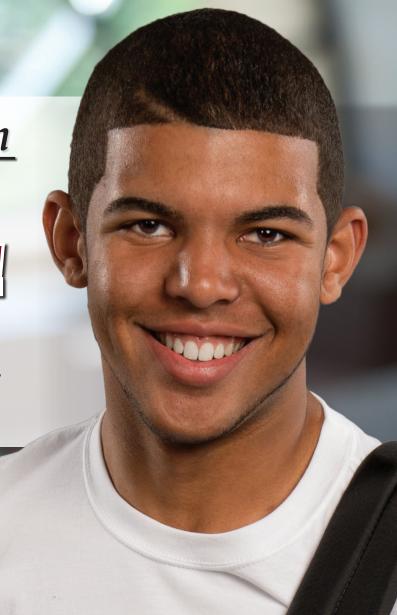




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PROGRAM

Saturday, June 20, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

Theme:

	La Tanya Yarborough & Bailey Jade Ford Lawrence D. DePriest, President		
Approximately	y at 11:00 a.m.		
Posting of Colors			
	Helen Wiley		
Negro National Anthem	Helen Wiley		
Prayer	Pastor Margaret Redmon, First AME		
Welcome to Bessemer	John Cordova, City Council Dist. #4		
Approximately at 12:00 p.m.			
Farewell Speech Miss. Juneteenth 2013-20	15 Bailey Jade Ford		
Reading of the Emancipation Proclamation	Tony Wright & Jessi Mitchell		
Farewell Speech Jr. Miss Juneteenth 2013-2	2015Claudia Gonzales		
Musical Selections	Word of Faith		
Presentation of Miss Juneteenth 2015-2016	5Monica Moore		
Presentation of Jr. Miss Juneteenth 2015-20)16Monica Moore		
Approximatel	y at 1:00 p.m.		
Musical Selection	L. C. Houston		
Guest Speaker	CSU-Pueblo Coach John Wristen		
Guest SpeakerTec	ach For America Velia Rincon		
Approximately at 2:00p.m.			
	Lawrence D. DePriest, President		
Presentation of Scholarships Albert G. Neal, Grant Coordinator			
Musical Selection			
Poetry Reading			
Approximately at 3:00p.m.			
Music	-		



GUEST SPEAKERS



John Wristen

In just seven seasons, John Wristen turned the defunct Colorado State University-Pueblo football program into NCAA Division II National Champions. With a program record 14-1 season in 2014, Wristen guided the ThunderWolves to the national championship game where they defeated then-No. 1 Minnesota State University, Mankato, 13-0. Wristen was named 2014 American Football Coaches Association Division II Coach of the Year, 2014 D2Football.com Coach of the Year, 2014 Rawlings/American Football Monthly Division II Coach of the Year and Don Hansen Division II Coach of the Year. He was also selected as CaptainU College Coach of the Year and Don Hansen Super Region Four Coach of the Year.

Hired in 2007 with the daunting task of re-starting the football program from scratch, Wristen has accumulated a 68-16 (.810) overall and 51-12 (.810) Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference record since the first season in 2008. He arrived at CSU-Pueblo with no coaching staff and no players, given the job of building CSU-Pueblo's first football team since 1984 in just a 365-day window.

A four-time RMAC Coach of the Year honoree (2011-14), Wristen guided the ThunderWolves to their fourth straight RMAC Championship in 2014, as the Pack

posted an 8-1 record to share the title with Colorado School of Mines. The ThunderWolves earned the No. 2 seed in Super Region Four to post their fourth consecutive appearance in the NCAA Playoffs.

The ThunderWolves finished the season with a perfect 6-0 record against nationally ranked opponents and closed the season No. 1 in the American Coaches Association Poll.

Wristen returned to Pueblo after coaching the previous 17 years in the NCAA Division I ranks at the University of Colorado, Northwestern University and UCLA. Wristen's career in Division I football started in 1990 as a graduate assistant at CU (1990 National Champions), working with the quarterbacks and running backs.

After graduating with an education degree, Wristen signed a free agent contract with the Denver Broncos. After being released from the Broncos, he worked toward a Master of Arts degree from Adams State College, which he received in 1988.

John and his wife, Rochelle, have four children: Bailey, C.T., JoVanna and Dex.



Velia Rincon

Velia Rincon is a first generation Chicana born in Guymon, Oklahoma and raised in Fruita, Colorado. Her parents were born in Chihuahua, Mexico and began their life in the United States from humble beginnings as fieldworkers. In 2000, she completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology / Criminology at Colorado State University - Pueblo. Velia was accepted into the Human Development and Psychology Program with a concentration on Risk and Prevention and graduated in 2001 with a Master of Education degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Home is Pueblo, Colorado where she has been a teacher, administrator, and co-founder of charter schools that have a unique emphasis on Latino language, history, and culture. Velia also teaches Chicano Studies and Ethnic Studies at Pueblo Community College. Currently, she is all but dissertation in a doctorate program in Educational Leadership with the University of Phoenix. Velia and her husband have three amazing children (Andres, Maya, and J.J.) who sacrifice on daily basis so that she can give back to their community for the opportunities they have been afforded. As Deputy Executive Director, she looks forward to helping Teach For America grow roots in Pueblo

and throughout southern Colorado in our movement toward equity in education.



