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# "If One Fails the Community Fails"

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February 2013

### Calendar of Events

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Calendar of Events.

#### 18th Annual Heart & Soul Scholarship Ball

16 February 2013 - Madison Concourse Hotel, Madison, WI

The 18th Annual Heart & Soul Scholarship Ball: "A Night of Elegance for Academic Achievement" will be held Saturday, 16 February 2013, at the Madison Concourse Hotel in Madison, Wisconsin.

The cost for tickets is \$35 for a single, \$60 for couples, and \$25 for students. See any member of the Madison Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for tickets or visit <http://www.madisonalumnaedst.org> to purchase tickets online.



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18th Annual Heart & Soul Scholarship Ball: "A Night of Elegance for Academic Achievement"

**16 February**  
3rd Annual Carter Fuller Memory Screening Day

**19 February**  
Spring Primary Election

**22 February**  
Hearts for the Helping, Wine & Cheese Tasting Event

**22 February**  
5th Annual Black Male Initiative Forum - Day 1

**23 February**  
5th Annual Black Male Initiative Forum - Day 2

#### 3rd Annual Carter Fuller Memory Screening Day

16 February 2013 - Urban League of Greater Madison, Madison, WI



The Alzheimer's & Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin, in conjunction with the Madison Community Foundation and Wisconsin Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, will host, free of cost, the 3rd Annual Carter Fuller Memory Screening Day on Saturday, 16 February 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Urban League of Greater Madison, 2222 Park Street, Madison.

RSVP by calling (608) 232-3400.

#### Madison Metropolitan School District School Board Candidate Forum

19 March 2013 - S.S. Morris Church, Madison, WI

### MISSION

To provide support to positive efforts that are conducted with and on behalf of the African American Community of Greater Madison, Wisconsin;

To establish mutually beneficial relationships between African American organizations of Greater Madison, Wisconsin; and



To establish ongoing dialogue concerning common issues of the African American Community of Greater Madison, Wisconsin.

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The African American Communication and Collaboration Council (AACCC) will host a Forum to engage candidates vying for Seats 3, 4 and 5 of the Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD) Board of Education. The Forum will be held 19 March 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at S.S. Morris Church (3511 Milwaukee Street, Madison, WI 53714).

Candidates vying for open Seat #3 are Dean Loumos (top row 2nd) and Wayne Strong (bottom row 3rd). Candidates running for Seat #4 are incumbent, James Howard (top row 1st) and Greg Packnett (bottom row 2nd). Candidates running for open Seat #5 are Sarah Manski (top row 3rd), TJ Mertz (top row 4th), and Ananda Mirilli (bottom row 1st). All candidates have been invited to participate.

During the Forum, candidates will present information about their qualifications and backgrounds and address issues that are currently facing the MMSD, such as the achievement gap and school safety.

## People You Should Know



### Ananda Mirilli

Vying for Seat #5 on the Madison Metropolitan School District Board of Education

Originally from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Ananda Mirilli was raised with a strong value for education. She is a graduate student at UW-Madison in the Department of Education Leadership and Policy Analysis and has focused her research on the nationwide epidemic of disproportionately high dropout rates for students of color, and how best to effect systemic changes in order to successfully engage, retain and educate all students. She has worked and volunteered with the Madison Metropolitan School District for the past five years and works for the YWCA of Madison as Restorative Justice Program Manager. To learn more about Ananda, visit her campaign website at <http://www.voteananda.com> or e-mail [voteananda@gmail.com](mailto:voteananda@gmail.com).



### Shawn Pfaff

Running for a second term as Mayor of the City of Fitchburg

Shawn Pfaff is running for a second term "to make Fitchburg an even better-connected community." Shawn has focused heavily on connecting Fitchburg's 25,000+ residents with city services and each other and cites this as his main priority heading into a second term as Mayor "because Fitchburg is one of the most economic,

demographic and geographic communities in Wisconsin with more than 30 percent of the city's population being African-American or Hispanic." During his first term, Pfaff restored civility to city government, opened the city's first-ever library, provided funding for a soon-to-be-opened splash pad water park, saw to fruition a new Highway 14 interchange, encouraged reinvestment along N. Fish Hatchery Road through the opening of Post Road, and hired two additional police officers, all while holding the line on spending and keeping the city's tax rate flat. To learn more about Shawn, visit his campaign website at <http://www.shawnpfaff.com> or e-mail [info@shawnpfaff.com](mailto:info@shawnpfaff.com).



### Wayne Strong

Vying for Seat #3 on the Madison Metropolitan School District Board of Education

With nearly 28 years' experience in law enforcement, Wayne Strong has enjoyed tremendous professional success as a lieutenant with the Madison Police Department, and more recently as an adjunct instructor and Chair of the Criminal Justice Department at Globe University. However, Wayne cites his experience with his wife, Terri, raising two wonderful children in the Madison Metropolitan School District and his 17 years as the Co-director of the South Side Raiders, (mentoring children facing some of the most difficult challenges imaginable) that have given him a unique perspective that he promises to bring to the Madison School Board. To learn more about Wayne, visit his campaign website at <http://www.waynestrongs4schoolboard.com> or e-mail [wstrong904@aol.com](mailto:wstrong904@aol.com).

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Stories should be 200 words or less and electronic photos should be 300 DPI or better in JPG format (NO SCANNED PHOTOS). Include captions for each photo (who, what, when, and where). Photos without captions WILL NOT be considered.

Submit your stories and photos (with captions) to [president@africanamericancommunication.com](mailto:president@africanamericancommunication.com).

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