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**History Made at Morehouse**  
Joshua W. Packwood (left) and Shannon K. Joyner are graduating-class "brothers" during the 124th Commencement Service on Sunday at Morehouse College. Packwood stood out as the Atlanta college's first white valedictorian, while Joyner was honored as Morehouse's salutatorian.

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dents also learn jazz history, listening skills, chord scales, modes, melodic concepts and improvisational techniques.

A treasure trove of established jazz musicians have shown investment in furthering jazz education with the young musicians by making themselves available as performers and clinicians at the school. "These committed resources to education help to address society's greatest challenges," Polson said. "By also exposing the students to other music career choices besides performance, this opportunity will help them proceed to college with confidence."


The process of recording a CD has generated even more interest in the music program for the next school year, helping retain students currently enrolled in band and growing audiences at venues throughout the city.

The band's new recording contains compositions by Thelonius Monk, Benny Golson, John Coltrane, Carla Bley, Antonio Carlos Jobim, Dizzy Gillespie, Ray Brown, and more. Five of the 10 selections are Polson's own jazz-band arrangements.

The benefit performance at Jimmy Mak's will raise donations for the Cleveland Jazz program. Call 503-295-6542 for reservations.

For more information or for other opportunities to buy the CD, visit [Clevelandband.pps.k12.or.us](http://Clevelandband.pps.k12.or.us), call 503-383-9861 or e-mail [kpolson@pps.k12.or.us](mailto:kpolson@pps.k12.or.us).

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**Aids Relief Auction**

Mayor Tom Potter invites the community to join him for a fundraising auction to raise money to fight AIDS in Zimbabwe.

The event, organized by the Portland-Mutare Sister City Association, will be held Thursday, May 22 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

A silent auction and "Mutare Market" will accompany light hors d'oeuvres provided by West Café and a no-host bar. All proceeds from the purchase of beer and wine will be donated to further support the cause.

The Portland-Mutare Sister City Association is sending a delegation of Portland citizens to Mutare to continue the goodwill and collaboration that began 17 years ago.

Potter will join the group along with medical professionals, students and teachers who will be traveling to Zimbabwe in September to bring medical, educational and social support to those affected by HIV/AIDS.

It will be the first time a Portland Mayor has traveled to Mutare as part of the sister city relationship to help with humanitarian efforts.

"Having our mayor visit sends a strong signal about Portland's commitment to strengthening our citizen-to-citizen work," said Maria Kosmetatos, president of the group.

Additional information is available at [Africaaidsresponse.org](http://Africaaidsresponse.org).

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