ED BANNER 1E STAR-SPAN

(National Anthem)

Words by Francis Scott Key

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light, What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming, Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight, O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming? And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there. Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

FT EVERY VOICE AND SING

(Black National Anthem)

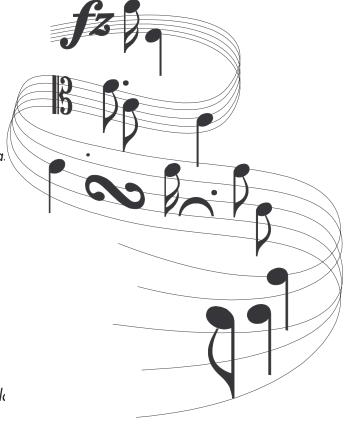
Words by James Weldon Johnson

Lift every voice and sing Till earth and heaven ring, Ring with the harmonies of Liberty: Let our rejoicing rise High as the listening skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song, full of faith that the dark past has taught us; Sing a song, full of the hope that the present ha

brought us; Facing the rising sun, of our new day begun,

Let us march on till victory is won.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou who has brought us thus far on the way; Thou who has by Thy might, Let us into the light, Keep us forever in the path, we pray. Lest our feet, stray from the places out God, where we met Thee: Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the Work we forget Thee; Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand, True to our God, True to our native land!



THE SYMBOLIC IMPORTANCE OF JUNETEENTH

In Texas, it's a state holiday.

In 1979, through the efforts of Representative Al Edwards of Houston, the state legislature deleted Columbus Day from the list of state holidays and included Juneteenth...June 19th...as an official State holiday.

Across the country some of the largest Juneteenth Festivals occur in Milwaukee, Phoenix, Galveston, and of course, here in Pueblo.

BACKGROUND WORTH KNOWING

On June 19, 1865, Union General Gordon Granger issued prosaically titled General Order Number 3 at Galveston, Texas, informing the slaves that they were free. Though Lincoln had issued the Emancipation Proclamation nearly two and a half years earlier, on January 1, 1863, the news traveled slowly, and the edict had no effect on slaves in areas where Confederate forces held control. In Texas, the slaves referred to the day General Granger made his belated announcement as Juneteenth. (Given the dehumanizing experiences they had undergone, no one cared much as to which of the days between June 12th and 20th their freedom had come. Just that it came.)

During the years immediately following their emancipation, the freed men established a tradition with picnics, music and thanksgiving. These celebrations were more than times of frivolity, feasting and games. While the gatherings were not occasions that dwell on the terrors of slavery, they certainly did become pageants of serious purpose, dramatizing the freed slaves' determination to choose their own life directions, their manner of earning a livelihood, and to create a community in which they might survive, and perhaps prosper, in dignity. There was profound meaning in their commemoration of this fateful event.

The symbolic impact of Juneteenth was still considerable in June 1936, when the Hall of Negro Life officially opened in Dallas at the Texas Centennial Exposition. However, by the tumult of the sixties, many young Blacks...embroiled in the Civil Rights movement and encouraged by gains in the struggle...began to feel that Juneteenth was obsolete and inappropriate.

Recently, a new interest has arisen in preserving Juneteenth as an important and living part of American history. As one views the increasing number of Juneteenth activities across the country, it is clear that the popularity of the idea has caught on once again...and who knows, may grow to have as much meaning for us of today as it did for _those who first observed it following the experience of slav- ery.

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The Emancipation Proclamation January 1, 1863

A Transcription

By the President of the United States of America:

A Proclamation.

Whereas, on the twenty-second day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, a proclamation was issued by the President of the United States, containing, among other things, the following, to wit:

"That on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free; and the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authority thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons, and will do no act or acts to repress such persons, or any of them, in any efforts they may make for their actual freedom.

"That the Executive will, on the first day of January aforesaid, by proclamation, designate the States and parts of States, if any, in which the people thereof, respectively, shall then be in rebellion against the United States; and the fact that any State, or the people thereof, shall on that day be, in good faith, represented in the Congress of the United States by members chosen thereto at elections wherein a majority of the qualified voters of such State shall have participated, shall, in the absence of strong countervailing testimony, be deemed conclusive evidence that such State, and the people thereof, are not then in rebellion against the United States."

Now, therefore I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, by virtue of the power in me vested as Commander-in-Chief, of the Army and Navy of the United States in time of actual armed rebellion against the authority and government of the United States, and as a fit and necessary war measure for suppressing said rebellion, do, on this first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and in accordance with my purpose so to do publicly proclaimed for the full period of one hundred days, from the day first above mentioned, order and designate as the States and parts of States wherein the people thereof respectively, are this day in rebellion against the United States, the following, to wit:

Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, (except the Parishes of St. Bernard, Plaquemines, Jefferson, St. John, St. Charles, St. James Ascension, Assumption, Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. Mary, St. Martin, and Orleans, including the City of New Orleans) Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia, (except the forty-eight counties designated as West Virginia, and also the counties of Berkley, Accomac, Northampton, Elizabeth City, York, Princess Ann, and Norfolk, including the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth[]], and which excepted parts, are for the present, left precisely as if this proclamation were not issued.

And by virtue of the power, and for the purpose aforesaid, I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States, and parts of States, are, and henceforward shall be free; and that the Executive government of the United States, including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons.

And I hereby enjoin upon the people so declared to be free to abstain from all violence, unless in necessary self-defence; and I recommend to them that, in all cases when allowed, they labor faithfully for reasonable wages.

And I further declare and make known, that such persons of suitable condition, will be received into the armed service of the United States to garrison forts, positions, stations, and other places, and to man vessels of all sorts in said service.

And upon this act, sincerely believed to be an act of justice, warranted by the Constitution, upon military necessity, I invoke the considerate judgment of mankind, and the gracious favor of Almighty God.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the eighty-seventh.

By the President: ABRAHAM LINCOLN WILLIAM H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.

WHY WE CELEBRATE

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nless we expose the truth about the African-American slave experience, AMERICANS WON'T TRULY BE FREE.

rever must we forget our ancestors' endurance of one of the worst slave experiences in human history.

very American has benefited from the wealth blacks created through over 200 years of free labor and Juneteenth allows us to acknowledge that debt.

o encourage every former slave holding state to follow Texas' and Oklahoma's example and make Juneteenth a State Holiday.

very day in America, blacks are reminded of the legacy of slavery.

