

ALUMNI NEWS

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Ayobami Olugbemiga Class of 2007

A Summer Internship on Capitol Hill

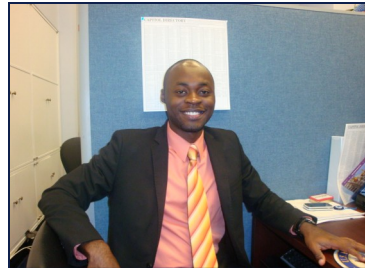
Coffee runs, making photocopies, and organizing files are typical daily business for interns in corporate America. However, for Ayobami Olugbemiga, a 2007 Holy Trinity Alum, the day-to-day activities are not so mundane. That is part of the territory when you are working for Congresswoman Schakowsky.

Arriving to the office at 9 a.m. on Capitol Hill, he works closely with the communications director to review the Wall Street Journal and summarize key issues including healthcare, the oil spill, and the war in Afghanistan. According to Ayobami, "working for Congresswoman Schkowsky has been very exciting. I get to see members of Congress on a regular basis; I even speak with some of them every now and then." One of Ayobami's favorite jobs is attending the hearings and briefings on Capitol Hill. "I love American politics," he says, "and thought there was no better place to learn how politics works than on Capitol Hill." Ayobami applied for various summer internship programs last spring, with his top vote being Congresswoman Schakowsky. He was accepted into her summer program and started work on June 7.

Ayobami is currently studying political science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and works in the housing department during the school year as the Diversity Coordinator. He will graduate next summer from UW, and in the fall he hopes to attend George Washington University to pursue his Masters in Political Management. His dream job is to be a congressman where he will focus his efforts on "secondary education, especially when it comes to access and funding." He continues, "I am currently working on next year's issue brief for Congresswoman Schakowsky regarding for-profit colleges; the benefits, problems and recommended improvements."

Ayobami first came to Holy Trinity as a transfer from Nigeria back in 2005. His father moved the family into the neighborhood—directly behind HT. With no idea where to send Ayobami to school, his father spoke with the apartment security guard who recommended the high school next door! "Holy Trinity welcomed me with open arms. The teachers held my hand throughout the process, indicating to me what classes I should take and what areas I should focus on," says Ayobami.

Recalling the most important influences from his Holy Trinity education, Ayobami describes his bond with Mr. Arreguin, an HT alumnus from the Class of '85, Notre Dame Graduate, and HT teacher for 20 years, "I call him my American dad, and he calls me his African son!" Mr. Arreguin suggested Ayobami apply to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a school he previously had not considered. "Honestly, I would not be where I am today without Holy Trinity, and to be more specific, I would not be studying at UW if it wasn't for my math teacher, Mr. Arreguin."



In Loving Memory

Dr. Emanique (Matthews) Joe, a graduate of Holy Trinity in 1990, passed away on July 18th, 2010 in Ann Arbor Michigan after an extended illness. Emanique is survived by her husband, Dr. Sean Joe, and her children, Edrick and Jordan.

Born in 1972 in Chicago, Emanique found a home away from home in Holy Trinity. She went on to receive her undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1995, her master's degree in social work in 1997, and her doctoral degree in education in 2007 from Temple University.

Classmate Latrice Fitzpatrick-McGee '90 knew Emanique better than most, having gone to grammar school, high school, and college with her. Latrice describes Emanique as "the leveler – she leveled out all of our classmates' different personalities. Her laid-back, funny personality and her beautiful spirit kept everyone balanced."

When asked what Emanique would want for Holy Trinity's current students, Latrice does not hesitate, "Emanique would love for them to all go to college, to not be intimidated about going to a big school away from home, to not be afraid of pursuing a professional degree. We are two girls from the West Side of Chicago and we have been able to do so much. Emanique would want them to know that the sky is the limit."

In celebration of Emanique's life and legacy, a scholarship has been created in her name at Holy Trinity. The scholarship will be awarded to a deserving member of the Class of 2015. This student will carry on the legacy of his or her scholarship's namesake and continue the tradition of academic success as he or she graduates on the 25th anniversary of Emanique's Holy Trinity graduation. To support the scholarship fund, contact John Malloy in Holy Trinity's Development Office at jmalloy@holytrinity-hs.org or at 773.278.4212, ext. 3040.



Our Newest Alumni



June 5th, 2010 was an emotional day for the Class of 2010 as they gathered for Commencement at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. While they were sad to say goodbye to the halls of Holy Trinity, the members of the Class of 2010 have bright futures ahead of them. Thanks to their profound commitment to a future of success and hard work, 100% percent of the graduates were accepted into college and university programs throughout the country.

Are you Connected?

HT'S Young Alumni Connection



Holy Trinity is excited to announce the launch of the Young Alumni Connection, a new effort building on the Young Alumni Committee's work to help **renew, build, and maintain** our Young Alumni's connection with one another and the larger Holy Trinity community.

Under the leadership of Young Alumni volunteers, the Connection will:

- Host social events in the city each month to give alumni a chance to catch up with one another
- Provide alumni with opportunities to support current HT students through rap sessions, workshops, mentoring, and special events.
- Encourage Young Alumni to give back what they received as students. Holy Trinity students have many needs and Young Alumni can help to make their future bright.
- Help alumni reconnect with one another and share resources. Have an opportunity you want to share? Let us know and we will activate the Holy Trinity network!

If you want to get connected, visit us on the web at www.holytrinity-hs.org, join our Facebook Group *HT Alumni - Chicago*, or contact YAC President Kimberly A. Hart, Class of 2001 for details at yinyang1616@hotmail.com.

Don't miss alumni events & activities! Join the HT Alumni Association.

For details, visit us online! www.holytrinity-hs.org/content/alumni

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| ALUMNI B-BALL/VBALL SHOOTOUT | 4 th ANNUAL FALL ARTS FESTIVAL | ALUMNI CHRISTMAS PARTY |
| Saturday, October 16, 2010 | Thursday, November 18, 2010 | Saturday, December 4, 2010 |
| 10:30 a.m.—6 p.m. | 6:00 —8:00 p.m. | 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m. |
| Holy Trinity High School | Northern Trust Bank | White Eagle Restaurant |
| 1443 W. Division St. | 50 S. LaSalle St. | 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave. |