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Le Flambeau Foundation Inc. Your Quick Fact Sheet

- **Mission** – Intellectual Infrastructure Development for Haiti – rebuild Haiti via education
- **Scholarships** – Awards 4-year college scholarships to students in Haiti, to attend U.S. institutions.
- **Scholars** - Scholars are the top academic, community and leadership performers in Haiti.
- **Haiti Commitment** – Upon graduation, scholars return to Haiti for a 2-year commitment to give back to Haiti.
- **Non-Profit Organization** - The Le Flambeau Foundation is a 501c(3) Wisconsin corporation.
- **Haiti Scholarship Headquarters** – headed by Dr. L. Colas in Cap-Haitien.
- **Current Status** - Two scholars in the U.S. now – graduating in 2011. English language preparatory programs in Haiti.
- **Future** – Next class will start September, 2010; applications due December 1, 2009 (see web site)
- **Circle of Friends** – Supported by a board of directors, a scholarship committee, corporate partners and individuals like you and me.
- **U.S. Contact** – Le Flambeau Foundation Inc. at info@leflambeau-foundation.org or 305.596.2819

Investing in our Future - Destined for Success

Dear Friends,

The past few months have been incredible for Haiti. Recent investment engagements, new initiatives, heightened press coverage and upcoming infrastructure projects are abuzz reflecting an accelerated positive direction for Haiti. While this is not the first time we've seen this, today the tone is different. Sustainability is now top-of-mind and holding the door open for changes that are set to strengthen the longer-term health of Haiti and ultimately our entire global community. Education is unanimously heralded as the heart of this sustainable movement. From education will come the jobs, the workforce and the leadership.

The Le Flambeau Foundation, focused on intellectual infrastructure development for Haiti, is experiencing a positive flow mirroring that of Haiti. We welcome this additional support and focus.

A cadre of impressive accomplishments led the way to the Fall newsletter issue. Our Le Flambeau scholars, top academic performers, share their summer deeds and perspectives as they move forward with their third year of college in the U.S. Updates on Haiti include Special U.N. Envoy and Former U.S. President Bill Clinton's October Trade Mission to Haiti and the investment moves made by Royal Caribbean, Paris Club of Creditors, billionaire George Soros, USAID, IDB, World Bank and many others. Included is an update on the Le Flambeau college preparatory initiative featuring Dell computers. Wrapping up is the Leadership Highlights section focused on none other than Ambassador Senateur Emile Saint-Lot, the original Le Flambeau.

Haiti is rich with history, beauty, mystique, challenges and tremendous opportunity. A recent article in Condé Nast Traveler written by Amy Wilentz titled Love and Haiti, takes us on a sensory and intellectually stimulating journey through this unique country only 800 miles off the coast of Florida - a country linked to monumental historical accomplishments in the U.S. and in other countries throughout the world, at times paying the high cost of self-sacrifice. Moving forward, the future is what we make it. With the enhanced focus, investments, education, sustainable activations and the incredible power of Love that so many have for Haiti; this road less traveled will certainly lead to a brighter future for all. The Torch is lit!

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The Essence of the Le Flambeau Foundation

Haiti, an extremely poor country in the Western Hemisphere, is rich with exceptionally bright young people whose spirit serve as a beacon of hope for the future. With the assistance of the Le Flambeau Foundation, these young people will take on the challenge of leading the country's transition from poverty to prosperity, with dignity. With 80% of Haiti's population living in abject poverty, an average wage rate of \$2 (U.S.) per day and an average per household annual income of \$250 (U.S.); education is the most effective means to overriding economic, political and historical barriers.

The Le Flambeau Foundation stands committed to assisting the people of Haiti via Intellectual Infrastructure Development - the provision of a solid education foundation for the brightest youth and future leaders. Young people living in Haiti are equipped with educational tools and opportunities for their sustainable success in Haiti, for Haiti; ultimately strengthening the economic condition of our global community. Awarded are English language in-country preparatory programs and U.S. college scholarships, with a focus on building expertise in Haiti's core growth engines - AGRICULTURE, ENGINEERING and INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE. Upon graduation, Le Flambeau Scholars devote a minimum of two years working on initiatives which contribute to the economic re-building of Haiti. The Torch is lit. The future is bright. Be a leader and pass it on!

Scholars Begin Their Third Year

Rachelle Mathurin

Hi,

My summer has been nice overall. It was one of those moments when I realize that there's nothing like home. This must be leaving you thinking that I went to Haiti this summer; touché! I did. I spent the best time of my life at home this summer.

I was delighted to see how Haiti is changing in such a positive way. The Haitian youth is getting more and more computer literate. Furthermore, I was amazed to see that one in four young people that I talked to could either speak good English, or are on the right track; Haiti has a very promising youth.

Also, I was very excited by the new language program launched by Le Flambeau between Haitian and American students; this is truly an excellent program. As for the young people who may be reading this article, Haitian or American, my message for you is: Get involved in this program! Take advantage of this opportunity to broaden your horizon, experience this cross-cultural exchange, and improve your English/French language skills.