Juneteenth continues that by reminding us of the promise of deliverance.

ven on the journey to discover who we are, Juneteenth allows us to reflect on where we have been and where we are going as a people.

ever give up hope is the legacy our enslaved ancestors left. It was this legacy that produced black heroism in the Civil War and helped launch the modern civil rights era. It is the legacy that we celebrate.

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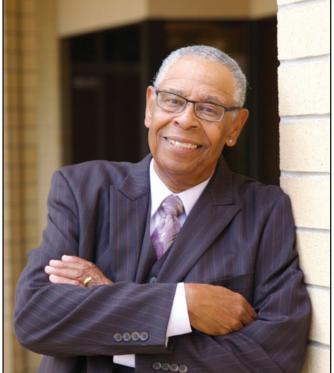
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President's Message



Lawrence DePriest

The duties and responsibilities of the Board of Directors for Juneteenth are many, but the pay-off is priceless, as we get to see firsthand what we do to change the lives of those we serve. Our mission is to bring all Puebloans together to remember and celebrate the heritage of African-Americans and their freedom. Our goal is to establish and maintain an organization that is and was organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. As such, we recognize how critical financial stewardship is and the need to honor it at the highest level of accountability. This is why it is important for us to cultivate strong governance policies and build a committed Board to adhere to transparency and accountability.

This past year, the Juneteenth Board of Directors held an all-day retreat to review current ByLaws, policies and procedures, and program goals. As a result of that effort, we made some changes that we know will ensure accountability to all who financially invest in our Juneteenth Organization.

Is the recognition of Juneteenth still relevant today? In light of the current state of unrest and violence that has occurred in many cities this past year, we realize that the goal of equality for people of color and those who are financially oppressed continues in our present time. We believe that education is essential in achieving equality in America. Juneteenth began with freedom from slavery, but we can only have true freedom when all are treated equally. African-Americans believed that education was essential, and therefore established the many Historically Black Colleges and Universities. In keeping with the importance of education, Juneteenth offers scholarships to young people who are striving to get an education. Thus, the legacy of Juneteenth is most assuredly relevant today.

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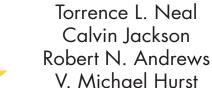
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Bailey Jade Ford, daughter of Andi Ford and Eddie Ford

I am very honored, sincerely grateful and appreciative for the Juneteenth Scholarship that I have been awarded. It is such a blessing to have an opportunity to have an organization like this to assist me in achieving my future endeavors. Your support has assisted me in paying my tuition costs at Johnson and Wales University in Denver, Colorado.

I am 20 years of age, and a sophomore at Johnson & Wales University, Denver campus. I am currently majoring in Criminal Justice and plan to add Counseling Psychology in the fall semester of 2014. I am a starting power-forward on the Women's Basketball Team. My goal is to obtain my master's degree in Criminal Justice and Counseling Psychology, as well as possibly obtaining a law degree. I truly enjoy singing and am also a part of the Johnson & Wales Chord on Bleu group. My ultimate goal is

to be able to help and guide the youths by providing and promoting knowledge of the African American culture and history.

I would like to thank those who have donated funds and every member of the Juneteenth committee who has made it possible for college bound students like myself to succeed! This gracious gift has given me inspiration to give back to my Pueblo community once I graduate. I am proud and honored to be a part of the Juneteenth Celebration and a recipient of this prestigious award.



Isaiah Palacio, son of Sheryl Tillman-Palacio and Eric Palacio

Following my May 2014 graduation, I plan to enroll in classes at Colorado State University-Pueblo and pursue a degree in biology. The emphasis of study will be biomedical sciences in the area of occupational therapy. I have also been offered a spot on both the men's football and track and field teams for the upcoming fall season, which I am truly looking forward to participating in the sports that I love at the next level.

I attend New Bethany Baptist Church, and consider myself a native of Pueblo since I moved here when I was 5 years old. Living here has allowed my special times to be spent with my grandparents Ruth and Oliver Tillman and Henry and Sylvia Palacio.

In my free time, I enjoy video games, fishing and golfing.



Tasia Danae Turner, daughter of Veronica Frazier

I was born on October 1, 1993 in Pueblo Colorado to Veronica Frazier. That makes me 20 years old. I currently attend Colorado State University-Pueblo as a sophomore. I will be a junior in the fall of 2014. I plan on finishing at CSU-P to get my BS in Biology but I want to still attend school to reach for my master's degree. I did change what I want to further my education in. I went from wanting to be a Pediatrician to a Nurse Practitioner for Pediatrics, to wanting to be a Physician's Assistant. That is my final decision. It is still in the same field. That's what matters the most. I still haven't decided where I want to go to school to get my Masters. I have always had my mind set on either Denver or head down south to Georgia. I still want to travel the world after I completely finish school.

I am the middle child of the family. I have an older sister, Tanisha and a younger brother, Tyrin. I also have two nieces, Leshea and So'Mya, and a nephew, Daunte. I love them so much. Being an auntie is the best thing in the world. As you can tell, I do love children. The field that I am reaching to is perfect for me. I have wanted to go into the medical field since I was in the fourth grade. A lot has changed since I have been in college. I retired from sports and my life has consistently been on school and work. I have been focusing on all of my classes. Nothing will stop me from finishing school. I am half way there to getting my bachelor's. I am getting closer to fulfilling my dreams. So far, everything is going great like I planned. College is great and I am looking forward to the next two years at CSU-P.



Cerrah Elizabeth Williams, daughter of Mari and Chris Williams

I am 18 years old and I am a senior at Centennial High School and The Health Academy program. I am a varsity tennis player and the senior representative of Centennial's Spanish club. I am easy going and always ready to lend a helping hand. I love to dance and listen to music. I am a soon to be grief camp counselor for young kids here in Pueblo. When I have the time, I enjoy writing and journaling. I find family and faith important grounds in my life. At my church, I am a proclaimer and I also take part in leading the Children's liturgy of the Word. Being that I am an only child, I look to my family for majority of my guidance and advice. My family has taken a large part in molding who I have come to be today.

