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BLACK STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Pride of Excellence

*25th Annual
Antonio Johnson Scholarship
Banquet*

APRIL 6, 2001

6:00 P.M.

CINTAS CENTER BANQUET HALL

CINCINNATI, OHIO



Pride of Excellence

Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., the Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society. Dr. Abercrombie is a member of the Lincoln Heights Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Freddie T. Piphus, Pastor. He is happily married to Claudia Abercrombie and has a daughter, Erica. He also has a son, Paul Eric Abercrombie, II.

*"Do not follow where the path may lead.
Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail"*
-Author Unknown

There's Nothing to Fear

There's nothing to fear – you're as good as the best,
As strong as the mightiest, too.
You can win in every battle or test;
For there's no one just like you.
There's only one you in the world today;
So nobody else, you see,
Can do your work in as fine a way:
You're the only you there'll be!

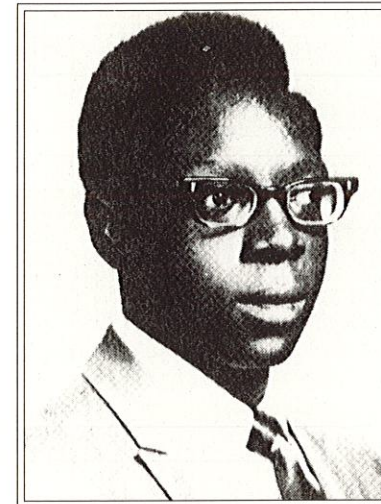
So face the world, and all life is yours
To conquer and love and live:
And you'll find the happiness that endures
In just the measure you give;
There's nothing too good for you to possess,
Nor heights where you cannot go:
Your power is more than belief or guess —
It is something you have to know.

There is nothing to fear – you can and you will.
For you are the invincible you.
Set your foot on the highest hill —
There's nothing you cannot do.

- Unknown



In Remembrance



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, 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. The scholarship is presented to an African American junior for his or her academic excellence, leadership, contribution to the Black Student Association, and community service. His sister Regina Miller said, "School was his life, it is a great honor to have a scholarship in his name."



Antonio Johnson Scholarship Award

Past Recipients

2000	AMEERAH S. KHALIFA
1999	ARIC HASSEL
1998	NATASHA L. COLLINS
1997	DAMIANNE C. SCOTT
1996	KELIE ROBERTS
1995	AARIONNE L. FARMER
1994	SHAUNA A. STARKS
1993	CHERIE L. BEAL
1992	SHARON Y. RICHARDSON
1991	KENRICK S. RICHARDSON
1990	JHULES A. CLARK
1989	LEA C. WILLIAMS
1988	LINWOOD RIDDICK III
1987	JACQUELINE NASH
1986	MARGARET A. GOODEN
1985	BOAZ JACKSON JAMES THOMAS
1984	JULIE I. GRAVES BENETTA ROPER
1983	PAMELA D. SMITH TERESA L. WEST



Mistress of Ceremonies

Ms. Natasha Hamilton



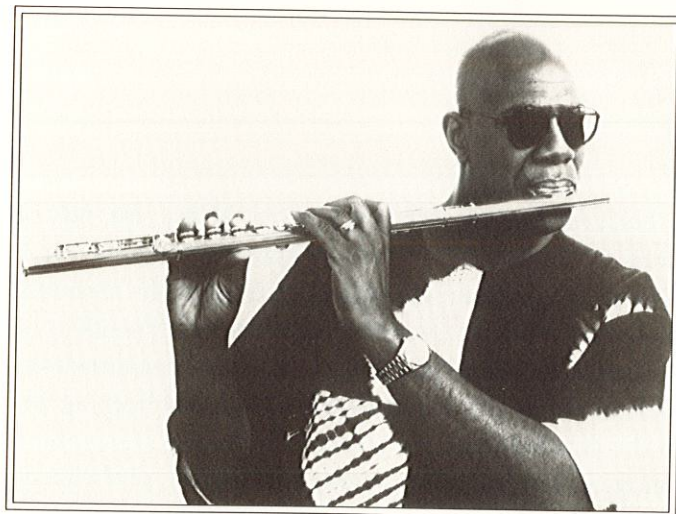
Natasha Hamilton, born on April 6, 1982, is a native of the east side of Cleveland, Ohio where she attended Cleveland Heights High School. During Ms. Hamilton's time at Cleveland Heights High School she assumed several positions including Student Council President, Vice President of the National Honor Society, and Vice President of the school's gospel choir. Ms. Hamilton's involvement at Cleveland Heights High has been an instrumental piece in the development of a strong community atmosphere at the school through programs including tutoring initiatives, proficiency, prep-course work, and buddy programs. Also, she provided student peers for various community service projects in order to bridge community-school relations through trips to the Cleveland Food Bank, sponsoring a benefit basketball game for the Greater Cleveland Diabetes Association, and the formation of the United We Can Youth Caucus, which voiced the community's youth concerns to political figures throughout the city of Cleveland Heights and surrounding neighborhoods. All of these activities earned her numerous articles and recognition in Ohio's largest newspapers, The Cleveland Plain Dealer, the Sun Press and The Avenues magazine. Ms. Hamilton was honored as the 2000 YWCA Bright Future Scholarship and Award winner for her article, "The Revolving Cycle," which is an analysis of the effect slavery and the emancipation has had on today's African-American community.

