

**JAF Alumni News – Marcus Harden, Class of 2008**

While in High School, Marcus considered pursuing a career in politics. Marcus is remembered in high school for his soft-spoken, eloquent and sincere demeanor. He double-majored in Political Science and Religion, graduating from Florida State University in 2013. Marcus believes that “you’re never really ready” for situations in life and that one can actually “get ready on the way” to one’s dreams. He credits his late mother, the first African-American to graduate from University of Florida as a Physician Assistant major, as his inspiration. Marcus’ faith has allowed him to succeed despite his struggles with dyslexia and ADHD.

He is currently the Program Director at Camp Ithiel, a Christian camp and retreat center in Orlando. He is considering returning to school to get his Master’s degree and believes a green birthmark on his nose is his notable and “fun” feature.

John A. Ferguson congratulates Marcus and wishes him continued success in all of his endeavors!

