

Youth on the Move

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- Academic excellence
- Actively involved in the community
- Has defined his/her career aspirations
- 16-17 years of age
- Muncie resident

If you know a high school junior or senior who meets the above criteria, send his/her name, age, address and telephone number to: Deborah Banks, *Youth on the Move*, c/o The Muncie Times, 1304 N. Broadway, Muncie, Ind. 47304.

These students become candidates to be featured in our *Youth on the Move* column. This is a new column that will honor students for outstanding achievements. It will be an instrument for building self-confidence, self-esteem and inspiring youths throughout Muncie.

Youth on the Move will appear in each issue of The Muncie Times.

The Muncie Times proudly recognizes LaShea Westbrook as this week's *Youth on the Move*.

Age: 17

GPA: 3.0

School: Junior at Central High School

Church: Trinity United Methodist Church

Favorite Foods: Fried chicken and Chinese food

Proud Parents: Bobby English and Angela Westbrook

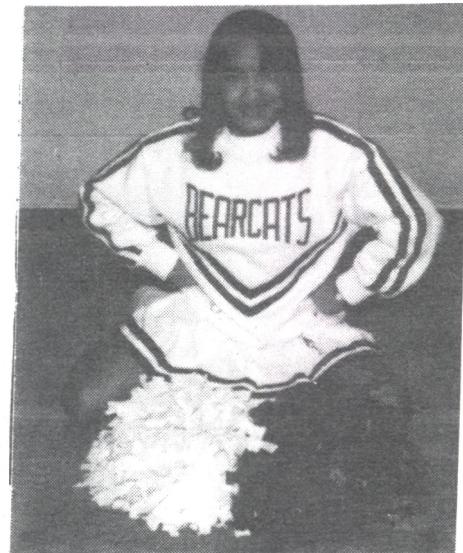
Siblings: Half-sister, Kenika Thompson; three half-brothers, Stefano English, Bobby English III, and Brad English.

Becoming an obstetrician is LaShea's goal after she graduates from Central High School next year. She plans to attend Indiana University, Bloomington, where she will pursue her dream.

Because of her love for children and her babysitting job, becoming an obstetrician is a natural for LaShea.

"I love children. I babysit for my mother's fiancee, DeJuan Branson," said LaShea. "I have been babysitting for him for about two years for his six and nine-year-olds."

In addition to babysitting, LaShea keeps busy due to her involvement in a number of extracurricular activities at school and church.



She is a varsity cheerleader for Central, and has been for two years. She is also a member of the Latin Club, a Sigma Gamma Rhoer and she is on the junior usher board at her church.

Her reason for keeping busy is that it keeps her from getting sidetracked and getting involved in the negative things that most people her age are involved in.

"I always find something to do, something recreational, it helps me to stay away from people who deal in drugs," said LaShea.

"All of my friends I hang around are good kids. In fact, 70 percent of them are planning to go to college, although, most are going to get out of Muncie."

In addition to picking good friends, LaShea's good efforts at school and within the community have been recognized. She has won the Martin Luther King Jr. Citizenship Award and the Most Spirited Award for cheerleading.

LaShea gives her mother credit for her being the spirit-minded person she is.

"My mother has been the most influential person in my life," LaShea said. "She is a very positive person and keeps me motivated."

LaShea's advice for her peers to succeed is to stay in school and always do their best, no matter what people say.



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