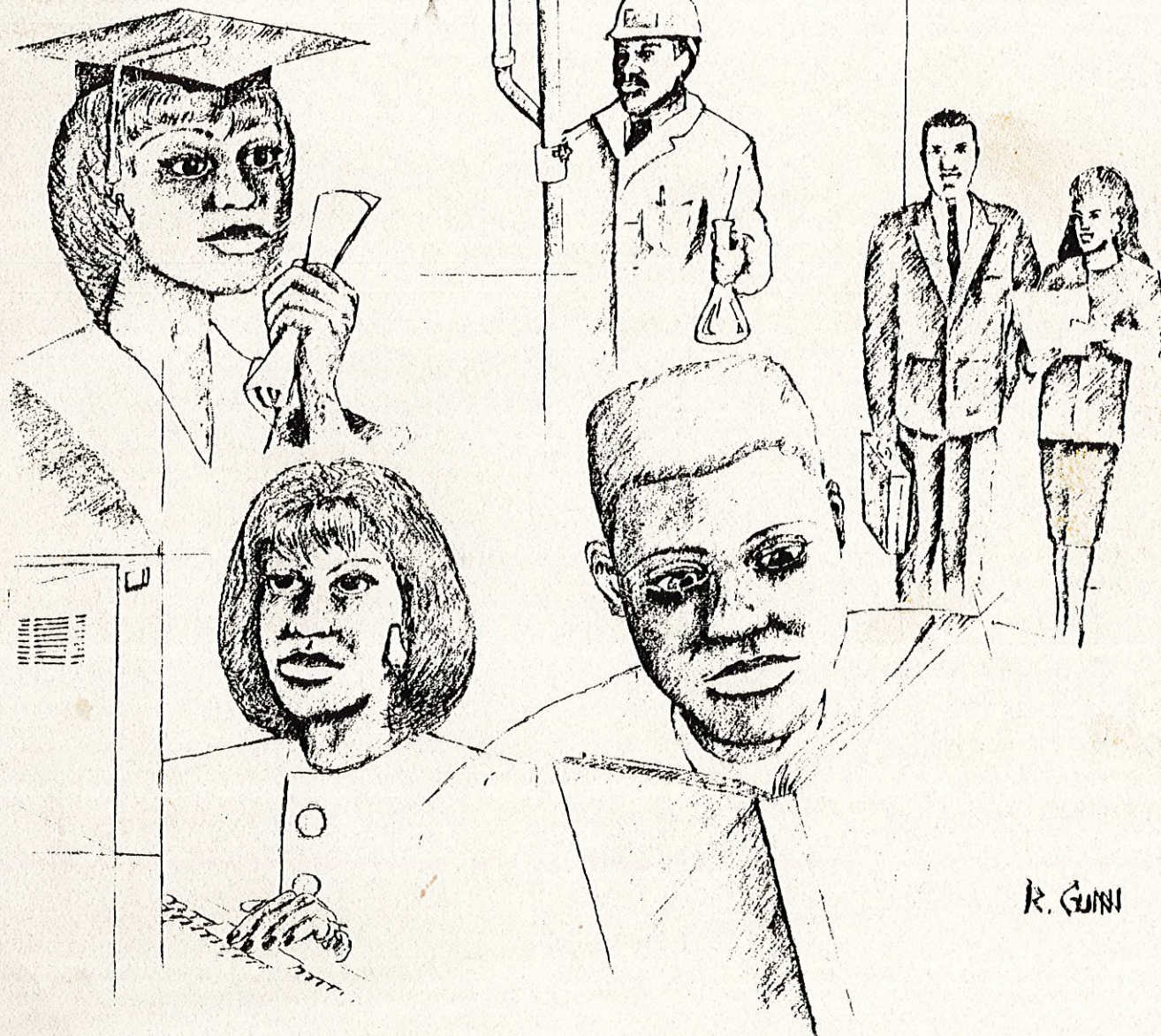


*Xavier University
Black Student Association
23rd Annual Antonio Johnson Scholarship Banquet*



"Success is a journey, not a destination"

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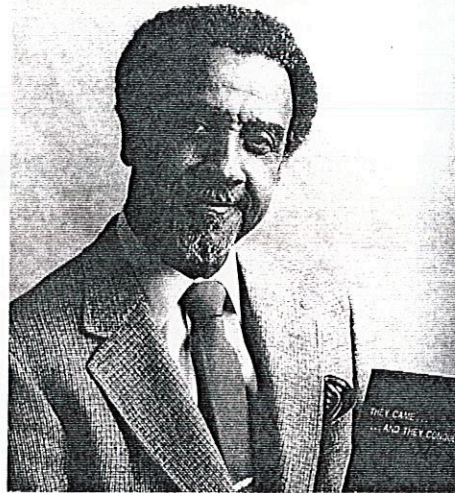
Antonio Johnson was born on October 30, 1953 to Clarence and Roberta Johnson. He grew up in the Walnut Hills area and attended Roger Bacon High School.