My long term goals are to graduate from the University of New Mexico. I plan to obtain my Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree and then move on to receiving my oncology certification. My ultimate goal is to obtain my Masters of Science in Nursing Degree then become a Pediatric Oncology Nurse. I want to be able to help children in their battle with cancer, walk with them as they take on a new journey in their lives, and see them off when they are cured. I want to be their smile when they are in pain, their light at the end of the tunnel. I want to be like the nurses my best friend had when she had cancer in the seventh grade. I want to help someone keep their best friend, like the nurses did for me.



Albert Walton, son of Lisa and Delmar Walton

In my life I have accomplished many things but I am far from done. In high school I played bass trombone in jazz 1 one band. During my four years of playing with one of the best bands in the state I received 6 outstanding musician awards along with 1 of 25 awards outstanding awarded to 25 players out of 80 bands. I was selected to play in the mile high all-star jazz band my junior year. I lettered in band, 2 letters in golf and 1 in football. I graduated high school with a 3.9 GPA and gold cord. In college I am a sports and exercise major with an emphasis on cancer and cardiac rehab. I have intentions of getting my PT and opening my own practice. I am current member of a fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha. I am very involved in rituals and getting ready to go through inner circle journey

to learn more about myself and grow more as a person. I have held the office of recruitment chair and alumni relations. Even though I am in college I work close to forty hour weeks. I work as a CNA at Bonnell Good Samaritan. My long term goals are to become a physical therapist and an advocate for spreading the knowledge of nutrition and the importance of exercise.

District Attorney Jeff Chostner and Staff wish you a Happy Juneteenth Celebration!





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CSU-Pueblo was crowned NCAA Division II National Champions Dec. 20 after defeating then-No. 1 Minnesota State University, Mankato 13-0 at Sporting Park in Kansas City, Kan. The shutout was the first in the national title game since 1997 when Northern Colorado blanked New Haven, 51-0.

2014 RECAP

The ThunderWolves finished the regular season with a program record 14-1 mark while earning their fourth consecutive RMAC championship with an 8-1 record, sharing the honor with Colorado School of Mines. The Pack entered their fourth straight NCAA Playoff appearance as the No. 2 seed in Super Region Four.

After a first round bye, the Pack defeated No. 23 Angelo State University, 52-14. In the quarterfinals, CSU-Pueblo welcomed No. 9 Ohio Dominican University and used a fourth-quarter punt return to record a 31-28 victory and advance to the NCAA Semifinals for the first time in program history and by an RMAC team. The Pack punched their ticket to the national championship game with a 10-7 victory versus No. 25 University of West Georgia in a home game Dec. 13.

The ThunderWolves finished the season with a perfect 6-0 record against nationally ranked opponents and closed the season No. 1 in the American Football Coaches Association Poll.

Honors

The championship season brought numerous accolades and opportunities for Pack coaches and players. For his championship effort, Head Coach John Wristen was named 2014 American Football Coaches Association Division II Coach of the Year, 2014 D2Football.com Coach of the Year, 2014 Rawlings/American Football Monthly Division II Coach of the Year and Don Hansen Division II Coach of the Year. He was also selected as CaptainU College Coach of the Year and Don Hansen Super Region Four Coach of the Year. Darius Allen repeated as the Gene Upshaw Division II Lineman of the Year and 11 ThunderWolves earned All-American designation.

Numerous players got their shot at the National Football League through a variety of camps following the NFL draft. As of May 30, the ThunderWolves have five players on 90-man NFL rosters. Paul Browning, Darius Allen and C.J. Roberts signed undrafted free agent contracts, while Ryan Jensen (2009-12 – Baltimore) and Mike Pennel (2013 – Green Bay) were already on NFL rosters. Chase Vaughn (2008-09) signed a future contract with the Broncos, and has participated in team activities this offseason.



ON IN 2014,

John Wristen

Title: Head Football Coach Hometown: Pueblo, CO College Education: BS, Colorado State University-Pueblo '84 MA, Adams State College '88 **Previous Coaching Positions:** Northwestern (1991-99) University of Colorado (1999-06) UCLA (2006)



2015 PREVIEW

CSU-Pueblo will begin its title defense Sept. 5 in a home game against Central Washington University at the Neta and Eddie DeRose ThunderBowl.

The game is the first of six home games and 11 total contests. The Saturday, Sept. 5 game is slated to begin at 6 p.m. and will mark the first-ever meeting between the ThunderWolves and Wildcats. CSU-Pueblo is 7-0 in season and home openers since bringing the program back in 2008. CWU went 7-4 overall with a 4-2 mark in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference last season.

The ThunderWolves have a mirrored Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference schedule with last season's home games being road games in 2015 and vice versa.

Homecoming 2015 is set for Oct. 10 when the ThunderWolves host Fort Lewis College (3-8, 2-7 RMAC) at 2 p.m. for a rematch of last season's lone loss. After the 23-22 setback against the Skyhawks, which snapped a 42-game regular season win streak, the Pack won nine straight games and a national title. The

