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# SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Diana L. Mitchell., Ed.D., Superintendent

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## **Mace's Lane Student to Speak at Howard University**

Rip Cornish, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at Mace's Lane Middle School, has been chosen to take part in an oratorical contest sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity at Howard University in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, February 16 to mark Black History Month. He will speak for four to six minutes on "Why Voting is Important", competing against other middle and high school boys from throughout the Eastern Region of the fraternity.

Rip said, "I'm really excited to do this and have been working with Mr. Thompson (Mace's Lane principal) on practicing my speech." He says he enjoys debating at the school, is president of the school's Gentlemen's Club, and is also an Ambassador of the Next Generation Scholars Program. His career ambition is to become a lawyer and "help the community". He credits his mother for impressing upon him the importance of staying focused and his extended family for encouraging him to be the best he can be.

Alpha Phi Alpha was the first intercollegiate fraternity established for African-American men. The fraternity has included such well-known members as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Jesse Owens, and Thurgood Marshall.



*Rip Cornish, 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Maces Lane Middle School*

