



Happy Holidays Members!

PEARLS OF PROMISE FOUNDATION



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MINOR HALL

Empowerment and Community

Minor Hall conducted its second session targeting financial literacy and career readiness core pillars. The session began with an ice breaker facilitated by Member Cassandra Borders, focused on the financial literacy pillar by requiring the students to utilize their mathematical and team skills to competitively put random numbers in the appropriate numerical place value.

The second core pillar targeted career readiness through a dream-vision board activity facilitated by Member Michelle Pringle. Students were tasked to begin to think about their future academic and career interests. The participants created a vision board of their dream and were provided notebooks to document their homework of researching the academic or vocational requirements to achieve their goals.



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IVYLETTES

A Culture of Sisterhood

Ivyettes conducted a Social Media Best practice session. The participants were divided into groups based on their preferred social media platform. The teams discussed candidly their current practices of social media; safety best practices; additional purposes of social media such as marketing, branding and entrepreneurial practices; and the repercussions of poor social media choices and behavior. The Ivyettes and Advisors were open and receptive to the discussion topics and learned a lot from each other.



CURRENT EVENTS

Annual Giving Tuesday

Our Youth Philanthropy campaign began on Tuesday, November 28, 2023.

When you give **35 dollars** to the Pearls of Promise Foundation, you contribute to helping empower and sustain the metro-Detroit youth. You can give to your program of choice for just \$35 now, through December 9, 2023.

You can still donate **\$35**

Click here to donate

<https://pearlsofpromisefoundationinc.wildapricot.org/Donate>



Grants Committee

We are establishing a Grant and Sponsorship committee to support our youth programs. If you have expertise in these areas, please sign up.

Click here to submit a form

<https://forms.gle/dnXzDfX2vU1xM7aZ7>

At Large Directors

The At Large Directors are your liaison to the Board of Directors. Please submit your comments and feedback to them directly.

Submissions can be anonymous.

<https://forms.gle/DMpHxWRAVFNaDCjQA>

Fourth Quarter Meeting

The 2024 budget was presented and voted on Monday, November 27, 2023. The Officers, Signature Program, Building and Property, and Technology Chairmen provided quarterly updates.

Upcoming Meetings

Minor Hall - December 2, 2023

Ivyettes - December 9, 2023

Next LPO-All Membership Meeting will be held on Monday, February 26, 2024

2024 Scholarship Application

Applications will open the first week in December of 2023. Stay tuned for more details.

Scholarship Testimony



Hi Pearls of Promise Family,

Thank you for your support this year! I want to give you an update on how I finished my freshman year at Howard.

This spring semester I took 19 credits and ended my freshman year with a 4.0 GPA. While working toward my major, I was able to put my learning to the test outside the classroom. My peers and I competed in the MorganHacks Hackathon at Morgan State University in April. We won a \$1,000 award for our application idea that uses AI to help food pantries run more smoothly. I hope to serve on the planning committee for Howard's hackathon projected for next year.

I also started classes for my TV and Film minor. Through my participation in the Howard University Film Organization, I was able to further realize my interest in film. I filmed an episode for our Afro-surrealism anthology film series, "Where's Everybody At?". It was amazing to be on such a professional set with other young, black creatives. Honestly, my semester was full of creative ventures. I competed in the HBCU Speech and Debate National Championship and was a finalist for a poetry performance. My voice-acting experience was furthered by doing a voice-over for a Howard MFA short film. I also filmed more TV and radio spots as the new voice of Corewell Health, one of Michigan's largest healthcare systems.

Alongside some long nights studying and new memories with my friends, this is just a fraction of what I was able to do in my first year in college. This summer, I will be working as an intern for Exploring Your Authentic Self through Arts (EASA), a nonprofit program for Chicago high school students to find their voice through the arts and public speaking. For the rest of the summer, I will be traveling to D.C., South Africa, and Ireland as a Frederick Douglass Global Fellow as the only fellow from an HBCU.

My freshman year has been amazing and I am excited for what is to come. [Click here to watch a quick freshman-year wrap-up!](#) Thank you again for your support and investment in me and my future!

Thank you dearly,
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