

# THE BLADES SABBATH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## DEDICATED TO ALL YOUTH "THE WORLD IS WATCHING YOU"

BY THE SABBATH SCHOOL TEAM

The world is watching you! People often make conclusions or summations by observing our reactions, mannerisms, facial expressions, body language, and how we carry ourselves.

Clearly, our actions and behaviors are telling a story of who we are. In Proverbs 23:7 King David said "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he". Similarly, in Romans 12:2 Paul tell us "be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind".

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What shows up on the outside is a reflection of what is in the inside.

We are not alone. Jesus had similar experiences. What was the difference? His love for His Father.

Jesus was intentional. His vision was to do the will of His Father. He purposed in His heart not to sin against God. Thus, He lived a life without reproach. He showed love and respect to all.

His attitude was stellar and consistent. His goal was simply to do good to and for others.

## AN INTERVIEW WORTH YOUR READ

A few weeks ago, I had a conversation with Jazmyn, my granddaughter, about an interesting book my family book-club read. The book is entitled "Confidence Code," I sensed her interest and curiosity and before we realize it, our discussion morphed into an interview.

I'm sharing this interview because I believe each of us can relate to it in some way or another regardless of age, color, or creed. I hope you are inspired by this interview. I certainly did. Your comments are welcomed. Please reach out to me at [sabbathschool@bladensburgsda.org](mailto:sabbathschool@bladensburgsda.org).



**Question 1:** Jazmyn, I recently read a great book "Confidence Code" and there were so many high-ranking women that have low confidence, do you see that trait among your peers or others?

**Response:** With a resounding "Yes", Jazmyn believes that society plays a huge role because girls are graded by a different set of standards. Girls are judged by their external appearance, while boys, regardless of appearance, are accepted period. Plus, it's acceptable for young men to "have multiple girl friends, but young ladies are criticized. **Read John 4: 1-25** (the Women at the Well!)

**Question 2:** How can we change the trajectory of these negative images of young women?

**Response:** Mothers must speak and affirm their young daughters at an early age. Encourage them to speak up and express themselves respectfully. Mothers should be conscious of the things they say to their daughters so as not to undermine them in any way. Most importantly, mothers must find more constructive ways of communicating to their daughters. These and other things can stop the generational curse.

**Question 3:** Give me an example of how parents can eradicate those images?

**Response:** It is important that parents be more forthright and honest in sharing their youthful experiences. Jazmyn believes that would bridge the gap between mother and daughter and bring them closer. She believes it will also take the pressure off the parents to show an unreal image and reduce the "negative talk".

Jazmyn, thank you for sharing your views and insights on this important topic. I appreciate your feedback, honesty, and passion.



# THE BLADES GRADUATES

Congratulations to our Blades'  
Graduates

as you transition into the next phase  
of your education.

May God be a strong influence in  
your lives.

The Blades family is extremely  
proud of your accomplishments.

Please stay in touch. We want to  
hear from you!

Our prayers are with you!!!!



**Jeremiah Foster**



**Quentin Thorpe**

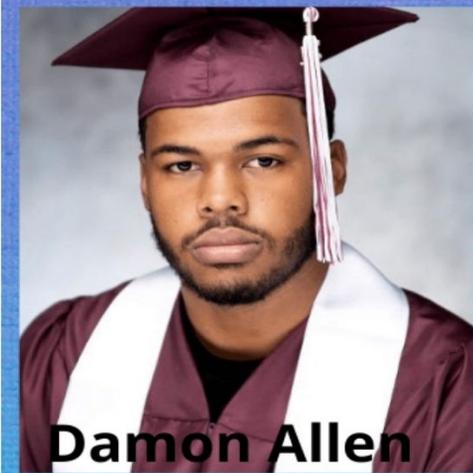


**Delia Allen**

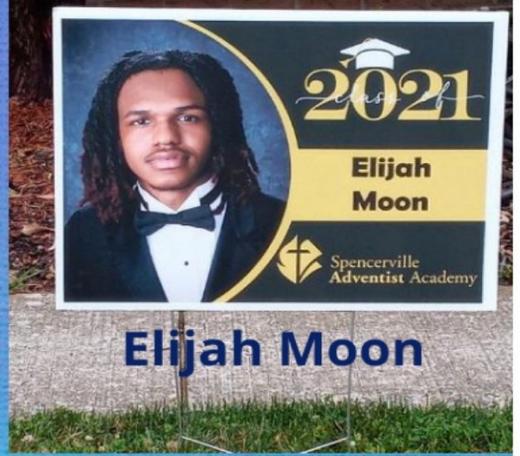


**Elli'ette Hicks**

Graduates, all the best in this new endeavor of your life. May God be a strong influence in your decisions and your activities. Bladensburg Church family is extremely proud of your accomplishments. Please stay in touch through the coming year.



**Damon Allen**



**Elijah Moon**



**Cory Hylton**



**Jazelle Thorpe**

