for the SAT Prep classes. High school students who will be juniors in September must pass a qualifying test. 8:30am—1:00pm ~ St. Aloysius School
<b>September 12</b>	30th Anniversary Gala Celebration (See 30th Anniversary Events pg. 2)
<b>September 19</b>	AACE Classes resume
<b>December 3</b>	4th Annual Bruce Wright Literacy Award Benefit Breakfast 8:30am—10:30am ~ Time & Life Conference Center
<b>December 12</b>	ISEE Exam
<b>December 19</b>	Holiday Party
2010	
<b>January 16</b>	AACE Classes resume

**Remember to check our website for updates**  
[www.saedclinic.org](http://www.saedclinic.org)



**Beth Pettit, Founder and Executive Dir.  
St. Aloysius Education Clinic**

*A true pioneer and advocate for children's literacy*

President of Manhattanville College, Pettit started the first funded RIF program in New York City. This was only the beginning. Ms. Pettit went on to develop other educational programs to meet the needs of children in the community.

In 1979, Rev. Daniel Gartland the pastor of St. Aloysius Church in Harlem, suggested that Pettit combine all of the

separate programs into one community-based organization, hence the "formal" beginning of the St. Aloysius Education Clinic.

Beth Pettit had a dream that she could make a difference in the lives of children. This dream as lasted over 30 years, and there is no end in sight. For this and all you do, Beth Pettit, we say **THANK YOU!**

# NEWS FROM THE FAMILY



**Ms. Beth Pettit and SAEC Alum Robert Ortiz at his induction into the National Honor Society**

What happens after St. Aloysius.....A lot!

**William Bannister**

Is married with one son and is a professional counselor working at Emory University.

**Bobbi Booth**

Has appeared in several plays including *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*.

**Kahree Brown**

Is living in New York City and working as a regional sales manager for ADP. His brother Keith is living in Boston and running his own business.

**Ndola Carlest's daughter, Amina**

Participated in the MSDC dance concert.

**Damiyr Davis**

Is attending a debate camp for three weeks at Georgetown University.

**Symphony Davis**

Is now living in upstate New York and attending Hudson Valley Community College.

**George Davies**

Is employed by the VA Hospital as a Biological Science Lab Technician.

**Jackie DeVore**

Is a senior program officer at the Starr Foundation. She is married with two children and living in Harlem.

**Wayne Fletcher**

Is married with two children living in South Jersey and working in pharmaceutical sales.

**Robinette Hill**

Is married with two children living in Richmond, Virginia.

**Dominique Lynch**

Is an aide to City Council Member Inez Dickens.

**Yolanda Ohore**

is working for Homeless Services.

**Ludwig Reimmer**

Is in the second semester of graduate school at Dartmouth.

**Ketisa Saint Armond**

Received a perfect score of 800 on the critical reading section of the SAT.

**Nailah Stephenson**

Was the only Freshman chosen to dance in the finale performance of Trevor Day School's Choreolab '09.

**Robert Williams**

Is married with three children and working at Misericordia University.

**Toshea Wright**

Appeared in a production of Grease.

**Congratulations to...**

**Mr. and Mrs. Kwame Brathwiata**

On the birth of their son



**Rashida DeShong**  
On the birth of her son

**Mr. and Mrs. Byron Hurst**  
On the birth of their son. Langston Robert Hurst born March 16, 2009; 7lbs 15 oz At 12:45pm



## 30th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

**JULY 1 to AUGUST 31** ~ SAEC 30th Anniversary / Macy's Fundraiser: Give \$3 and receive a \$10 OFF coupon towards your next purchase of \$50 or more at Macy's. \$1 of each contribution goes towards the St. Aloysius Education Clinic Reading is Fundamental Program.

**JULY 22** ~ First Summer Reading Festival—Literacy Day from 9:00am—11:00am. Reading by invited guests who will share the greatest gift there is — The gift of knowledge.

**JULY 26** ~ Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Aloysius Church at 10:00am. Join us to thank God for sustaining us for 30 years. All are welcome.