Antonio began his academic career at Xavier University in June of 1971. While majoring in Urban Studies, he participated in the school band and was an active member of St. Andrews Roman Catholic Church. Antonio worked hard and dedicated his time to the Black Student Association as President, earning him the respect of the Xavier campus and the adjoining communities. He stressed the importance of minority independence, strength, and development.

Antonio single-handedly organized and implemented activities for Black Awareness Month in February, 1976. Unfortunately, he was unable to see the results of his hard work, for he died at the age of 22 on February 8, 1976. Antonio will be remembered as a caring, compassionate, confident, and articulate individual who was dedicated to the principles of social change and justice.

Each year, the Black Student Association keeps his memory alive through the Antonio Johnson Scholarship Banquet. A scholarship is presented to a junior who excels in both academic excellence and leadership. His sister Wanda Jones said, "school was his life, it is a great honor to have a scholarship in his name."

Dr. Frank W. Hale, Jr.



Dr. Hale is Vice Provost and Professor Emeritus at the Ohio State University. A native of Kansas City, Missouri, Dr. Hale completed secondary education in Topeka, Kansas. He received a B.A. and M.A. in Communications, Political Science, and English and his Ph.D. in Communications and Political Science. He was awarded the "Certificate in English Literature" from the University of London in 1960. He holds honorary degrees from Wilberforce University, Shaw University, Capital University and the University of Nebraska.

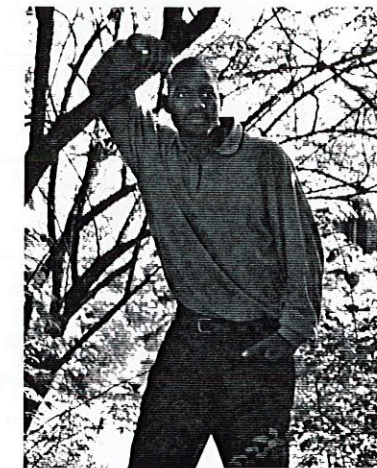
Dr. Hale has held full professorships at Central State University, Oakwood College and Ohio State University. He was President of Oakwood College (1966-1971) in Huntsville, Alabama. Dr. Hale was appointed Vice Provost for Minority Affairs in 1978, a position which he held until his retirement from Ohio State in 1988. He also served as Special Assistant to the President at Kenyon College.

Dr. Hale has authored and edited seven books and more than fifty articles in professional journals. His autobiography, Angels Watching Over Me was published in 1996. He has received so many awards and citations, they are too numerous to list. As a scholar, researcher, author, teacher, administrator, consultant, and civil rights crusader, Dr. Hale was the engineer of many new initiatives at Ohio State University. He founded the Graduate and Professional Schools Visitation Days program in 1971 and its undergraduate counterpart, the Minority Scholars Program in 1982. Through his efforts, nearly \$15 million in graduate fellowship awards were granted to approximately 1,200 minority students. Eighty percent of these fellowship recipients earned master's and/or doctoral degrees. With the awarding of full tuition scholarships through the Minority Scholars program to high school seniors, the university was able to attract a "Community of Minority Scholars" numbering more than 500 during Hale's tenure.

As a capstone to his illustrious career, the Ohio State University Board of Trustees voted him Vice Provost Emeritus, naming in his honor the Frank W. Hale, Jr. Black Cultural Center and designated the building in which it is housed as Hale Hall. An endowed scholarship has also been established in his name at Ohio State University.

Dr. Hale and his wife, Ruth Saddler-Hale are the parents of three adult children, grandparents of four and great grandparents of two. Dr. Hale is an active member of the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church where he has served as local elder, Sabbath School Superintendent, and Founder President of the Peterson Society of Adventist Men.