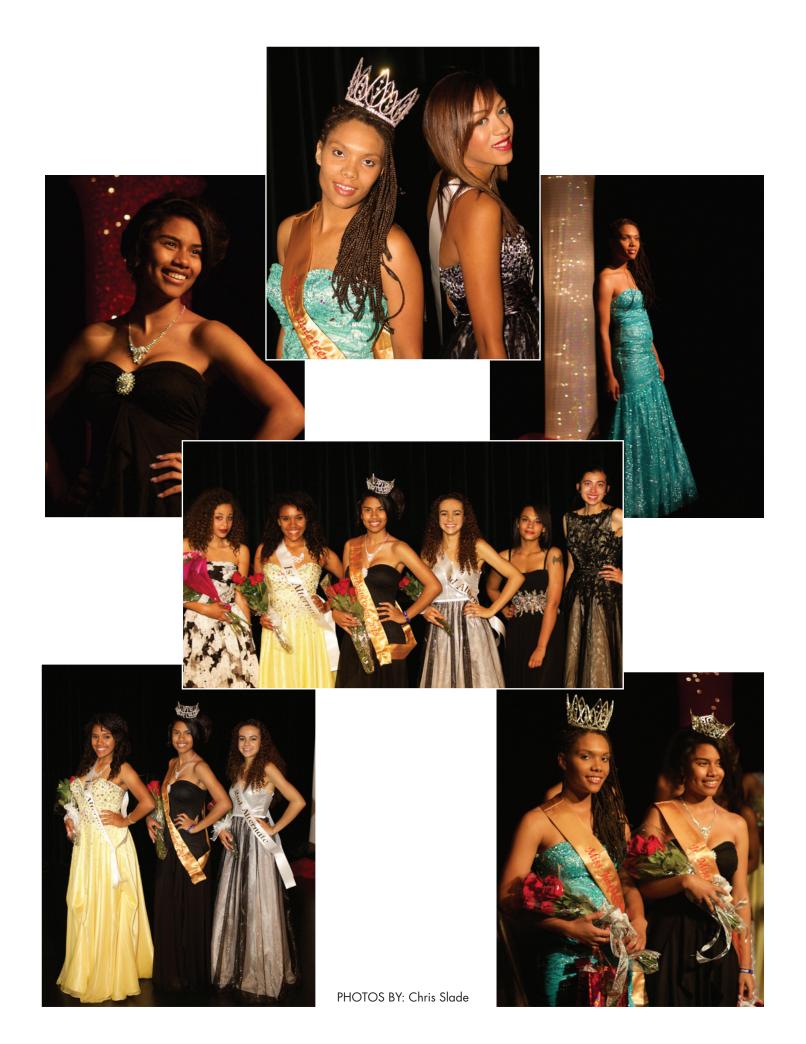
In just seven seasons, John Wristen turned the Colorado State University-Pueblo football program from start-up to NCAA Division II National Champion. With a program record 14-1 season in 2014. Wristen guided the ThunderWolves to the national championship game where they defeated then-No. 1 Minnesota State University, Mankato, 13-0.

Hired in 2007 with the daunting task of re-starting the football program from scratch, Wristen has accumulated a 68-16 (.810) overall and 51-12 (.810) Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference record since the first season in 2008.

A four-time RMAC Coach of the Year honoree (2011-14), Wristen guided the ThunderWolves to their fourth straight RMAC Championship in 2014, as the Pack posted an 8-1 record to share the title with Colorado School of Mines.







"Juneteenth Royalty



2015-2016 Juneteenth Queen

2015-2016 Jr. Miss Juneteenth



Claudia Gonzales



Kiara, Andrews

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Past Royalty

2014-2015 Queen	Bailey Jade Ford
2014-2015 Jr. Miss	Claudia Gonzales
2013-2014 Queen	Bailey Jade Ford
2013-2014 Jr. Miss	Claudia Gonzales
2012-2013 Queen	Ashantai Noelle Ellis
2012-2013 Jr. Miss	Mikalah Ann Moore
2011-2012 Queen	Mimi Diawara
2011-2012 Princess	Mikalah Ann Moore
2010-2011 Miss Juneteenth	Rikki Monique Moore
2009-2010 Miss Juneteenth	Rikki Monique Moore
2008-2009 Miss Juneteenth	Laurie D. Pierce
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1996-1997 Miss Juneteenth	Marilyn Poole
1995-96 Miss Juneteenth	

Celeste Mangram	
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Delvonka Carter	1992-93 Miss Juneteenth
Alicia Rawlings	1991-92 Miss Juneteenth
Cheryl D. Anderson	1990-91 Miss Juneteenth
Michele Yvette Hawkins	1988-89 Miss Juneteenth
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Pueblo Juneteenth 2016 Pageant Application Form

Pueblo Juneteenth Organization scholarship pageant is designed to encourage African American and minority young ladies to continue in education. The organization feels it is important to assist young ladies in their educational aspirations. The pageant gives young ladies the opportunity to be a role model in the community and celebrate culture.

Eligibility:

- · Preference will be given to African American females according to grade/age category; however all students will be considered
- GPA of 2.5 or better is required

Application Form

Category: to 20 year	` ,	☐ Jr. Miss (9th-11 th grade)	☐ Queen (High School Senior – College up
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Please mail application to the address below: Juneteenth Organization of Pueblo, Inc. P.O. Box 2335 • Pueblo, Colorado 81005

W Juneteenth Royalty





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Miss Juneteenth Queen 2015

Claudia Desiree Deann Gonzales is 19 years old, daughter to Maria Gonzales and Paul Ross and recent graduate of Central High school. She will attend Colorado State University Pueblo in the fall with plans to major in Marketing Management. Claudia's favorite food is cheesecake. One item Claudia can't live without is being active because working out is a stress relief. Three words that describe her are Original, Independent, and Driven. Celebration of freedom, equality, and remembrance of past struggles is what Juneteenth means to her.

Jr. Miss Juneteenth 2015

Kiara Andrews, 16 year old daughter of Lucia Archuleta and Alfred Andrews proudly represents colt nation at South High school where she will be a junior next year. Her favorite food is almost anything that her grandma cooks such as tacos or enchiladas. One item that she could not live without is her phone because it's a way to communicate with family and friends and of course to take selfies on. If you were to describe Kiara in three words they would be Self-assured, Easy-going, and Ambitious. Whenever you give her a task she will do everything possible to get it done. To her Juneteenth means a joy of freedom and a chance of a new beginning.



