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THREE DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS BECOME PUBLISHED AUTHORS

(Dayton) –The Mark Baker Foundation (www.MarkBakerFoundation.org) and Pen of the Writer (www.PenoftheWriter.com/BookRelease) sponsor a book release party for three students from Thurgood Marshall High School (formerly Colonel White) on Friday, October 5, 2007 at Sinclair Community College's Ponitz Center at 444 West Third Street at 7:00 pm.

Jessica D. Allen, José Omar Gutierrez and Christopher D. Lyttle were selected for the Passionate Pens program (www.PassionatePens.com) after an extensive application process. The students participated in the one-year program which included hands-on writing activities, attendance at local literary conferences and participation at book signings. The monthly sessions also included instruction on the art, business and marketing of writing by Valerie L. Coleman and professional editor, Wendy Hart Beckman (www.AuthorsDen.com/WendyHartBeckman).

Valerie L. Coleman, program founder says, "The Passionate Pens program was created to nurture the writer by providing instruction, mentoring and support. The pinnacle of this program is publication in the 2007 Pen of the Writer book, Tainted Mirror An Anthology, (www.PenoftheWriter.com/Tainted) and a scholarship."

Jessica D. Allen (www.PenoftheWriter.com/Ppen_Jessica) has used the program as a launching pad for the release of her first novel, False Identity. Jessica says, "The Passionate Pens program was a great experience for me as I learned the rewards and risks in this business." Her book, published by Pen of the Writer, is scheduled to release May 3, 2008.

The public is invited to enjoy hors d'oeuvres and products from local businesses. Dayton's Soul of the Pen authors (www.SoulofthePen.com) will be in attendance to celebrate the students' achievements, along with national best-selling author, Victoria Christopher Murray (www.VictoriaChristopherMurray.com). The evening will be filled with live music performances by Dayton's own Tonya Baker (www.TonyaBaker.com), Christopher (www.MySpace.com/SpiritualRealSoul) and Deron Bell (www.DeronBell.com) and clean comedy by Lady Jae and Mark Gregory. A portion of the \$10 donation will be applied to scholarships for students of the Passionate Pens program and Mark Baker Foundation.

Pen of the Writer is a publishing company founded by Dayton native, Valerie L. Coleman, to assist aspiring writers and authors through the process of publishing. Contact Valerie at 937.307.0760, info@penofthewriter.com or visit PenoftheWriter.com/PentoPaper.

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