



**DR. TERENCE N. THOMAS
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
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Zora Penager
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Jada Hughes



Tamera Hughes



Karrington
Parrish



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50th Anniversary SCHOLARSHIP JAZZ BRUNCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026

ITALIAN CONFERENCE CENTER 631 E. CHICAGO STREET



Hosted by
ANDREA WILLIAMS
TMJ4 REPORTER

1:00 p.m. Reception followed by Promenade of Honorees & Scholars
2:00 p.m. SILENT AUCTION...RECEPTION WITH MUSIC

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JUDGE CLARENCE R. PARRISH *
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TERETHA MARTIN 33 YEARS
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THOMAS MITCHELL, JR. 42 YEARS
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YVONNE KEMP
KIM ROBINSON
KIA GREEN 10 YEARS
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ZORA PENAGER DAVIDSON
Yale University
2nd Year Undergraduate
Major: Ethics/Politics/
Economics



JORDYN HENDERSON
Spelman College
2nd Year Undergraduate
Major: Biology/
Biochemistry



IMANI HOLLOWAY
University of Wisconsin
Milwaukee
2nd Year Undergraduate
Major: Psychology



JACE PERRY
Clark Atlanta
2nd Year Undergraduate
Major: Theatre Arts



DANIELLA ESEYLIN
Marquette University
3rd Year Undergraduate
Major: Health Sciences



JADA HUGHES
Morgan State University
3rd Year Undergraduate
Major: Biology/
Psychology Minor



TAMERA HUGHES
Fayetteville State University
3rd Year Undergraduate
Major: Business
Administration



KARRINGTON PARRISH
(Dr. Roland A. Pattillo Scholar)
Spelman College
3rd Year Undergraduate
Major: Health Science



ALEC ROMERO
Marquette University
3rd Year Undergraduate
Major: Criminology,
Law Studies, Social
Justice & Welfare



DARIUS WRIGHT III
Kalamazoo College
3rd Year Undergraduate
Major: Business



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University of Wisconsin
Milwaukee
4th Year Undergraduate
Major: Business Management



DREW WILSON
Lafayette College
4th Year Undergraduate
Major: Marketing



**Ernestine O'Bee Graduate
Scholarship Students**
JONAH DIXON (Dr And Mrs.
Thomas Boccia Scholar)
University of North Carolina at
Chapel Hill Masters Healthcare



TAYLOR OWENS
University of Chicago
School of Law
J.D. Law



SHERLEAN ROBERTS
University of Iowa
Political Science Ph.D

The Dr. Terence N. Thomas Scholarship Fund (often called the **Dr. TNT Scholarship**) is a Milwaukee-based non-profit providing stipends to **low-income students and students of color**.

Established in 2000, the program honors **Dr. Terence N. Thomas**, a Milwaukee native and physician who died of an asthma attack in 1991.

The scholarship focuses on **identifying** and **supporting** top-notch students who excel **academically**.

Unlike many programs, it provides **multi-year support** to help students **remain** in college through **graduation**. Since its inception, the fund has distributed **over \$1 million** in stipends.

MEMORIES OF TERRY: A Father and Daughter Remember Dr. Terence N. Thomas



Tiffinie Cobb

A Legacy That Was Already Part of My Story

By Tiffinie Cobb

sented confidence—a belief that young people, when given opportunity and encouragement, can create meaningful change in the lives of others.

That belief has stayed with me throughout my career.

Whether serving in public health, leading strategy and evaluation initiatives, or now overseeing programs that help families achieve homeownership as Vice President of Programs at Acts Housing, I have always been drawn to work that creates opportunities for people and communities to thrive. While the settings have changed, the purpose has remained the same: to leave things better than I found them and to invest in others in ways that create lasting impact.

As I've grown professionally, I've come to appreciate that Terry's legacy was never just about becoming a physician. It was about the kind of person he was and the values he embodied—generosity, excellence, compassion, and a belief that our lives should make a difference in the lives of others. The scholarship ensures those values continue to influence new generations of students, many of whom never had the opportunity to know him personally.

For me, that legacy comes full circle.

Today, my father and I have the privilege of celebrating Terry's life together—he as a lifelong friend, and I as someone whose educational journey was made possible, in part, because of Terry's enduring legacy. Few scholarship recipients have the opportunity to experience that connection, and I carry it with deep gratitude.

When I think about what this scholarship represents, I don't think first about the financial support, although that mattered tremendously. I think about what it says to every recipient: Someone believes in you.

Sometimes, that's all it takes to change the course of a life.

