



**Summer 2014** - Mourning the passing of our namesake, anticipating school renovations, graduation photos and more...



Students, staff, and teachers at the Maya Angelou Schools join the nation in mourning one of our greatest teachers of compassion, Dr. Maya Angelou. She showed us the silver lining in overcoming adversity and hardship; she taught us the value of confidence and dreams.

Many alumni and former teachers reached out to the See Forever Foundation shortly after the news broke, extending their condolences and sharing stories of their first encounters with the author, actor, dancer, and civil rights activist. The following week, a group of about ten students and staff attended her private memorial service in Winstom-Salem, North Carolina.

Dr. Maya Angelou's legacy lives on in every student walking the hallways of Maya Angelou Schools. It is celebrated in every graduate receiving his or her diploma. But most importantly, her legacy lives in each of us committed to ensuring D.C. young people are afforded every opportunity to succeed.



## **Dear Maya Family: A Letter from the CEO**



CEO Dr. Heather Wathington highlights our summer activities and introduces two new staff members: the high school principal and the Chief of Schools! [Read the full letter here.](#)

## **Phase II of Renovations Underway to Transform School**

With the completion of Phase I with the Young Adult Learning Center last November, construction has moved into the high school building to begin Phase II of the campus' multimillion dollar renovation. Chief Operating Officer, Chris Tessone, sheds light on how the Capital Campaign fund is going to transform the Learning Campus ... [Read More.](#)

## **Full Accreditation for Young Adult Learning Center**

After months of preparation and planning, the Young Adult Learning Center has been recommended for full accreditation by the Middle States Association for Colleges and Schools. Director of Instruction Matt Fiteny [reveals the process](#) leading up to the week-long evaluation.



## Graduation Photos Class of 2014

Over 100 students graduated from the Maya Angelou Schools. [Click here](#) to view this year's graduation photos!

## Alumni Spotlight Romelle Simpson

Five years after walking the podium, Ms. Simpson tells us how she plans to use her \$6,400 New Futures scholarship. [Read more.](#)

## Partner Spotlight WilmerHale

During the school year, students make a weekly trip into downtown D.C. to visit WilmerHale law offices. [Find out why!](#)

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