Master of Ceremonies - Mr. Dameon V. Alexander



Grandfather's Wisdom

"Man is the only being that goes bald." My grandfather used to tell this to me when I was younger. Its simplicity is perplexing. All the intellectual books I have encountered could not explain this old man's quote. I didn't gain knowledge of it's wisdom until I got to college. I could not understand it until I put down the books, opened my mind to a world beyond academia, and began working for my success.

To be bald is to be without. Lacking a scholastic education lessens your chance for societal achievement; I learned this early. Born in Cleveland, Ohio and raised in Washington, D.C. I decided to pursue success by studying for a degree in communications with a minor in Business Administration. I dedicated myself to excelling in a unique way with an ambition to graduate. What was the unique way in which I studied? I pursued a double degree, college Bachelors and life. Presently I am striving for a degree in Eternity; I love God. I saw college as an opportunity to get out and get something, a job. I see God as my source of joy. I was a student who had to pay my way through college without the assistance from "mother." My father was engulfed in drug abuse, so I wasn't getting help from him. Therefore God has given me strength to endure. I have now graduated from Xavier University as of this past December. I have a paper degree now. I'm proud of this accomplishment, but this degree cannot fulfill my grandfather's wisdom of growing hair on my bald head. What does this mean anyway. My grandfather was talking about human growth through God.

In the midst of high school and collegiate achievements, while striving for career success, I was growing as a man. As a baby is bald of knowledge and understanding so was I. I was bald of the knowledge of the real world, but I obtained a piece of it. Bald of the concept of hard work, but I live it. And bald of the knowledge of self and God, but my mind is now growing in it.

"Man is the only being that goes bald." It means, that as an infant I had nothing and I knew nothing, I was bald. Once I began to think, I obtained knowledge and understanding; I grew hair. As I live I will become successful and achieve financial bliss, but when I become an old man, I will return to an infant state and in death I'll be without again; bald.

So you see I'm striving for what we call death but what God sees as birth. And when I am long gone from this earth, I will have prepared a generational legacy. What will my legacy be? My legacy will be a life strategy for human success, and the key would have been recognizing my baldness. This is my grandfather's wisdom. This is me, Dameon Vaughn Alexander.

Antonio Johnson Scholarship Banquet
Mr. Dameon V. Alexander, Master of Ceremonies

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

*Led by Ericka Walton
Sophomore, Athletic Training*

Welcome

*Abrandice Q. Ross
Student Chairperson
Antonio Johnson Banquet*

Greetings

*Fr. James E. Hoff, S.J.
President of Xavier University*

The Occasion

*Genise E. McKenzie
Sophomore, Communication Arts*

Invocation

*Willie J. Hunter, Jr.
Senior, Psychology*

Dinner is served

BSA Mission

*Michael F. Z. Page, Jr.
President, Black Student Association*

Musical Selection

*Justin H. Wade
Freshman, Marketing*

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

*Mila P. Cooper
Director of Multicultural Affairs*

Keynote Address

*Dr. Frank W. Hale, Jr.
Vice Provost and Professor Emeritus
The Ohio State University*

Award Presentations

Acknowledgments

*Michael F. Z. Page, Jr.
Abrandice Q. Ross
Mila P. Cooper*

Benediction

Willie J. Hunter, Jr.

Award Presentations

Outstanding Freshman Award

*Doris Jackson
Director of Academic Advising*

Outstanding Senior Award

*Mila P. Cooper
Director of Multicultural Affairs*

Antonio Johnson Service Award

*Dr. Ron A. Slepitz
Vice President for Student Development*

Antonio Johnson Leadership Award

*John F. Kucia
Administrative Vice-President
Office of the President*

Antonio Johnson Scholar Awards

*Dr. James E. Bundschuh
Academic Vice-President
Academic Affairs*

*Dr. Janice Walker
Chair, Mathematics and
Computer Science Department*

Antonio Johnson Scholarship Award

*Fr. Thomas Kennealy, S.J.
Associate Dean, Colleges of Arts
& Sciences and Social Sciences*

Faculty Support Award

*Sherese Warren
Freshman, Natural Science*

Staff Support Award

*Janelle Hines
Freshman, Psychology*



Aric A. Hassel
Antonio Johnson Scholarship Recipient
1999-2000

Aric A. Hassel, a native of Bellefontaine, Ohio, is a junior finance major who plans to pursue a career in corporate financial management following his graduation in May 2000. Active as a member of the Xavier's Finance club and the Auburn Avenue Baptist Church, Aric was formerly a back for the Xavier rugby Football team. He is currently participating in the Jack and Mary Kay Downing Scholarship Program and will present "Investigating the Relationship Between Acquisitions and Subsequent Performance: The Role of Downsizing" at the 1999 Celebration of Student Research. This semester, Aric is a co-op with the Corporate Development Group of Cincinnati Bell Telephone and he will participate in the 1999 Summer Study Aboard Program at the University of Maastricht, The Netherlands.