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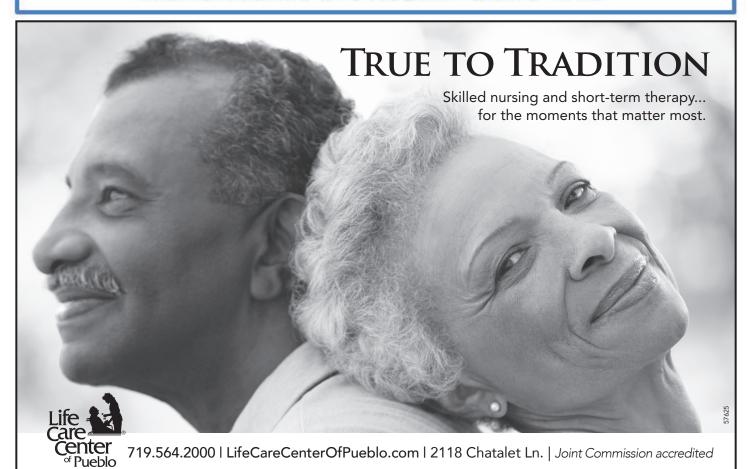
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Isabel Diawara

Years ago, when I first applied for this scholarship, I believed that Juneteenth was simply a celebration of a day that is often rarely emphasized in modem day America. While this is true, I now understand much more about what it means to me as an African American and member of the Pueblo community. Since coming to Brown University, I have dedicated a large portion of my time to learning about the African diaspora and Blackness in America through Africana Studies courses and seminars. From the moment I began, it became increasingly clear to me the overwhelming impacts of slavery on African Americans that consistently manifest themselves in daily life - things that I had always felt but never truly recognized or validated. Now that I have a more cohesive grasp on the situation, the importance of events like Juneteenth has become even clearer. In a place like Pueblo where there are not many opportunities to acknowledge or appreciate diversity, especially in regards to Blackness, the presence of Juneteenth creates a space that many do not actively experience in the city.

The idea that slavery could have consciously existed within the same country I call home is repulsive, but the lasting impacts are even more so. The problematic procedures of the prison industrial complex and growing acts of terrorism on Blacks throughout America are horrendous and isolating; to understand that there is still a place where people like me can be recognized as accomplished human beings is increasingly comforting in the face of so much injustice. Celebrations that remind us of our own freedom are necessary to remain aware of our own agency and value. It is support from organizations like the Pueblo Juneteenth Scholarship that allowed me to come to college in the first place and these experiences have been invaluable.

I plan to pursue degrees in Africana Studies and Business with the hope that one day I will be able to reverse some of the atrocities currently present. I truly believe that with united forces and strong enough communities, we shall prevail over these deeply troubling times and reach toward an America that I can feel proud of- a home that we can belong to. Until then, however, events like the Juneteenth celebration provide me with the faith and strength to remember my own humanity as well as all those who I can relate to when it comes to my identity.



Claudia Gonzales

My name is Claudia Desiree Deanna Gonzales. I am nineteen years old, born in 1996 in Denver Colorado to Maria Gonzales and Paul Ross. I grew up in Denver and Pueblo for the majority of my younger years. I have four other siblings whom I love very much including three brothers and one sister. My brothers' names are Derrick, Thomas, Jamie and my sister's name is Morning Blossem. While in high school I participated in Cheerleading, Tennis, D.E.C.A., Board Game Club, Drawing, and Newman Club. I am a member of the National Honors Society and have lettered academically every quarter in the four years I've attended Central. I have also lettered in Cheerleading. My goal in life is to be successful and happy in whatever career choice I make. Long-term goals for me include graduating college, starting a successful career and living a fulfilled life. I plan to go to college for Business Marketing Management or Entrepreneurism. My hobbies include reading action adventure and mythical novels, dancing, stunting, tumbling, swimming, debating, and spending time with the people I love. My favorite color is lime green. I thoroughly enjoy music and listen to a variety of genres. For fun I like

to climb trees, skate, see movies, take walks, and have as many life experiences as possible. I am a fun, outgoing, caring, multitalented, outspoken, expressive, educated, strong willed, vibrant young woman.



Tiyera "Sissy" Hall

My name is Tiyera Hall, also known as Sissy. I was born on June 23, 1996 in Pueblo, CO to Sarah "Angel" Hall and Terry Hall. I have two older brothers, Jevon Hall and Dare! Hall. I am currently attending South High School with an expectant graduation date of May 23, 1996. I have played varsity basketball for four years and varsity softball for three years. I am a 4 year academic letterman, a 4 year letterman in basketball and a three year letterman in softball. I was selected for All City first team for basketball in 2015, All City first team for softball 2013 and 2014. I am a member of the National Honor Society for two years. I am a member of FCA with participation in the summer camps for 3 years. I participated in choir for two years. I participate in my church in vacation bible school and our praise dance team. My interests include music and fashion. I enjoy playing sports, spending time with my family, and helping others.

My goals for college are to first earn a Bachelor's degree in psychology. My ultimate goal is earn a doctorate degree and become a neurologist with an emphasis on neurophysics. I have a fascination with the brain and brain activity. I want to establish a private practice with a focus on helping individuals with acute to severe mental disorders. I want to help people learn how the function of the brain affects the mental disorders in an effort to help them cope and live healthily with their disorders. Bottom line: I want to help people live better lives within their personal limits.



Asia Marie Kelly

My name is Asia Marie Kelly, and I am an 18 year old senior at East High School. I play volleyball, but running track is where my heart is. I have been team captain for the last two years, and I am going to continue to run throughout college. I currently have a 4.0 gpa, and I absolutely love learning new things. Curiosity is my weakness. My freshman year of high school, doctors discovered a two inch hole in my heart, and I ended up having open heart surgery because of this discovery. I am beyond thankful for this time in my life because in some way, it changed who I am as a person. I am very ambitious; I strive for greatness and work very hard to accomplish the goals that I set for myself. Because of my experiences in life, I am a very understanding and caring person. I believe that there is good in everyone even when they don't believe so.



