

July 21, 2011

Mr. Tom Lucas,

I was pleased to hear from you that our classmates so enjoyed the 40th reunion. More importantly, that the raffle you organized raised \$1,650.00 for the Thomas Jefferson High School Scholarship Fund.

I am touched by gratitude for the outpouring of support by our class for current and future students of TJ.

The "fund" was instituted March 6, 1961 by a group of people who wanted to provide deserving graduates of TJ with scholarships to attend college and university as its primary goal and to aid TJ itself as a secondary goal.

Through donations and gifts over the years the fund has grown to a current value of approximately \$82,000.00. With your consent as representative for the wishes of our classmates I will deposit the \$1,650.00 into the fund as principal for the perpetual benefit of TJ graduates.

Many people in our class donated gifts for raffle and many others supported their efforts by purchasing tickets. I believe this kind of volunteerism and support for future generations is representative of the Jeffersonian model of perpetuating the ideals on which America is built and I am humbled to be associated with all our classmates who have looked beyond today to support Thomas Jefferson's idea of education for all.

God bless you all,

Julian Pierce '71