“Education is not one thing; it is the ONLY thing.”

– Alexis Moore

Girard's entire student body and many adult members of the school community were privileged to hear Alexis Moore speak at an assembly on Wednesday, January 5. The daughter of famed civil rights leader Cecil B. Moore, Alexis Moore talked about her early recollections of her father and how proud she was of his activist role.

The central theme of Alexis Moore's speech, however, was the importance of education. “Education is not one thing; it is the only thing,” she told the audience, “and the key to education is reading.”

Alexis Moore went on to say that, although the Internet makes information and education more accessible to all, critical thinking is more essential than ever. “The Internet is like a fire hose pouring out information,” she said. “You have to learn to narrow your focus.”

In closing, she challenged the students by reminding them that – because they have been given much – they have to give back to Girard and to the community.

Alexis Moore spoke to the Girard community as a preamble to the MLK Day of Service press conference held later that day in Founder's Hall. Her father, Cecil B. Moore, was a leader among a group of Philadelphia-area freedom fighters and marched with Dr. King outside the walls of Girard College. Today, she is the Director of Media Relations at American Friends Service Committee.

“Internet access is fast becoming a civil rights issue.”

– Todd Bernstein

Representatives of every virtually every Philadelphia-area media outlet converged on Founder's Hall Wednesday morning at 10:30. This press conference was held to announce details about the Greater Philadelphia Martin Luther King Day of Service, hosted by Girard College on January 17. This event is likely to include 75,000 people and 1,200 service projects.

Founder and President of Global Citizens, Todd Bernstein founded the first (and the nation's largest) King Day zeroed in on technology as the central theme of the entire event. “Forty-one percent of Philadelphians do not have access to the Internet,” he said. “The gap between those who can afford to use technology and those who can't is widening. Internet access is fast becoming a civil rights issue.”

Bernstein went into detail about a few projects including “The Race to Connect” in which donated new or used computers would be configured for use by small businesses and lower income individuals. He also revealed a new (free) iPhone app that will allow users to stay current on every detail of the big day. (“PhillyKingDay”)

Girard was well represented at the press conference. The Lower School chorus performed, our student mural was unveiled, and President Autumn Adkins Graves made welcoming remarks to the audience and press. Five other schools were present and participated in the mural project and an MLK book/essay contest.

“I am delighted to welcome so many educators and students to our campus,” Graves said. “This is another opportunity to remind ourselves of the importance of bringing quality education to all children so they can compete in the Philadelphia and the global arenas.”

For more information, please go to our Web site for links to newspaper articles.
**JAN. 6-22**

**MENU:** For breakfast, lunch and dinner menus, please refer to the food service spreadsheet on our Web site under "Staff."

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### MLK Day of Service

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**THANK YOU for VOLUNTEERING**

The volunteer response has been fabulous. As of this moment, there is only one project that still needs to be filled. If you can help, please contact Tammie LeClair at X4423 or e-mail LeClair@girardcollege.com.

**Project: American Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Spaces Available:** 5

One hour of your time to register, get a mini-physical, donate one pint of blood (5-10 minutes actual donation time) and enjoy refreshments. Each pint collected can help save as many as three lives within our community. Donors must eat 1-3 hours prior to donation, drink one extra bottle of water and bring valid ID with them to the blood drive. *Volunteers for this project must be 18 or older.*

You’ve heard a lot about volunteering for one of the many worthwhile service projects, and many thanks go to those of you who will part of the wave of volunteers on our campus on January 17.

For the rest of you, please plan to attend this important community event. There is something for everyone, and the benefit to the people of the Philadelphia area is significant.

See you there!

- **8:00 a.m. Registration**
- **9:00 a.m. Kick-off**
  - Main Floor Armory
Farm to Families
2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Order & Pay in Development Office:
Jan. 7, Jan. 21,
Feb. 4, Feb. 18

Pick up at the Armory:
Jan. 14, Jan. 28,
Feb. 11, Feb 25

A few of the student newspaper staffers (left to right: Lawren W., Aquil R., Breanna J. and Malik R.) posed immediately prior to attending the King Day press conference on January 5.

Student Newspaper Team Produces First Issue
A student group under the direction of Linda Jara has begin production of a student newspaper. To read the first issue, use Google Chrome or go through your Twitter account. Look for “thegcbuzz” or “thegcbuzz@twitter.com.”
http://twitter.com/TheGCBuzz

Did you know that news and photos of school events are posted on FOGC (Friends of Girard College) on Facebook?

The Girard Mural Team Illustrates the Transforming Force of LOVE
Under the direction of Teresa Coffey, Database Manager in the Development Office, five students worked on a mural inspired by a sermon presented by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Written while in jail for committing nonviolent civil disobedience during the Montgomery Bus Boycott, and delivered at the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama, Christmas 1957, the sermon explores why we should love our enemies. One of the reasons he gives is that “… love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.”

Unveiled as one fifth of a larger mural at the King Day press conference on January 5, the Girard mural used the concept of ying/yang in its presentation.

Mural team members, pictured above with Mayor Nutter, are: Tanisha O., Shanae D., Floyd H., Khiry T., Fatima M., Olufemi O., Fernando P., Andrea C., Marianne N.