Kayla Martinez

All through my life I have worked for everything I have, I would never settle for less; I kept my goals set high for myself. I have always surpassed my challenges or obstacles that I meet on my path to success, I see my parents working paycheck to paycheck to keep a roof over my siblings and my head. This scholarship would help me a lot financially, for my family is a support system but can't financially help me, I am determined to have a bright future to make my parents proud for I will be the first one in my family to go to college.

I am a student at East High School, and I have been involved in Health Academy which is a four year based program that challenges students and prepare them for medical school and the field of health. In Health Academy, I was able to take the three main subjects (English, science, math), and I was also able to take other

classes such as: intro to health professions, medical terminology, first responder, into to occupational therapy and for my senior year I am able to do an internship in the pharmacy and take the pharmacy technician program at PCC, where at the end of the semester I can take the state board test and get certified. Every year in Health Academy I have participated in the State Disaster Drill, and Chemistry Day at CSU-Pueblo. I take my school work seriously because I want to go far in life and I will be the first one in my family to go to college, so it is important for me to focus on my education and not waste any opportunity to better my future.



VanMichael Keeth Moore

My name is VanMichael Keeth Moore. I am a Pueblo, Colorado native and currently a sophomore at the University of Denver (DU). I graduated from Pueblo Central High School in 2013 at the top of my class while carrying college credits. I am currently a Political Science major at DU where I hold a 3.4 GPA with a minor in Leadership by way of the Pioneer Leadership Program (PLP). My extracurricular activities at DU include participating in student government (USG) as the Sophomore Senator as well as Vice President of DU's Black Student Alliance. DU's USG serves to foster the growth and welfare of the University of Denver and its students, faculty, staff and alumni and the greater community associated with the University of Denver. The University of Denver's Black Student Alliance is an organization dedicated to promoting cultural awareness and solidarity on campus. One of our organization 's main focuses is to foster the personal development of our membership, and

to encourage t hem to become active community contributors.



Morbia Neal

I was four when I was crowned Miss Juneteenth Princess. I don't remember much, but what I do emember is clear as day. I remember being in the parade. The image so clear like yesterday. I was riding with my mom in the back of a truck all dressed up in my Sunday best and a crown. I was smiling and waving to everyone I could see. It was a thick crowd full of strangers waving back at me until suddenly a familiar face. I recognize someone in the crowd. I looked out to the crowd, with all those people, and I saw my auntie Charity hollering and waving trying to get my attention. I waved back with such excitement. "Mom, I saw Auntie Charity!" I've attended the festivities every year I can remember but that year was the most memorable for me.

I loved going to Juneteenth in Pueblo, I was able to see my family and eat delicious food. I was able to see family who I haven't seen for a very long time, and meet new family I have never met before. When my family would arrive, my sister and I would say hi and give hugs to all the adults we knew. Once we gave greeted

everyone, we would go find our cousins and play. Juneteenth was more than a regular event like the Colorado State Fair, it was more like a family reunion. My Grandpa and Grandma Neal would introduce my sister and I to everyone they knew, and surprisingly, they all would say the same thing: "These are Torre's kids? Wow you guys have grown so much, how old are you? Il remember you guys when you were in diapers!" My sister and I would just smile and answer their questions then run back to go play, and eat some more. Every year without fail, I would leave with red stained lips from the dozens of snow cones I had throughout the day.

After 17 years of attending, Juneteenth, a public event, it warms my heart at its mention as it floods my memory with friends and loved ones gathering together to enjoy each other's company and share stories of the past year until the next year when we'll meet to do it again. One cannot help but feel comfortable with the people you are surrounded by, strangers, family, and friends. I believe that the meaning of Juneteenth multifaceted. It is for people to understand and celebrate the hardships and accomplishments that we as a black community went through over the many years. The purpose of Juneteenth is for people to come together and celebrate. The meaning of Juneteenth is being able to reunite with people you haven't seen in months or years. Juneteenth is also meant for our kids, to remind them of the history of their ancestors and to never forget from whence they came.



Isaiah Palacio

Hello my name is Isaiah Palacio. I am the son of Sheryl Tillman-Palacio and Eric Palacio. I have completed my first year at CSU-Pueblo while participating in football and track. Being a part of a National Champion football team was quite a humbling experience, there were countless hours of hard work and dedication put in to become champions. I am currently majoring in Psychology with which I plan on becoming a Neuropsychologist so I can work with the human mind. I plan on focusing on concussions which will allow me to stay around sports as much as I can.

I am member New Bethany Baptist Church, and consider myself a native of Pueblo since I moved here when I was 5 years old. Living here has allowed my special times to be spent with my grandparents Ruth and Oliver Tillman and Henry and Sylvia Palacio.

In my free time I enjoy video games, fishing and golfing.



Tasia Danae Turner

My name is Tasia Danae Turner. I was born on October 1, 1993 in Pueblo, Colorado to Veronica Frazier. I am 21 years old and currently attend Colorado State University Pueblo as a junior. I plan on finishing at CSU-P to get my BS in Biology but, when I graduate, I want to attend school to get my master's degree to become Physician's Assistant. That is my final decision.

am the middle child of the family. I have an older sister, Tanisha and a younger brother, Tyrin. I also have two nieces, Leshea and So'Mya, and a nephew, Daunte. I love them so much. Being an auntie is the best thing in the world. As you can tell, I do love children. The field I am reaching too is perfect for me. I have wanted to go into the medical field since I was I was younger. A lot has changed since I have been in college. My life has consistently been on school and work. I have been focusing on all of my classes. Nothing will stop me from finishing school. I am closer each day on getting my bachelor's. I cannot wait until I fulfill dreams. So far,

everything is going great like I planned. College is great and I am looking forward to the next couple of years at CSU-P.