As for my vision for the coming school year, I will be focusing very much on my major and minors. I have declared my major this semester: Education Studies, with my minors being Speech Communication/Peace & Social Justice. I am getting my elective classes out of the way, and I will be focusing on classes that strictly pertain to my major in order to graduate on time. I am hoping and working toward success, with God being my help. My dearest wish is to take a step further to graduate school after college.

I wish the best of luck to all the prospective Le Flambeau scholars and the future class of 2013 of Berea College; my love and prayers go to you. Thank you

Rachelle

Le Flambeau Note

Rachelle completed this past Spring semester with all A's (including an A+ in Chinese), achieving a GPA of 3.83, for the second time in a row! Her cumulative GPA is 3.81 (out of 4). Rachelle maintains a track record of academic excellence, is an honor society member and is active in community service projects in the U.S. and in Haiti. This is Rachelle's first experience in the U.S.

Christelle Louis

Dear all,

Summers are usually quiet at Berea, and although most of the students were gone doing internships or simply enjoying being in their hometowns, I made the best out of it.

I enrolled in two classes and later went to Haiti, where I was welcomed by my family and friends. I also got in touch with some of my former teachers and mentors who helped me a lot when I started my journey with Le Flambeau Foundation and are still showing me their unconditional support.

The past year, I was closely monitoring the activities of some groups and clubs on campus (the Speech and Debate Team and Sife, a non-governmental group whose mission is to "bring together a diverse network of university students, academic professionals and industry leaders around the shared mission of creating a better, more sustainable world through the positive power of business..."), as I believe they could provide with the experience necessary to impact my country and the world in general.

This fall, although I am still interested in many activities, I will be mainly working with the Berea SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise), as a project leader. In an upcoming meeting, I will have more information about this project and will gladly keep you updated on this matter.

Until then, I wish you all success in all your current or future endeavors. Best,

Christelle

Le Flambeau Note

Christelle completed this past Spring semester with an impressive report card consisting of A's and B's, including an A+ in Accounting. This continues Christelle's successful track record, including repeat appearances on the Dean's List for impressive academic performance. Christelle is active with community service projects in the U.S. and in Haiti. This is Christelle's first experience in the U.S.



Christelle and Rachelle are attending Berea College – they started school in September of 2007. Upon graduation in 2011, they will return to Haiti to fulfill their 2-year commitment of applying their education and training to fueling the economic growth of Haiti. Berea College warmly embraced the Le Flambeau Scholars with a 4-year commitment.

Haiti Updates

Clinton Trip Fuels Investments, Feeds Sustainability

There has been a noticeable increase in the level and type of activity in Haiti in recent years. Steps taken forward over the past six months reflect an accelerated trend. The May appointment of former President Bill Clinton as the United Nations Special Envoy to Haiti is a significant driver. The momentum is complimented by the collaborative efforts of individuals, businesses, schools and non-profit organizations; who have long shared a vision for building sustainable growth in Haiti. The implementation of initiatives focused on the delivery of longer term in-country returns in Haiti, for Haiti, is a top priority. The cancellation of debt by the Paris Club was significant in facilitating such a movement. Recent investments made by Royal Caribbean, USAID, IDB, IMF; wealthy individuals and businesses in Latin America, the U.S., Canada and throughout Europe represent impressive strides. There remain many more to be taken. Basic infrastructure development, education, agriculture, manufacturing and tourism are but a few of the badly needed platforms from which Haiti will grow. There is much optimism for what lies ahead. Survey results from the recent Clinton trade mission to Haiti indicate that concerns for unrest were lowered and investment interests were raised. Before us is an entree to potentially the most dynamic of change with the goal of building a rich sustainable reality for Haiti. We are a global community and more will join in, investing their time and resources to help develop Haiti. That which impacts Haiti impacts all of us, elevating the importance of making sure that the what we do to help Haiti meets the longer term sustainability requirements. Are you teaching a country how to fish or simply giving them the fish? Bravo to the force within us that is rebuilding Haiti!



Special U.N. Envoy Bill Clinton lands near Cap-Haitien Haiti with Trade Mission delegates.

Investing in People - Le Flambeau College Preparatory Programming with Dell Computers



There are many exceptionally bright and highly motivated young people in Haiti who with access to tools and training can realize their full potential. The Foundation is launching a test program in Haiti called the Le Flambeau Laptop Club, an English learning college preparatory initiative featuring Dell Computers. This is a test project providing Dell computer access and ownership opportunities to underserved young people in Haiti. With a focus on English learning, the program is designed to increase fluency with the language as well as with 21st century computer-driven college admissions testing. This initiative is a continuation of the Le Flambeau Foundation's commitment to Intellectual Infrastructure Development for Haiti and was made possible via a donation from Dell Inc. Look for more details and updates over the next year as the program unfolds.