I hope to honor that belief by continuing to invest in others, just as Terry's legacy has invested in me.

Long before I became a recipient of the Dr. Terence N. Thomas Scholarship, I knew the name Terry.

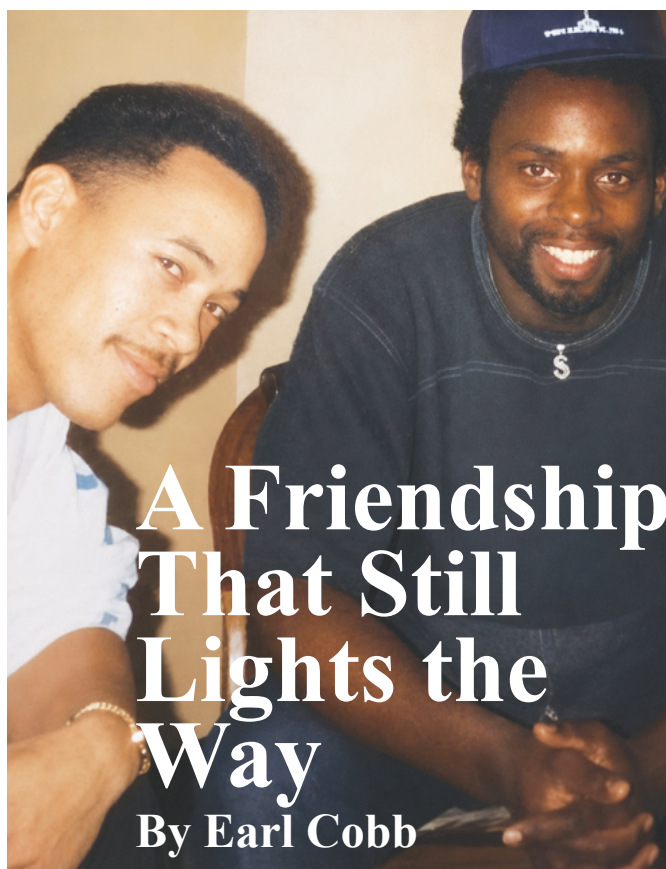
To my father, he wasn't "Dr. Terence N. Thomas." He was simply Terry—his best friend.

Growing up, I heard stories about their friendship. They played basketball together, rode motorcycles, worked in their family businesses during the summers, and shared dreams about the future.

My father often spoke about Terry's intelligence, generosity, and sense of humor. He also spoke about the devastating loss our community experienced when Terry's life was cut short.

Years later, when I learned I had been selected as a recipient of the scholarship established in Terry's honor, it felt deeply personal. I understood that I was receiving more than financial assistance. I was becoming part of a legacy that had already touched my family in a profound way.

At that stage in my life, the scholarship helped remove one of the many barriers students face while pursuing higher education. Like many recipients, I was focused on earning my degree and building a future. Looking back, I now realize the scholarship offered something even greater than financial support. It repre-



A Friendship That Still Lights the Way

By Earl Cobb

Terry was my best friend. We did everything together. We called him "Dynamite" because his initials were T.N.T., and the nickname fit his personality.

We played basketball, rode our motorcycles, played cards, cleaned our cars, and worked together at our family businesses during the summers. Some of my best memories are simply of spending time together.

When Terry began his medical journey, I was with him every step of the way. We traveled together to Pittsburgh, Michigan, and Tennessee, sharing the excitement of each new chapter. I had the honor of him standing beside me as my best man, but more importantly, I was blessed to call him my best friend.

When Terry became ill, I wasn't able to visit him because we could never be together without laughing.

We had the kind of friendship where we always found something to joke about, and once we started laughing, it was hard to stop. His doctors wanted him to avoid anything that could put additional strain on his body, so as difficult as it was, I stayed away.

It was one of the hardest things I've ever had to do because all I wanted was to spend time with my best friend.

When I lost Terry, I lost a part of myself. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think about him or wonder what could have been. I know Terry would have become an extraordinary doctor because he was already an extraordinary person—kind, compassionate, generous, and the kind of friend everyone hopes to have.

Over the years, Mrs. Pattillo and I have remained in touch, and it has meant so much to see Terry's legacy continue through the Dr. Terence N. Thomas Scholarship. It became especially personal when my daughter, Tiffinie, was selected as one of its recipients. Watching her benefit from Terry's legacy has been incredibly meaningful. It is a reminder that although Terry is no longer with us, his belief in young people and his commitment to helping others continues to change lives.

I know Terry would be proud to see the lives that have been touched because of his vision, and I am grateful that his legacy lives on through each scholarship recipient.



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