

## **Duane's Winning Essay:**

### **Technology and the Black Family**

Technology has helped people in a lot of ways that other "ologies" could not have done. Most of all, technology has helped African Americans do things that they could not have dreamed of doing. I feel that technology will help African American families succeed and excel in the future.

Technology has benefited African American families and will continue to do so. The Internet could help African American families keep up with new information that comes out. The Internet could help advance the parents in their jobs so they could be able to make enough money to provide for their families. Internet technology could help grand parents or legal guardians keep updated on the new technology that could improve their quality of life now and in the future.

Technology can also be used for education. If African American families have more technological knowledge, they'll be able to get jobs after college. Education on technological things can be very useful for little African American children and teenagers because the little children can learn their ABC's and it can help African American teenagers research famous people. It can also keep African Americans

parents updated on their children's school grades and missing assignments.

Technology in the form of video games, both the entertaining and the educational kind, can keep kids off the streets and keep them learning.

Home entertainment can also play a big part in African American families now and in the future. DVD's can be useful because by burning movies as the family ages, it can look back and see all the good times. African American families can also use CD burners to record music and listen to music. African American families can also make music together as a family to have fun and get along. African American families could also use Mp3 players to take their minds off things if they are mad instead of becoming negative statistics.

I believe that African American families could really use technology a lot in their lives now and for many years to come. If they keep trying hard enough, the African American families would see how much technology could help them and their children accomplish a lot of things in a short time. With technology advancing today, African American families have no need to worry about too much because they have technology to turn to. African American families like Black History Month because they see that as their time to shine and actually be recognized. Perhaps, if African

American families had greater access to technology consistently, we'd see more African Americans living today showcased during February.