Some find way to excel against the odds

By Andy Hall

Schools are filled with children who work hard and value education. Here's the story of one Madison student who succeeds where others fail.

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Two in 10, failing behind

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Dodge County will pay $950,000 to settle a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by the family of a 15-year-old black man shot to death by a sheriff's deputy during a traffic stop. The shooting on April 17, 1995, in Readelnd, a town north of Monroe, occurred when John Scott Bryant, 29, was stopped for a traffic violation.

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The effects of such supporters—very long in the making—are not seen overnight. The students who are affected are those who have already decided to put in the work hard and value education.

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When all of these factors are in place, the young people are more likely to succeed in school, and they are more likely to succeed in life.

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Need for urgent action on school problems stressed

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At 8 a.m. Monday, Andy Hall takes a seat in a corner, surrounded by his staff, and starts writing the first of his columns for the Wisconsin State Journal.

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I Madison schools are among the best in the nation, but the achievement gap between black and white students is growing.

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The major finding: Grade point averages for Madison whites are climbing while those of blacks are falling during the 1990s.

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Cable companies expand role, offer phone, Internet services

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The challenge will be to stay ahead of the competition... not just with programming, promotion and service, but to get into the phone business and the hook-up business.

Ted Turner
Chairman of Turner Broadcasting System Inc.

Los Angeles - The cable industry is turning a pretty picture into a bright one - and now it will go many places. Look for companies to offer their own high-speed Internet services, telephone service and computer connections.

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Mutual student-teacher respect key to success

By Andy Hall and Phil Brinkman

Schools of Hope welcomes Eugene Lee, its first director.

The day was kind of nice. I left late for school. Last week I was late for a lot of classes.

— Eugene Lee, for the Schools of Hope

Eugene Lee is a freshman at Memorial High School. He was born in Chicago and grew up in public housing on the Southeast Side. His father died when Eugene was six years old.

Lee reads about the dark past of African Americans. He can read about the segregation and the guns. He can read about the depression and the riots.

Lee returned to old patterns that had landed him in trouble.

He's 14 years old.

FACTORS LINKED TO SUCCESS, STRUGGLE

Achievement levels of Madison students are linked to a variety of socioeconomic factors, according to research district officials.

The report, which examines a snapshot of the Madison schools — a mix of 10th, 11th and 12th graders — includes data from a 2016 survey.

The report examines a variety of factors that influence student achievement, including family income, parent education, and access to technology.

The report also examines the impact of student behavior, such as attendance, discipline, and standardized test scores.

The report finds that students from lower-income families are more likely to miss school and have lower test scores.

The report also finds that students with higher family incomes are more likely to have access to technology, such as computers and internet.

The report finds that students who are discipline-free are more likely to have higher test scores.

The report concludes that schools need to address the needs of all students, regardless of their background, to achieve educational success.

Details on black students

Below is a summary of data pertaining to the 321 black students — a mix of 10th, 11th and 12th graders — who are enrolled in the Madison School District.

Majority of black students: 72% of black students are female, and 28% are male.

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