Le Flambeau Leadership Highlight

The Time was Somber, the Spirit is Bright

Senateur Emile Saint-Lôt – (September 11, 1903 – July 15, 1976)



As General Eustache Saint-Lôt's son, the foundation was set for who Emile Saint-Lôt was destined to be. With a strict upbringing and an extremely bright mind, Emile excelled in education – his own and that of those around him. He was degreed as a lawyer, an agronomist and as a journalist. Emile Saint-Lôt spent his early years in the midst of the U.S. military invasion and occupation of Haiti, from 1915 to 1937. This experience had a profound impact on Emile Saint-Lôt and fueled a passion that eventually led him to leave an enormous legacy. A true guardian of human rights, Emile Saint-Lôt became one of the most respected and accomplished leaders of our time! He was gifted with an extraordinary talent for molding and liberating entire countries. His success was rooted in the free, strong, proud and independent spirit - that is Haiti.

Emile Saint-Lôt served in numerous leadership roles as a human rights journalist/publisher, a university professor of law, the senate, and as chief justice of the civil court. On June 19, 1946, Emile Saint-Lôt was elected Senateur for the West. On November 22, 1946, Senateur Emile Saint-Lôt became a signatory for the Constitution of Haiti. Senateur Emile Saint-Lôt later also served as a signatory for the historic Declaration of Human Rights in Paris with U.S. First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

The birth of the United Nations was pivotal for Haiti, for Emile Saint-Lôt and for the world. Haiti is a founding and permanent member of the United Nations, formed in 1945. Senateur Emile Saint-Lôt served as the first U.N. ambassador for Haiti and as a member of the Security Council, responsible for voting on the independence of countries throughout the world. In 1947, Ambassadeur Emile Saint-Lôt gave a speech on why Israel must be an independent state. "Every man and every woman must have the right to choose their destiny and have the right to pursue happiness. Having a state to belong to is at the heart of this right", an expression of commitment that Ambassadeur Emile Saint-Lôt stood by. When votes were cast, Ambassadeur Emile Saint-Lôt cast the deciding vote giving Israel its independence. Ambassadeur Emile Saint-Lôt later cast the deciding vote for the independence of Libya and Somalia and wrote the constitution for many more emerging nations.

In 1957 at the U.N. in New York, Ambassadeur Emile Saint-Lôt presented his famous speech for Libya. Upon completing his speech, he was approached by the French Ambassador who extended his compliments saying that he would "love to kiss the belly that gave birth to the man who spoke French with such brilliance and beauty". Another super-power U.N. ambassador also approached Emile Saint-Lôt and said "le temps est sombre" (the time/setting is dark). Ambassadeur Emile Saint-Lôt, known for his quick thinking and optimistic energy said with a warm smile, "mais, l'esprit brille" (but the spirit shines). This statement captures the essence of Emile Saint-Lôt and his culture of leadership excellence. He was always seeing, being, giving and bringing; the brightness to the forefront...and his spirit continues to carry it forward. Ambassadeur Senateur Emile Saint-Lôt was and is LE FLAMBEAU.

Haiti Updates - Final Notes



Recent Investment Moves in Haiti

- **Cancelled Debt** - July 8th, the Paris Club of creditors cancelled \$62.73 million of debt and members reached bilateral agreements to cancel the remaining \$152 million of debt Haiti owes. This follows the cancellation of \$1.2 billion in debt by the World Bank, International Monetary Fund and Inter-American Development Bank. (source: 7/8/09, Paris Club)
- **Royal Caribbean Invests \$55 Million** - Royal Caribbean Cruises stepped up their investment in Labadee Haiti (North, near Cap-Haitien) by upgrading the beach, putting in a roller coaster, constructing an 800-foot pier along with other infrastructure improvements, and by creating jobs for the surrounding area. This is by far the biggest private investment in Haiti tourism. The U.S. Agency for International Development contributed with an initial \$15 million in financing to promote tourism, job creation, training and the stimulation of the local economy. (source: Miami Herald 9/25/09)
- **Billionaire George Soros Invests \$25 Million, Potentially \$150 Million** - Recently launched a \$25 million equity investment fund with the potential of growing it to \$150 million. The first investment is a new \$50 million industrial park near Cité Soleil. (source: Soros Foundation, Miami Herald, 9/09)
- **Brazil Businesses Visit Haiti** – A group met with President Rene Preval and toured industrial parks throughout the country, with a focus on partnering for sustainable economic growth in Haiti. Last week of September 2009. (source: Americas Conference, Miami Herald, w/o 9/28/09)
- **Clinton Brings 200+ Foreign Business Investors to Haiti** - October 2-3, former President Bill Clinton traveled to Haiti with a group of business leaders and potential investors, largely from the U.S., Latin America, Europe and Canada. Clinton's objective was to "produce significant investments and desperately needed jobs for the country". (source: Americas Conference, Miami Herald 10/4/09)



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A special "Thank You" to those who committed their hands, heart, dollars, talent and other resources; in support of the Le Flambeau current and future scholars. Your on-going spirit of commitment to the brightest future for Haiti is invaluable.

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...and many more. Thank you to all. Your torch is lit. Be the spark and pass it on!!!



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We encourage you to act on your conscience. Stick with the cause and continue your commitment to help educate and produce the future leaders of our global community in Haiti. If you are ready now, to either join the Le Flambeau Circle of Friends or eager to pass the Torch by connecting the Le Flambeau Foundation with interested corporate sponsors, schools and individual supporters, check out our web site or give us a call.

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We make a Life by what we Give.”**

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