



"IT'S NOT HOW SMART YOU ARE, BUT HOW DETERMINED"

UPCOMING EVENTS

30th Annual Mentor/Mentee
Luchean Celebration
Mistress of Ceremony:
Dr. Kimberly Booker, President,
Aldine ISD School Board
Date: Saturday, May 25, 2024
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Location: Living Word
Fellowship Church
7350 T.C. Zeller
Houston, TX 77066

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"Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, 'Every-
one cannot be famous, but every-
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teers and mentors to SERVE the
young adults and youth in our
communities. ANYBODY can
serve."

-Ala. Acts Alum, AK BM

From Cheerleader to Teen Mother to Valedictorian



As Morgan Starks prepares for graduation, May 31, 2024, she reflects on her journey that led her to motherhood, becoming valedictorian and receiving scholarships to further her education through support from her family and the Teenage Incentive Program.

In Morgan's sophomore year of high school, she was an active cheerleader who maintained an A-B honor roll when she became aware of her pregnancy. Soon, Morgan realized she would have to break the news to her parents but didn't quite know how.

"I was focusing on school," Morgan says. "I wasn't ready, and it put me in a real dark hole."

Angela and Stanley Starks, the parents of Morgan, were taken aback and disappointed when they received the news of Morgan's pregnancy. Mr. and Mrs. Starks knew the challenges of teenage parenthood because they too were teen parents before their union.

"I was unprepared," Mrs. Starks says. "Right now, it's so much preven-
tion. We had a conversation weeks before. [Morgan] was discussing
what she wanted to do for prevention."

Mr. Starks was prayerful and then asked, "What can I do to help? And
what are your plans?" Morgan wanted to move forward with an abor-
tion.

"I didn't want to be a teen mom," Morgan says. "Eventually, I was able to
be grateful for my son." She came to this appreciation after she couldn't
proceed with the procedure once she and a supportive friend arrived at
the appointment.

Once Morgan gave birth to her son in her junior year of high school, "All
the fun started to happen," Mr. Starks says. "[Morgan] is still my little girl, but she has been
a true mother."

"[Morgan] did really well keeping her academics in good standing because it's hard," Mrs.
Stanley said. "I'm proud of her. The Teenage Incentive Program has been a true blessing
for all of us."



Valedictorian and teen mom is a balancing act that Morgan accom-
plished. TIP has allowed Morgan to meet other teen mothers, learn
more parenting techniques, and acquire scholarships. The family
has attended several beneficial events with TIP such as the Prairie
View Nurses Alumni Chapter Prayer Breakfast and Black College
Expo.

"It's a blessing every time I attend a TIP event," Morgan says. "Mattie
has been a blessing. She has brought [my family] closer." Morgan
will attend Prairie View A&M to receive her BSN in Nursing after
graduation with her family, friends, and TIP's support.



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