**AUGUST 7** ~ Family and Friends trip to Rockland State Park. Buses departs from St. Aloysius at 9:00am and leave the park at 5:00pm. Tickets: Adults—\$15 / Children and students—\$10. For more information send an email to RSPtrip@saedclinic.org.

**SEPTEMBER 12** ~ 30th Anniversary Gala Celebration. St. Philips Church parish undercroft. 204 W. 134th St. (between Adam Clayton Powell and Frederick Douglas Blvd.) 7:00pm—11:0pm. Suggested donation: Adults—\$20 / College and High School Students—\$10 / Children \$5. Come and celebrate our 30 year anniversary. See old friends and former teachers.

# New Beginnings (partial list) ~

Congratulations to the following students who will enter a new school and a new phase in their lives:

ALEXANDER STEVENSON

**Bryce Randolph**

A PHILIP RANDOLPH

**Zoiya Isaie**

BISHOP MOLLOY HIGH SCHOOL

**Aleisha Grandison**

BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

**Joanna Mendez**

**Domonique Watt**

BROWNING SCHOOL

**Awintrim Abaatu**

DE LA SALLE ACADEMY

**Solange Puryear**

NEST+M

**Chelsea Williams**

DALTON

**Grace Pezzilli**

DWIGHT SCHOOL

**Philina Rbinson**

ETHICAL CULTURAL

**Justin Fraser**

FRANK SINATRA HIGH SCHOOL

**Juan Lara**

GEORGE JACKSON

**James Blair**

**Jared Butler**

**Herzen Clerge**

**Hunter James**

**Marcus McKenzie**

**Jalani White**

HARLEM ACADEMY

**Maya Langevine**

**Dorian Myles**

HARLEM ACADEMY (continue)

**Ilaysha Rincon**

**Misa Smith**

**Myles Whye**

HORACE MANN

**Gibson Thomas**

LA SALLE ACADEMY

**Andre Ogunusi**

MIDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

**Christine Jeanty**

MOTT HALL

**Zinzi Isaie**

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

**Jasmine Rich**

POLY PREP

**Madison Stephenson**

**Myles Stephenson**

QUEEN COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL

**Milik David**

QUEEN GATEWAY TO HEALTH SCIENCES HIGH SCHOOL

**Simone Rowe**

ST. HILDA and ST. HUGH

**Kalya Miller**

STUDIO SCHOOL

**Denae Suanders**

THEOLONEUS ACADEMY

**Nasier Akins**

THE LEARNING TREE

**Jaiden Robinson**

WESTSIDE MONTESSORI

**Olufela Fieulleteau**

## Entering College /Grad School

**Yael Saint Armond** - SUNY STONYBROOK

**Dominque Ascension** - HUNTER

**Thasha Brignool** - UNIV. OF NEW HAVEN

**Dalles Cherry** - TEMPLE

**Brittany Cole** - DELHI UNIVERSITY

**Nia Gains** - CITY COLLEGE

**Deandra Irving** - UNIV. OF VIRGINIA

**Crispin Jackson** - FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

**Gilianne Jawaher** - SMITH COLLEGE

**Javin Junior** - SUNY CORTLAND

**Allan McGann** - MEGAR EVERS COLLEGE

**Yasmin Ohore** - SUNY COBLESKILL

**Nailah Ricco** - LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

LAW SCHOOL

**Clydia Santamaria** - BERKLEY

**Khayla Thomas** - CITY COLLEGE OF

TECHNOLOGY



## Recent College Graduates

**Joy Brown** - SYRACUSE

**Amanda Burton** - UNIV. OF DELAWARE

**Norma Cruz** - SMITH COLLEGE

**Greg Davis** - SUNY ITHICA

**Sasha Green** - FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

**Jasmine Harris** - RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

**Jeremy Ohore** - SUNY STONYBROOK

**Derrone Scotton** - NYIT

*Congratulations and best of luck to all!!!*

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