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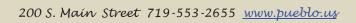
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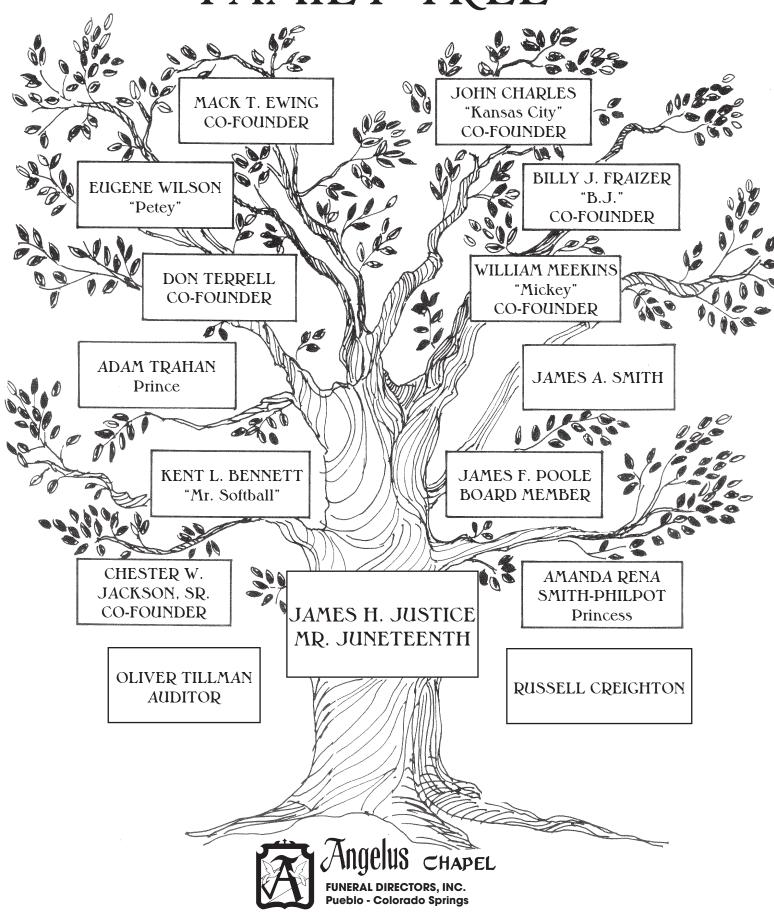


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As all our "Ancestors" at some point in time have seen prejudice and/or been discrimination against in our community, state and/or country and have overcome. Also to let the younger generation become aware of what our fore father's and the struggles that they had to go through. To educate that we stand on the shoulders of the past; Listening to the voice of the Present; Paving the way to the Future By partnering with our educational systems; Pueblo City Schools; Pueblo County; Pueblo Community College; Colorado State University-Pueblo, and local businesses.

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Pueblo Juneteenth 2016 Scholarship Application

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NOTE: Scholarship awardee must present proof of acceptance from the college of his/her choice prior to the beginning of the school year. Scholarship applicants must have African American descent to apply.

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WHEREAS, The celebration of June 19th was coined 'Juneteenth", and the yearly festivities grew with more participation from descendants of the former slaves; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is the oldest know celebration of the ending of slavery and is a celebration of freedom and justice for all Americans, with a special emphasis on education and tolerance; and

WHEREAS, African Americans in Texas and elsewhere throughout the years have continued to mark Juneteenth with appropriate activities in order to realize the significance that day played in their history; and WHEREAS, Juneteenth is an ongoing celebration that encourages cultural awareness and educates all citizens about this freedom day for African Americans; and

WHEREAS, Knowledge and history of heritage enhances citizen's self esteem; and

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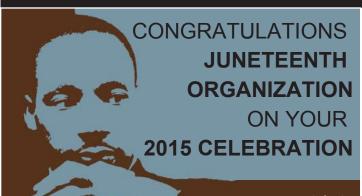
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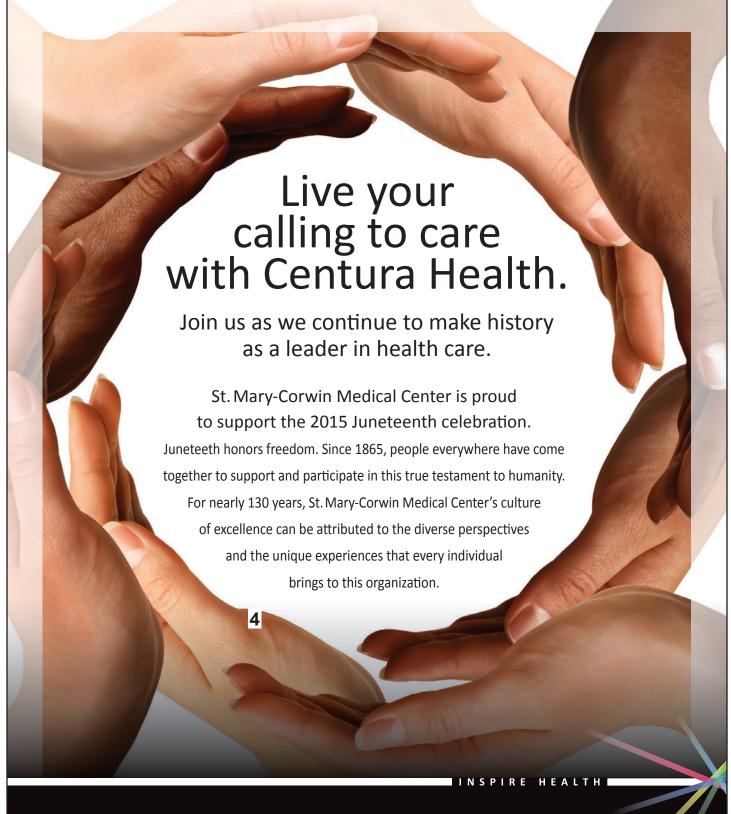
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