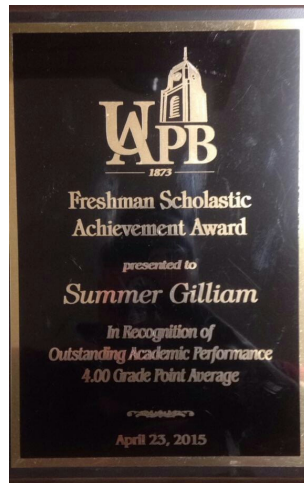


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## SUMMER GILLIAM

Garth and Kimberly Gilliam, proud parents of Summer, just wanted the Huguely Reunion folks to know that their scholarship money was being well spent for then first-year student Summer Gilliam. The Freshmen Scholastic Achievement Award below was presented to Summer for achieving a 4.0 GPA. Keep up the great work!!! She began her sophomore year last month.



By the way, the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) was just rated the 4th highest Black College out of the 25 Best Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs). See the latest rankings at [www.collegechoice.net/rankings/best-historically-black-colleges-universities/](http://www.collegechoice.net/rankings/best-historically-black-colleges-universities/).  
*(Lucian Huguely Branch)*

## NATHANIEL SHEARER

By the Grace of God, Nathaniel, son of John and Felecia Shearer, made it back home to Richmond, Kentucky, for eight (8) days in September after a two-year tour of duty in the U.S. Air Force at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana. While home, Nathaniel was able to greet friends, relatives (including our Reunion President), former co-workers, and acquaintances. The highlights of his visit were a surprise tailgate/picnic with down home smoked barbecue cooking hosted by Nathaniel's uncle (Juran "JD" Parks) and an opportunity to watch the ECU football team play Tennessee State. On October 6th, Nathaniel departed Kentucky for a two-year tour to Kadana, Japan. His family is saddened by Nathaniel's departure to far away land, however, it is excited about the opportunity to visit Nathaniel in 2016, as well as add a new travel destination. They (and his Huguely family) wish him well!!! *(John A. Huguely Branch)*

## ERIKA KENNEDY

After a very challenging year, Erika, youngest daughter of the late Sammie Kennedy, is excited to share that she has recently relocated to New York City, where she looks forward to furthering her career in Marketing and Communications. As she prepares to celebrate the 8th anniversary of E Sharp Agency, the graphic design and visual communications company that she launched in 2008, she plans to leverage the opportunities in her new home in order to build upon her existing client base, which includes McDonald's, retired NBA player Shawn Marion, HBCU Sports Marketing, and a host of other corporations, small businesses, and non-profit organizations. Erika also looks forward to new friendships, new experiences, and taking in all that the "Big

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Apple” has to offer! The Huguely family certainly wishes her the best in her new digs!!! (*Lucian Huguely Branch*)

### ANGELINA HUGUELY

Angelina successfully underwent two knee-replaced surgeries seven weeks apart (August 18th and October 6th), followed by challenging and painful physical therapy (PT) and rehabilitation sessions. Her therapists call her "Rock Star"!!! (Of course, we already knew that!) Angelina is eternally grateful for the PT staff at Richmond Physical Therapy Rehabilitation Center, but most grateful to God for guiding the surgeon's hands and for her family being by her side every step of the way (no pun intended). Amen!



More impressive throughout her ordeal, Angelina dutifully performed her tasks as Huguely Reunion Secretary, churning out meeting minutes and action items. Talk about a real trooper... She plans to return to work in mid-January 2016, as well as appear on “Dancing With The Stars” soon after... (*John A. Huguely Branch*)

### BRIANNA HEATH

After three years, Brianna, oldest daughter of Mary Heath, left MAC Cosmetics in Atlanta this past June as makeup artist to pursue other opportunities. Very nervous but hopeful, Brianna began working at Gocha Salon in Atlanta. She was scared but knew that she had to step out on faith and try something new in order to start getting new and different results. Brianna has been doing very well since she's been out on her own. Well, in mid-September, an agency reached out to Brianna to start doing makeup for television. She had interviewed with this agency last year (2014) and got the position, but could never work for it due to scheduling conflicts with her MAC position. Her recent first interview went very well. So her second interview a few weeks ago comprised of doing makeup on the woman who had the final hiring say. You talk about pressure... Needless to say, Brianna got the job!!! She signed the paperwork and will be the newest makeup artist on set for this season of “Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta” on VH1! This same agency staffs all hair & makeup for “Love & Hip Hop” New York and L.A. shows, as well as many other shows including “Real Housewives of Atlanta” on Bravo. Brianna strongly believes that timing is everything and that patience is the key! She very humbly thanks God for this latest opportunity. The Huguely family wishes her the very best! (*Everee Huguely Branch*)

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## LT. COL. ALEX JEFFERSON (RET.)

The Tuskegee Airman and uncle of the Detroit Cobbs, whom many Huguely family members met during the 2006 reunion in Detroit, is the subject of a new, outstanding feature-length documentary film titled, “Luft Gangster: Memoirs of a Second Class Citizen,” which is based on his 2005 book, “Red Tail Captured, Red Tail Free: Memoirs of a Tuskegee Airman and POW.” Mike Rott, the producer/director and independent filmmaker based just outside Detroit, met ‘Uncle Alex’ four years ago at a speaking engagement where Uncle Alex discussed his book, the Tuskegee Airmen, and his experiences as a prisoner of war (POW). The film has already garnered two very prestigious awards: (a) 2014 Los Angeles International Underground Film Festival – Best Documentary Feature and (b) 2015 Albuquerque Film & Music Experience – Audience Choice Award.



On October 16th, two sold-out private screenings of the completed film were held at the Riviera Cinemas outside Detroit. The Cobbs and Coffees (cousins) turned out in great numbers. Uncle Alex even made a surprise appearance, to everyone’s delight. He will celebrate his 94th birthday next month (November). Below are the movie trailer and audience comments from an earlier pre-screening:

<https://vimeo.com/116992362>

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[The Luft Gangster Documentary Premiere However&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_4f754cc2d6-7d14948cd2-116315157](https://vimeo.com/129056473?utm_source=Friend%2C+Family+Member%2C+Colleague+or+Acquaintance&utm_campaign=7d14948cd2-4f754cc2d6-7d14948cd2-116315157)

Wow, very impressive!!! Look out Denzel, Morris, and Idris (and paparazzi)! There’s a new matinee idol in town... Future screenings of the film around the country are unknown at this time, however, DVDs are available for purchase at [www.luftgangstermovie.com](http://www.luftgangstermovie.com). *(Everee Huguely Branch)*

## 2017 REUNION UPDATE

As you are aware, a survey was completed by family members at the recent reunion in Lexington in order to solicit feedback regarding which reunion activities they find most interesting (e.g., picnic, banquet, dance, breakfast, sight-seeing, tours, etc.). Taking into consideration the survey results (e.g., picnic most popular, banquet least popular), as well as Washington, D.C.’s numerous tourist attractions, Kenneth Cobb is in the process of re-planning the

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proposed 2017 Huguely Reunion. The reunion would comprise four days and three nights (Thursday-Sunday), including a chartered bus departing from Lexington or Richmond, Kentucky. Hotel rates would be ~\$144.00 per night including taxes. At this time, there are no plans to have any formal banquet activities at the Holiday Inn hotel. Instead, a Saturday afternoon picnic at a local WDC public park is planned. The only formal activity at the hotel will be the business meeting on Sunday morning.



Next year's reunion will be held in Detroit. Stay tuned... *(Everee Huguely Branch)*