Aric writes, "I am blessed to have a supportive family who raised me with a strong work ethic and an unyielding faith in God. I am a results-oriented person, therefore I set personal goals that require a significant amount of hard work and determination. God has blessed me with the ability to perform beyond my potential in and out of the classroom. I realize the truth in the scripture: "I can do all things through Christ Jesus."

Antonio Johnson Scholars

The following African American students are being honored because they have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 and above.

- Courtnei L. Ball*
- Yolanda Buffington*
- Natasha L. Collins*
- William B. Cordery*
- Natosha D. Culyer-Sherman*
- Desiree S. A. Demonbreun*
- Carnitta C. Gregory*
- Aaliyah E. Hameen*
- Aric A. Hassel*
- Cirita C. Johnson*
- Ameerah S. Khalifa*
- Chinina M. Lyle*
- Genise E. McKenzie*
- Lavanski D. Meeks*
- Deryl L. Sweeney*
- Monica E. Unseld*

Antonio Johnson Scholars **Center for Adult and Part-time Students (CAPS)**

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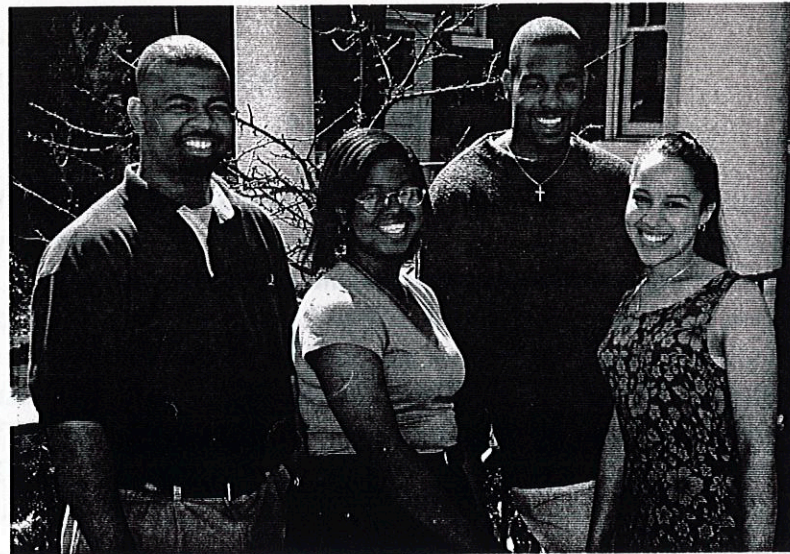
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| <i>Albert Beard</i> | <i>Temple Parker</i> |
| <i>Brenda Brown</i> | <i>Leon Rainey</i> |
| <i>Edward D. Colley</i> | <i>Catrina Reese</i> |
| <i>Pamela C. Elliott</i> | <i>Herman A. Roberts</i> |
| <i>Antonia C. Hardin-Moxley</i> | <i>Brenda Robins</i> |
| <i>George E. Harris</i> | <i>Nicole M. Simmons</i> |
| <i>John A. Haysbert</i> | <i>Ange Smith</i> |
| <i>Deborah Hines</i> | <i>Tiffany Stewart</i> |
| <i>Gretta Jackson</i> | <i>Robert Suesberry</i> |
| <i>Toresa Jenkins</i> | <i>Melissa E. Venable</i> |
| <i>Pamela Marshall</i> | <i>Renee Whiteside</i> |

History of the Black Student Association

During the 1960's, Xavier University, along with many other American universities, experienced racial strife. African American students attending Xavier in the '60's wanted similar privileges and opportunities as their white counterparts. In 1969, the university recognized the need and created the Urban Affairs Office, which was designed to assist African American students in their pursuit of higher education.

In conjunction with the Urban Affairs Office, The Black Student Association, formerly called the Afro-American Student Association, was formed to help meet the needs of African American students. Ken Blackwell, Tony Davis, Wes Turner, Barbara Milon, Alicia Coggins, and Amelia Tucker were the pioneers of this organization.

