

## **Community NETWORK NEWS Brief**

**When:** Thursday, July 19, 2007 through Sunday, July 22, 2007

**Where:** Hyatt Regency Hotel, Columbus, OHIO

The theme for this year's conference is "**Building a Culture of Collaboration.**" Community NETWORK members from across all AT&T states will gather in Columbus, OHIO to attend the various forums, workshops and fundraising events scheduled during the conference.

Participate in the Bid Whist Tournament, dance the night away or sit in on one of the personal development forums. Some of the previous year's speakers at the conferences have been AT&T Chairman - Mr. Ed Whitacre, Motivational Speaker Les Brown, AT&T CFO - Mr. Randall Stephenson, Activist - Ms Angela Davis, Essence Magazine Editorial Director - Ms Susan Taylor and the Tuskegee Airmen to name a few.

Come with your favorite Golf Gear and make it out to the golf course to participate in our Annual Charity Golf Event! Not a golfer, *NO PROBLEM*, come visit the historic, "*Underground Railroad*" and other attractions. If you're not currently a member don't sweat it today is a perfect day to join.

For membership information please contact your local Community NETWORK Chapter Membership Advisor. Get more information about the Community NETWORK Conference go Online at:

<http://ebiz.sbc.com/ncn/index.html>

To **reserve your hotel room** at our negotiated rate, please click on the attached link:

The URL site is <http://columbusregency.hyatt.com/groupbooking/cmhrfone2007>

### **Merrill Lynch / AT&T Inc. Stock Options Expiring**

If you have Stock Options that was granted to **Legacy S** employees on **May 1st, 1997** at a price of **\$27.50**, that have **NOT** been exercised to date. Please note that these stock options are due to expire on **May 1st, 2007** by **4:00pm (EST)**.

If you are an employee with these stock options available, please contact a Merrill Lynch Participant Service Representative at 888-722-6767.

### **Intern Opportunities for College Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors**

I will be starting the interview process for my Summer Interns in a few weeks and I NEED YOUR HELP. I am looking for college Freshmen, Sophomores, or Juniors in Engineering, Computer Science, Finance, or Accounting. Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0. I will consider some business majors with strong leadership qualities.

Location of Internships: Atlanta, Greenville, Houston, Ohio, Raytown, Schenectady, Erie, anywhere there is a GE facility!

Average salary: \$17 an hour....some locations I will pay a housing allowance. Please forward this email to all that meet the requirements above.

My numbers are listed but email is the best method!

Michelle Jackson, PHR, GE Energy, HRManager, Compliance & Dispute Resolution, T: 678 844 7668,

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## More Intern Opportunities

### The Women's Technology Program at MIT

3. The Women's Technology Program at MIT is a 4-week; summer residence program to introduce high school girls to electrical engineering and computer science. If you know a girl who is currently a high school junior who demonstrates math and science ability and an interest in finding out about EECS, please encourage her to visit our website for more information and for an application form (sorry, applications were due Feb 3, 2005, but explore possible exceptions) <http://www.mit.edu>.

Our classes are taught in a supportive environment by a staff of women MIT PhD candidates and undergraduates. The full-time academic program includes hands-on experiments and team-based projects in computer science, electrical engineering, and mathematics. No prior experience in computer programming, physics, or electrical engineering is expected, but applicants typically have strong academic records, especially in math and science.

### HARVARD'S TUITION ANNOUNCEMENT

4. HARVARD'S TUITION ANNOUNCEMENT - Harvard is offering free tuition for students that have a family income below \$40,000. If you are a mentor or have nieces and nephews who might be interested, please give them this information. If you know any one/family earning less than \$40K with a brilliant child near ready for college, please pass this along. The prestigious university recently announced that from now on undergraduate students from low-income families can go to Harvard for free...no tuition and no student loans! To find out more about Harvard offering free tuition for families making less than \$40,000 a year visit Harvard's financial aid website at:

<http://adm-is.fas.harvard.edu/FAO/index.htm> or  
call the school's financial aid office at (617) 495-1581.

