

Reverend Alfred T. Max Davis II

Memorial Scholarship for Academic Excellence

Reverend Alfred T. Max Davis II transitioned from labor to rest on September 9, 2017. On Saturday, October 15, 2017, the family gathered to celebrate his 64th Birthday. In commemoration of his life and legacy, the family is pleased to announce the launching of an annual scholarship fund entitled “The Reverend Alfred T. Max Davis II Memorial Scholarship for Academic Excellence”. This will benefit two students who demonstrate academic excellence in Math and Science at Ricks Institute, Virginia, Liberia.

In 1966, Rev. Davis enrolled into high school at Ricks Institute. He was a well-rounded and multitalented student. His skills enabled him to be an active participant in the student government. He sang tenor in the Ricks Institute choir and the Boys Glee Club that performed at several concerts for the late Mr. William R. Tolbert, Jr., who was then the Liberian President and the President of the Baptist World Alliance. He was also a member of several educational Clubs (Drama, French and Math Tutorial). Additionally, he was actively involved in many other extracurricular activities (Basketball and Volleyball teams).

He graduated with honors in 1974, as member of the “Panthers” class. The educational foundation Ricks Institute propelled him for an unquestionable and lifetime of academic excellence.

Rev. Davis studied Engineering at the University of Liberia. During this time, he concurrently worked as a cadet with the Liberia Electricity Corporation (LEC), as well as an intern at the Ministry of Lands and Mines. Subsequently, he was awarded a scholarship from Texas Wesleyan College in the United States. Thereafter, he was awarded a second scholarship from the AME Church and was transferred to Paul Quinn College, Waco, Texas in 1982. He graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Mathematics and Biology in 1984. In 2007, he earned a Master’s Degree of Counseling in Education from Prairie View A&M University, Texas.

Professionally, Rev. Davis dedicated over 28 years in public education, teaching Mathematics and Algebra in various high schools, including the famous David W. Carter High School, Dallas Texas. At David W. Carter High School, he demonstrated his multitalented skills to both teaching with educational excellence as well as coaching in football and soccer. He also inspired and imparted knowledge to many students in the Dallas Independent School District as a calculus instructor.

In his retirement, he became an educator of God's word and preached his first sermon in 2014 at St. James AME Church in Fort Worth Texas. He was a loyal and dedicated member to this edifice since it granted him the 1982 scholarship. On Saturday, October 15, 2017, the Reverend Alfred T. Max Davis II posthumously received his *Certificate of Ordination* from this beloved place of worship.

Rev. Davis was an active and committed member of the Ricks Institute Alumni Association, at its both local (Texas chapter) and the national levels. He exemplified skills of being a natural leader with superb organizational skills. His ability to work hard, remain an example of excellent discipline and dedication to learning and work values, has always been impressed by his family. His family now wishes to instill similar values upon *two deserving students* at Ricks Institute in order to memorialize him; it is meant to encourage similar commitment to academic excellence over the years.

“Once you learn to read, you will be forever free.” – Frederick Douglas

DETAILS OF SCHOLARSHIP

Name: Reverend Alfred T. Max Davis II Memorial Scholarship for Academic Excellence
Mission: To encourage commitment to academic excellence
Beneficiary: Two Students: Junior or Senior high school students at Risks Institute, Virginia, Liberia
Criteria: Maintain A- average or better (minimum average 90% or minimum average 3.7 GPA)
Subjects: Math and Science
Endowment: \$1000 USD (\$500 USD each student)
Frequency: Annual
Funding: Family Sponsored Fundraisers through Ricks Alumni Association, Church donations, etc.
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Application process: School will annually recommend two deserving students to RIAA, USA, Inc.