The organization continues to commit itself to meeting the unique needs of African American students at Xavier and serves as an integral lifeline that supports academic excellence, involved leadership, and service to the community.



from left:: Tony Anderson, Quiana Quirles, Michael Page and Marie Bolton.

Black Student Association Executive Board 1998-1999

<i>President</i>	<i>Michael F. Z. Page</i>
<i>Legislative Vice President</i>	<i>Quiana C. Quirles</i>
<i>Administrative Vice President</i>	<i>Tony M. Anderson</i>
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<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Yolanda L. Buffington</i>
<i>Member-at-Large (SGA)</i>	<i>Joi C. Davis</i>
<i>Member-at-Large (SAC)</i>	<i>Willie J. Hunter</i>
<i>Advisor</i>	<i>Mila P. Cooper</i>

~Message from the BSA President~

My fellow students,

On behalf of the Black Student Association, I would like to thank you for your support of the 23rd Annual Antonio Johnson Scholarship Banquet. Each year the banquet provides an opportunity for the Xavier community to recognize the efforts and achievements of African American students. In addition, this event encourages African American students to continue their journey for success, thus our theme: "Success is a Journey, not a Destination."

One of the goals of the Black Student Association is to enhance and promote academic success. The Antonio Johnson Scholarship Banquet is just one of the vehicles that we use to realize this goal. We extend congratulations to the scholars and award recipients. We wish you the best as you continue your journey.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge your prayers, concerns and constant encouragement during my tenure as Black Student Association President. In this challenging role, the support of my fellow students, faculty and staff has indeed been critical to my success. Please continue to support one another as all of you have supported me, for if we are to succeed, we must do it together.

*Yours Truly,
Michael F. Z. Page, Jr.
President, Black Student Association*

~Message from the Student Chairperson

Welcome to the 1999 Antonio Johnson Scholarship Banquet, "Success is a Journey, Not a Destination." On behalf of the Antonio Johnson Banquet Committee, I would like to thank our guests and participants. You have contributed greatly to the success of this event.

In addition, I thank all the members of the Antonio Johnson Banquet Committee, the Black Student Association, Student Government Association, Student Activities Council, Weekenders and the Office of Multicultural Affairs staff for your help in the planning of this event.

I would like to congratulate the Antonio Johnson Scholarship recipient along with all of the 1999 Antonio Johnson Scholars and other award recipients. I encourage you to continue on your journey for success.

Again, I welcome you and hope you enjoy this year's banquet.

*Thank you.
Abrandice Q. Ross
Student Chairperson*



Back row from left: Terri Hurdle, Phil Richardson, Genise McKenzie, Teresa Hamilton and Abrandice Ross.
 Front row from left: Sherese Warren, Danielle Goodwin and Mila Cooper.

Antonio Johnson Banquet Committee

Mila P. Cooper, Advisor, LaShundra R. Dixon, Danielle O. Goodwin, Krystal G. Gordon,
 Teresa L. Hamilton, Janelle E. Hines, Terri M. Hurdle, Genise E. McKenzie,
 Sherese D. Warren, Phil S. Richardson, Abrandice Q. Ross, Student Chairperson



Mila P. Cooper

**Antonio Johnson Scholarship Award
 Past Recipients**

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| 1998-99 | Natasha L. Collins |
| 1997-98 | Damianne C. Scott |
| 1996-97 | Kelie Roberts |
| 1995-96 | Aarionne L. Farmer |
| 1994-95 | Shauna A. Starks |
| 1993-94 | Cherie L. Beal |
| 1992-93 | Sharon Y. Richardson |
| 1991-92 | Kenrick S. Richardson |
| 1990-91 | Jhules A. Clark |
| 1989-90 | Lea C. Williams |
| 1988-89 | Linwood Riddick III |
| 1987-88 | Jacqueline Nash |
| 1986-87 | Margaret A. Gooden |
| 1985-86 | Boaz Jackson
James Thomas |
| 1984-85 | Julie I. Graves
Benetta Roper |
| 1983-84 | Pamela D. Smith
Teresa L. West |

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"LIFT EV'RY VOICE AND SING"

*Lift ev'ry voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring.
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies
Let us resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that dark past has taught us.
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.*

*Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chast'ning rod
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died.
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered.
Out of the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last,
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.*

*God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way,
Thou who hast by Thy might,
Led us into light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the place, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world we forget Thee.
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God
True to our native land.*

. . . James Weldon Johnson