



Tarence Jordan walks around the Southtown Housing project before heading off to graduate from Carver High School. He said he was the only one of his classmates who lived in Southtown and who had attended Carver who graduated. He wants to go to college to become an architect and plans to start at Lawson State Community College.

"Although the cap and gown have long since been returned, I do think it's important that we recognize our own for accomplishment. What irony it is that our teens studied in their small groups how they can seek to exceed the expectations adults have of them in the way they choose to live their lives. (Do Hard Things) Tarence certainly has exceeded the expectations of so many who tend to "write off" SouthTown and its kids as underachievers. If you have a chance to see him on a future Wednesday night, I know that he would appreciate your acknowledgment of his achievement.

We're now encouraging him in his next pursuit – classes at Lawson State Community College here in Birmingham, a transfer to a 4-year college, and then pursuing his dream of one day becoming an architect.

*All the best,
Barry Copeland*



Trey Harding, a Metro member and a product of Metro's Youth group, won the gold in the Men's Decathlon at the World Athletics Championships in Berlin on Thursday, August 20, 2009.

METRO'S OWN HEROES DO HARD THINGS

Berlin, Germany — If there was a moment where Trey Hardee wavered momentarily on his way to Decathlon gold in Berlin, it was when the time came to pick up his pole vault. It was at this stage last year in the Bird's Nest in Beijing that his world caved in. He had hurt his wrist and he no-heighted and that was the end of his Olympic Games.

The Pole Vault has played a significant part in Trey's life. It was when he was at Vestavia Hills High School in Alabama that he put all his energies into forging a career in basketball that was to grind to a dramatic halt one day when his coach took him to one side and said. "Why don't you try the pole vault. It's not working out." From there he progressed to the Decathlon.

"It hasn't sunk in yet, I'm trying to enjoy the moment. Everything happens for a reason. It was a very humbling experience. I represented a team and wanted to perform to the best of my ability. I can't ask for more."

TRENDY TEENS

NOTE: If you want to put something in this monthly newsletter, or have suggestions, please contact Bridget Jarvis at hjhjmom@bellsouth.net or Cindy Brown at the-fiveb@msn.com. Deadline for the next issue is Tuesday, September 29.

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Jessica Lamb



Ryan Fox

What makes these young people tick?

We handed them a questionnaire to find out.

JESSICA LAMB

What school do you go to? *Spain Park*
 What activities are you involved in? *1st Priority, Theatre, Show Choir*
 How many brothers & sisters do you have?
Two — 1 of each
 Do you have a pet? *Yes, a dog named Sammy.*
 What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?
Cake Batter
 How many songs do you have on your iPod?
WOW! 7,000 on my iPod, 1,000 on my phone
 Which actor/actress do you think is a hottie?
Zac Efran :)
 Are you for Alabama or Auburn? *Bama ... but I'm not a big sports fan.*
 What was your favorite summer movie?
500 days of Summer
 What is your favorite kind of food? *Mexican*
 Where would you like to go for your dream vacation? *New York City*
 What is your most embarrassing school experience? *Dropping my backpack in the hallway and having my stuff go everywhere.*
 What do you plan to major in college?
Musical theatre.
 What kind of cell phone do you have? *iphone*
 What is your favorite hobby? *Theatre*
 What is your favorite TV show? *The Office*

RYAN FOX

What school do you go to? *Spain Park*
 What activities are you involved in? *Football, and FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)*
 How many brothers & sisters do you have?
Two of each.
 Do you have a pet? *Hermit Crab "H", and a Beta fish "Beta"*
 What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?
Homemade Vanilla
 How many songs do you have on your iPod?
Unlimited — I listen to the radio.
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RYAN FOX

Which actor/actress do you think is a hottie?

Hayden Panettiere

Are you for Alabama or Auburn? *Alabama ...*

"Roll Tide"

What was your favorite summer movie?

Transformers 2

What is your favorite kind of food? *T-bone*

steak

Where would you like to go for your dream vacation? *Alaska*

What is your most embarrassing school experience? *Falling asleep in class. I made a noise and everybody laughed.*

What do you plan to major in college?

Law

What kind of cell phone do you have? *A pink silver—it's my sister's.*

What is your favorite hobby? *Playing the piano.*

What is your favorite TV show? *George Lopez*



MSM Greeters

Each Sunday you have the opportunity to help welcome every guy/girl coming to Sunday School. It is an exciting way to meet and greet kids coming to church. It doesn't matter if they are new, or a regular attender. You are helping them feel more a part of your church, and the MSM. If you would like to volunteer for one Sunday a month, just e-mail Cindy Brown at cindy3b@aol.com.

THE BASEMENT

September 29

"The Stand" Basement Unite Service

All teens are invited to go to the BASEMENT the last Tuesday of each month. Meet Bo Crowder at the church at 6 p.m. to go to The Church of the Highlands and bring \$5 for snacks.

Here is what the BASEMENT is all about:

Purpose *To Know Christ and make Him Known (Mark 16:15)*

Our main purpose here at The Basement is to glorify God in everything that we do. We want Jesus to be the center of all that God allows us to do for Him. Staying connected to Jesus on a daily basis is the secret to making Jesus known throughout the earth. We believe that you can not tell people about Jesus if you don't know Him yourself. Our chief goal is to make Jesus' love known to as many people around the world as we can.

For more info on the BASEMENT check out www.thebasementonline.com.

Youth Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

High School led by Emmanuel Marsh
Middle School led by Alan and Mary Rogers

Wednesday Night

6:30 p.m.

Middle School & High School in the LDC Gym
led by Pastor Mark Swank

There will be no café on Wednesday nights until further notice. Please join the church in having dinner upstairs in the Fellowship Commons.

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