

## Mertis Bartley, Jr. on the career path to ministry



Mertis Bartley, Jr., a senior at James Madison High School Dallas, delivered his first sermon in July at Mount Olive Baptist Church, Rusk, Texas. "Little Man" as he is lovingly called by family and friends, has been the church drummer for the past five years. His sermon topic "I Can Get Crunk All By Myself", came from 1st Samuel Chapter 30: Verse 6.

Mertis plans to attend college after graduation majoring in Kinesiology and minoring in Theology. He is the son of Rev. Mertis Bartley, Sr. and Minister Stella Bartley, Pastor and Assistant Pastor at Mount Olive Baptist Church.

## Sharaick Jackson makes National Dean's List



Sharaick Sherman Jackson, a 2005 Rusk High School Graduate, was named to the National Dean's List in the Spring of 2007. Miss Jackson is a second year student at Tyler Junior College with plans to attend University of Texas at Tyler upon obtaining her associate degree. Sharaick is a member of West Union Faith Ministry where she is active in the youth department. She is the daughter of Sheryl Foreman Jackson and the late Wesley Jackson.

**He who wants milk should not sit on a stool in the middle of the pasture expecting the cow to back up to him.**  
*author unknown*

## Second Grader Earns Academic Trophies



Harris, a Chandler Elementary student, received two academic trophies for the 2006 - 2007 school year. He received the Top A. R. Reader trophy and the trophy for having over 110 A R points in his class. T. J. also received the S.T.A.R. (Students Together Acting Responsibly ) certificate, and the Principal's Award. He enjoys playing basketball, video games, computer games and playing outside with his friends. His mon says he is already talking about becoming a physician when he growsup. He is the son of proud parents Maurice and Melissa Harris and grandson of Roxie Richards. He has one brother, Demario Richards.

## Russell Simmons Speaks on Black Entrepreneurship

Detroit, MI (BlackNews.com) - The Message of Black Entrepreneurship and its importance has begun to spread internationally. The New Book My Conversations with Black Millionaire Entrepreneurs a compilation of interviews of some of Black America's successful Black Entrepreneurs is spreading in Canada and the UK. "I Believe it is becoming crystal clear that the days of multi-national corporations providing jobs and taking care of your retirement are long gone" said Bro. Bedford, the book's author and founder of How To Be A Black Entrepreneur.com. "Black people are truly entrepreneurial by nature, I hope and pray this book rekindles the desire to do what we have done for centuries." After reviewing those who were included in the book, Russell Simmons, founder of Def Jam Records Phat Farm and many other businesses and one of Black America's most successful entrepreneurs stated, "Black Entrepreneurship is so important because it shows young people anything is possible. Most



successful Black Entrepreneurs are first generation, have pulled themselves out of struggle and proved the American Dream can come true. It's very important we raise these people up so their communities can see them, and show them it can be done." The book is available for immediate download at: <http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=tjpp5ccab.0.szfp6ybab.dimu5xbab.45664&ts=S0268&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.conversationswithblackmillionaires.com>  
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