

Dr. Beverly Hall Selected as Power of 10 Honoree

On October 7, Posse Atlanta will host its first annual Power of 10 event at the 191 Club in downtown Atlanta. When deciding upon the first honoree, Atlanta Director Charisse Williams knew the clear choice. “Before Posse even opened in Atlanta, we’d heard many great things about Dr. Beverly Hall,” Charisse says. “She is well respected in the civic, business and nonprofit communities for the great work she has done as superintendent

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Dr. Hall was selected as the 2009 National Superintendent of the Year by the American Association of School Administrators, which cited her work in Atlanta as a “model for urban school reform.” Dr. Hall is also

chair of Harvard University’s Urban Superintendents Program Advisory Board where she mentors participants in the doctoral program. Last year, the Atlanta school board voted unanimously to extend her contract through the 2010–2011 school year, expressing its

Posse Atlanta Power of 10
 Wednesday, October 7, 2009
 Cocktails + Heavy Hors d’oeuvres 6pm
 Presentation 7pm

One Ninety One Club
 One Ninety One Peachtree Tower
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 Atlanta, GA 30303

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confidence that she can continue to lead APS to greatness.

The Power of 10 will be attended by Posse Atlanta donors and corporate and community leaders who support Posse’s mission. “This is going to be an exciting event for us,” says Posse Atlanta Advisory Board Chair Phil Pead. “It will be a great way to celebrate our first two years in Atlanta and recognize the work of a great leader in the city.”*

Scholar Excels in First Year at Wooster

Nadia Reese ended her first year at The College of Wooster on the dean’s list having earned a 3.7 cumulative GPA and a 4.0 during her second semester. This was quite an accomplishment, but not surprising coming from a student who graduated as valedictorian from D.M. Therrell High School in Atlanta.

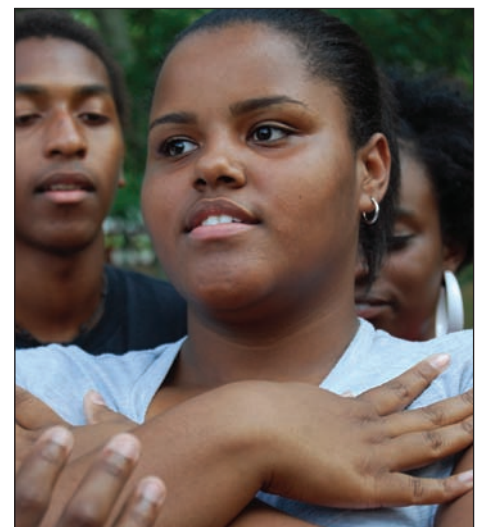
Nadia is excited about declaring sociology as her major and has the long-term goal of pursuing early childhood education. She is already on track, having received a perfect evaluation after student teaching at a Montessori school in Wooster. “I know I can do it now because I have proven to myself over and over that I can do it,” Nadia

says about her upcoming sophomore year.

At Wooster, Chinese is Nadia’s favorite subject, so much so that she takes the time to teach its phrases and characters to her seven younger siblings when she’s at home.

In addition to studying hard, Nadia finds time on campus to be a member of the Black Student Association and participate in Women of Images, a mentorship program for minority students.

“Posse made Wooster a lot easier because I didn’t feel alone,” she says. “As a Posse, we were all there for each other and have grown a lot together.”*



Nadia Reese, Wooster Posse 1, doing a trust fall at the Summer Retreat.

Atlanta Community Comes Together in Support of Posse



Posse Atlanta Director Charisse Williams (right) presents a gift to the hosts Atiba Mbiwan (left) and Tiffany Friesen (center).

On April 22, donors Tiffany Friesen and Atiba Mbiwan hosted a fundraiser for Posse Atlanta in their home. Attended by approximately 25 people, the event was a great opportunity to introduce Posse to members of the Atlanta community and expand our individual donor base.

Guests enjoyed drinks and hors d'oeuvres and remarks from the hosts; Charisse Williams, director of Posse Atlanta; and Everol Richards,

Vanderbilt Posse 8 Alumnus.

Tiffany and Atiba ended the evening by making a personal pledge to Posse that they challenged their guests to match, which they did.

“My husband and I were honored to host a fundraising event for The Posse Foundation,” Tiffany says. “We believe it is important to provide opportunities and options for young people in Atlanta. We are inspired by the great work that Posse is doing.”

How You Can Get Involved

- Make a donation.
- Host a gathering at your home or workplace to introduce friends and colleagues to Posse.
- Encourage your company to add Posse to its matching gift giving program.
- Share contact information of friends and colleagues who may be interested in supporting Posse.

For more ways to support Posse Atlanta, contact Alison Wong at (404) 751-3340 or at alisonw@possefoundation.org.

Tiffany and Atiba have been friends of Posse Atlanta from the beginning, participating in the Dynamic Assessment Process, attending our Awards Ceremonies and becoming donors. We are grateful for their support and willingness to open up their home and help to expand the Posse family.

Posse Atlanta also thanks Bruce Morton for his photography at the event. ✨

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