

graduation celebration

Endless Possibilities

n May 6, 2010, Memphis Challenge wished good luck and said a fond farewell to the MC Class of 2010. The theme of the night, Endless Possibilities, perfectly described the path of a Challenger, one lined with overflowing potential, golden opportunities and infinite success. The evening began with a sincere invocation by Eboni Sharp and welcoming words from Board Chair, Ken Bodmer, before Master of Ceremonies, Carlos Barksdale, took charge of the evening's program. Following an introduction by Michael Massey, keynote speaker, Dr. Douglas Scarboro, Executive Director of the Office of Talent and Human Capital and Education Liaison for the City of Memphis, stepped to the podium. Dr. Scarboro reminded Challengers that traveling the path to success requires courage, insight, innovation and determination.

Junior Challengers – Cherie Anthony, Leslie Ratliff, Brittany Taylor and Cameron Weathers – gave a musical tribute to the seniors, while Clifton Jordan symbolically ‘accepted the baton’ on behalf of the junior class, reminding his classmates that ‘greatness was the goal.’ Speaking on behalf of the seniors, Darilyn Woodson, spoke of how she spread her wings and found her voice as she journeyed through the MC curriculum.

Parents, friends and MC Board Members in attendance, including Dr. Otis Anderson, Meg Crosby, and Charlie Pleas, looked on proudly as the seniors took the stage as a group one final time and received their parting gifts and awards. Perhaps the most stirring moment of the evening was the photo retrospect showing Challengers, growing working, serving and laughing together. Contemporary artists T.I. and John Legend played in the background, reminding us all ... “life is like a slide show, and all the things that I’ve seen and all the things that I dream, you can’t take away from me.”

Endless Possibilities Photos:

1. The Memphis Challenge class of 2010
2. Keynote Speaker Dr. Douglas Scarboro, Executive Director of the Office of Talent and Human Capital and Education Liaison for the City of Memphis
3. Memphis Challenge Board of Directors Vice Chair Charlie Pleas speaks with Chair Ken Bodmer
4. Junior Challengers celebrate the accomplishments of the senior class and look forward to taking on that role themselves.

