

Tuskegee Award Goes to County Student

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Nov. 25, 2005, Prince George's County Maryland- Last Thursday at Charles Herbert Flowers High School's quarterly Air Force J.R.O.T.C. Awards Ceremony, Marcel Trott of Springdale was presented with a special recognition proclamation from the Office of the Prince George's County Executive Jack B. Johnson for completing the East Coast Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen Youth and Aviation Program.

"Whereas he has received his wings from Airman Charles Herbert Flowers for passing the FAA ground school exam, making three solo flights, and completing the program and whereas, Mr. Trott is applauded for his academic excellence in maintaining a high GPA, for being an honor roll student, and for serving as the drum captain in the marching band at Charles Herbert Flowers High School," it read.

In the four-year history of Air Force J.R.O.T.C. program at Charles Herbert Flowers High School, Trott is one of the only students to fully complete the Tuskegee Airmen Youth and Aviation Program, which consists of three parts. He was given 15 hours with a flight instructor to solo an aircraft, but Trott was allowed to go solo after only nine hours with an instructor.

Upon his graduation from Charles Herbert Flowers High School in June 2006, Trott plans to begin attending the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, R.I. in July. He was awarded with a \$240,000 scholarship to the school. Trott said someday he would like to be a pilot in the U.S. Air Force.

"I was nervous when I went up to the stage," he said, "But it felt really good. I'm proud to be one of the positive African Americans in the community. I want to be a young leader and I want to lead by example."