### Verizon

2. Verizon is looking for students who are 2004-2005 graduates of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). If you know of someone graduating from a HBCU this year with a degree in Engineering, Computer Science and Technology, Information Technology, General Business, Finance or Marketing, please have them forward their resume to:

[melissa.w.langham@verizon.com](mailto:melissa.w.langham@verizon.com) be considered for career opportunities within Verizon.

## Notable Achievements in African American History

BLACK HISTORY MONTH USHERS IN DREAMS FOR OSCAR NOMINEE: OPRAH AND SIDNEY POITIER  
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Willie Burton/Cinema Audio Society 2005

National (BlackNews.com) - Willie Burton, an African American Sound Technician in the film industry, was honored with his seventh Academy Award nomination for sound mixing the critically acclaimed theatrical musical, Dreamgirls. What makes this particular nomination special is that it gives Burton the title of being the only African American with the most nominations. The only person who comes close to his record is Denzel Washington who has five. Burton, who has mixed over seventy-seven films since 1970, was honored in 2005 with the Lifetime Career Achievement Award by the Cinema Audio Society. However, with such a stellar career in the film industry, the masses doesn't even know Burton exists.

"I'm a nobody," Burton says, humbly. His down-to-earth demeanor and gentlemen-like qualities have made him beloved in the industry. "When people think about Oscars, they think of movie stars like Tom Cruise, Nicole Kidman, Julia Roberts, Denzel Washington, and Halle Berry--not the guys behind the scenes like myself."

Burton was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama with extremely humble beginnings of picking cotton just to help buy school clothes and a decent pair of shoes. He attended trade school for Electronics before joining the Navy and working in engineering. Burton was even a janitor in an office building before getting his big break to do sound mixing for a movie called, Let's Do It Again (1975). Sidney Poitier, a star actor in the film, was the man who made it happen.

"Poitier took a chance on me when no one else would," Burton recalls, "But he looked me in the eyes and said 'you better not let me down.'" Afterwards, Burton and Poitier developed a bond, and Poitier hired him to do sound for all of his subsequent films.

"A true gentlemen," recalls Poitier of he and Burton's first meeting. "Honesty, Integrity, and Grace were his calling card."

Over the years, Burton would continue to gain supporters in Hollywood with his professionalism and genuine warm heart. He worked with director/actor Clint Eastwood on the 1988 movie, Bird, which Burton won his first Oscar for in Sound. His other Academy Award Nominated films are; The Buddy Holly Story, 1978; Altered State, 1980; War Games, 1983; The Shawshank Redemption, 1994, and The Green Mile, 1999.

David Fincher, who is best known for directing such blockbuster movies as Seven and Panic Room, says Burton is one of the first people he calls when he is doing a movie. And Oprah Winfrey, who met Burton on the set of The Color Purple, describes him as, "the best in the business and an extraordinarily accomplished guy."

Just about all the big directors, producers, and actors know Burton's name. Now, it is about time the entire world gets to know the man--the face--behind the sound of some of our greatest and most favorite movies. Without a doubt, Willie Burton is an African American History Maker and one of the top Sound Men in Hollywood.

## Get Your Children Involved in Black History Month

The national Public Relations committee is holding a children's essay contest for Black History month. We are asking member's school-age children (five - 18) to submit an essay of up to 200 words on the following topics:

- What the life of Martin Luther King means to you, or
- Who is your hero or heroine of black history and why.

The winning essays will be published in the Mar/Apr edition of *"Insire,"* the national newsletter. We are requesting submissions to be submitted in an MS Word or text file to Rachel Hill ([rh7862@att.com](mailto:rh7862@att.com)) or Tyrone Umrani ([tu1841@att.com](mailto:tu1841@att.com)) by January 19, 2007.