

LOUIS COLLINS HELITON

COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP PROCLAMATION



LOUIS COLLINS HELITON (JULY 20, 1995-MARCH 25, 2023)

IN 2009, LOUIS COLLINS HELITON BECAME ONE OF THE VERY FIRST HENDRIX MUSIC ACADEMY STUDENTS. LOUIS WAS ONE OF OUR "ORIGINAL FOUNDING STUDENTS."

AT ONLY 14 YEARS OLD, LOUIS STARTED HIS JOURNEY AT HENDRIX MUSIC ACADEMY AND WORKED TIRELESSLY TO BECOME A RECORDING ARTIST, SONGWRITER, MUSIC PRODUCER AND AUDIO ENGINEER. ALTHOUGH LOUIS CAME FROM VERY HUMBLE BEGINNINGS, HIS GRACE AND CHARISMATIC ATTITUDE WAS THAT OF A YOUNG KING. HE ALSO HAD A LEGENDARY SMILE.

LOUIS AND HIS BEST FRIEND AND MUSIC PARTNER, JOHN JONES, FORMED THE MUSIC GROUP, "CLASS CLOWNS," AND WOULD WORK TO KEEP THE HIP-HOP PROGRAM THRIVING THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, BY CONSTANTLY WRITING AND RECORDING THEIR MUSIC, SHARING OPPORTUNITIES WITH OTHER YOUTH, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, ALWAYS SHOWING UP AND SHOWING OUT, REPRESENTING THEIR COMMUNITY AND SELVES, BY PERFORMING AT MULTIPLE LIVE CONCERTS AND EVENTS. LOUIS WAS A LEGENDARY FRIEND AND BUSINESS PARTNER.

LOUIS ATTENDED THE HIP HOP PROGRAM 3 TIMES A WEEK AFTER SCHOOL, FAITHFULLY, THROUGHOUT HIS HIGHSCHOOL YEARS. WHEN LOUIS GRADUATED FROM GARFIELD HIGHSCHOOL, WITH HONORS, IN 2013, HE WAS ACCEPTED INTO WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY. LOUIS BECAME ONE OF THE VERY FIRST COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARS FROM THE HENDRIX MUSIC ACADEMY. HE WAS A LEGENDARY STUDENT.

AT WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY, LOUIS WORKED HARD TO HELP PAY HIS OWN WAY THROUGH COLLEGE. DURING ALMOST EVERY COLLEGE BREAK, YOU COULD STILL FIND LOUIS AT THE HENDRIX MUSIC ACADEMY RECORDING STUDIO, CONTINUING HIS MUSICAL PURSUITS ALL WHILE SUPPORTING HIMSELF AND EARNING A COLLEGE DEGREE. AT THIS POINT, LOUIS HAD THE KEYS TO THE STUDIO. HE WAS A LEGENDARY RECORDING ARTIST.

IN 2015, AT WSU, LOUIS MET HIS BEAUTIFUL FUTURE WIFE, SHAKEL. THEY FELL IN LOVE AND MARRIED IN 2016. IT WAS GREAT SEEING LOUIS AND HIS BEAUTIFUL NEW BRIDE IN THE RECORDING STUDIO. THEY WERE INSEPERABLE. IN 2018, THEY BOTH GRADUATED FROM WSU! HE WAS A LEGENDARY MAN.

LOUIS ROCKED THE MIC AT SEVERAL HISTORIC EVENTS, INCLUDING, THE JIMI HENDRIX 40TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL CONCERT, IN 2010, AS WELL AS THE JIMI HENDRIX 50TH MEMORIAL CONCERT, IN 2020! AND MOST RECENTLY AT THE JIMI HENDRIX 80TH BIRTHDAY PARTY IN NOVEMBER 2022. THERE WERE MANY OTHER PERFORMANCES, IN BETWEEN, AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY. HE WAS A LEGENDARY PERFORMER!

ON MARCH 25, 2023, AT ONLY 27 YEARS OLD, LOUIS WAS KILLED IN A TRAGIC CAR ACCIDENT. OUR HEARTS ARE BROKEN. WE ARE DETERMINED TO HONOR LOUIS' LEGENDARY LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

NOW THEREFORE, TINA HENDRIX, FOUNDING PRESIDENT OF THE HENDRIX MUSIC ACADEMY, ALONG WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, DO PROCLAIM, ON THIS DAY, JULY 20, 2023, THAT LOUIS COLLINS HELITON SHALL HAVE THE PERMANENT HONOR OF THE COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP BEING NAMED FOR HIM, AND SHALL BE PERMANANTLY MEMORIALIZED WITH A PLAQUE TO BE DISPLAYED AT THE HENDRIX MUSIC ACADEMY RECORDING STUDIO.

LOUIS COLLINS HELITON COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

ELIGIBILITY:

FOR PRESENT AND FORMER HENDRIX MUSIC ACADEMY STUDENTS. MUST BE ABLE TO CURRENTLY PERFORM LIVE MUSIC. MUST BE ACCEPTED INTO A 4-YEAR UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR.

AWARD:

THE SCHOLARSHIP IS A ONE TIME CASH AWARD OF \$1,000.00. THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE AWARDED ON JULY 20, DURING THE HENDRIX MUSIC ACADEMY COMMUNITY HONORS CEREMONY AND TALENT SHOW, 7PM-10PM.

CEREMONY:

TO HONOR THE LEGENDARY PERFORMER, LOUIS COLLINS HELITON, ALL SCHOLARS WILL PERFORM A LIVE MUSIC PRESENTATION CONSISTING OF ONE OR TWO SONGS.

TO APPLY:

PLEASE READ THE ABOVE PROCLAMATION AND ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. HOW HAS THE HENDRIX MUSIC ACADEMY IMPACTED YOUR LIFE?
2. WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED ABOUT JIMI HENDRIX?
3. WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR MUSICAL GOALS?
4. HOW WILL YOU USE THE SCHOLARSHIP MONEY?

PLEASE EMAIL YOUR ANSWERS TO TINAHENDRIXSEATTLE@GMAIL.COM. APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 1, MIDNIGHT.