As a freshman at Xavier University, Ms. Hamilton has been an active member in the Black Student Association. She is also a member of the Student Government Association, Pre-Law Society, and Gospel Choir. Natasha Hamilton is a participant in the Citizen Leaders Program, tutoring at a local high school, and the BSA Book Club. Also, she is a mentor for the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative and plays inter-mural basketball. Ms. Hamilton recently won the Atlantic 10 Co-Ed Shootout to represent Xavier University in Philadelphia. While maintaining a hectic schedule, Ms. Hamilton achieved a 3.6 grade point average her first semester: receiving Dean's List honors. Her aspiring career goals are working as a corporate attorney, and then entering politics. Natasha Hamilton is daughter of Ms. Ann Hamilton and the older sister of Rebecca Hamilton.



Galen Abdur-Razzaq

Flutejuice Productions



Galen is a talented and extraordinary flautist from Montclair, New Jersey who has performed both internally and domestically for over thirty years.

Galen is a former student of the Berkley College of Music, Boston, Massachusetts, and a graduate of Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Galen holds a master's degree of fine arts.

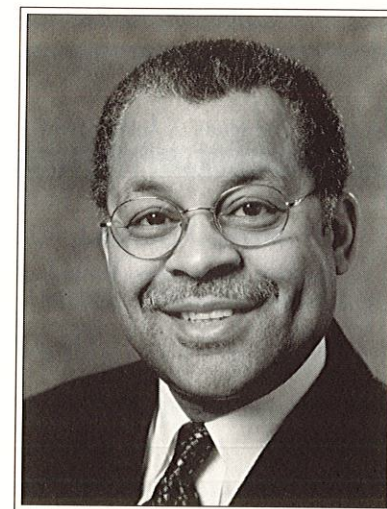
Galen has also performed with other world-renowned artists such as pianist Billy Taylor, Houston Person, Melba Moore, Sun Ra, Sonny Phillips, John Patton and many others.

Galen is a major entertainment figure on university and college campuses for his intellectually stimulating lectures and powerful jazz performances, which always result in a request for an encore performance. Some of the campuses where he has performed are Morgan State University, Harvard University, Radcliff College, Florida A&M University, Tuskegee University, Loyola College, University of Tulsa, Wesleyan and now Xavier University.

The remarkable sensationalism illustrated in his artistry leads to the common conclusion that Galen is indeed an excellent lecturer and a master flautist.



P. Eric Abercrombie, Ph.D.



P. Eric Abercrombie currently serves as Director of Ethnic Programs and Services and the African-American Culture and Research Center at the University of Cincinnati. Also, he serves as an Adjunct Professor in the Department of African-American Studies in the Evening College and the College of Arts and Sciences.

This native of Falmouth, Kentucky graduated from Covington Holmes High School in 1966, received his B.A. in Sociology and his M.A. in Counseling from Eastern Kentucky University and a Ph.D. in the Interdisciplinary Studies Program from the University of Cincinnati. His academic

and professional expertise is focused on issues concerning Black males in America. Also, he is the originator of the Black Man Think Tank, which received national acclaim. Dr. Abercrombie is highly recognized in his work with cultural diversity. He serves as a racial/human relations consultant to corporations, community groups, and educational systems. In 1978 and 1980, Dr. Abercrombie was named by the United States Jaycees as one of the Outstanding Young Men In America. In 1985, the American Biographical Institute named Dr. Abercrombie one of the Outstanding Community Leaders of the World. In 1986, he was elected to the Who's Who Among Black Americans and in the 1987, he was named an honorary member of the Golden Key National Honor Society. Also, in 1987 Dr. Abercrombie was named by the United States Peace Corps as the Black Educator of the Year and by the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati as Black Achiever. In 1997 Dr. Abercrombie was nominated for the Applause Magazine's Iimagemaker Award, which recognizes individuals for their outstanding contribution to the Greater Cincinnati Black community.

The epitome of Dr. Abercrombie's service was recognized at the 1993 Black Man Think Tank where he was presented the Key to the City of Cincinnati by May Dwight Tillery. In 1996 Dr. Abercrombie received the Award of Excellence from the Concerned Black Men, Inc. for this untiring work on behalf of the Black Community and in particular, the Black Male. In 1998, he received the Just Community Award of Excellence for outstanding contribution that promotes the ideas of a just and caring community. Also, in 1998 Dr. Abercrombie was recognized as the Kent State University Community Service Award recipient and the University of Cincinnati African Organization named him the Administrator of the Year.

Dr. Abercrombie serves as President of John D. O'Byrant National Think Tank for Black Professionals in Higher Education on Predominately White Campuses. In addition, he is an inactive member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., the Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society. Dr. Abercrombie is a member of the Lincoln Heights Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Freddie T. Piphus, Pastor. He is happily married to Claudia Abercrombie and has daughter, Erica. He also has a son, Paul Eric Abercrombie, II.

Antonio Johnson Scholarship Banquet

Ms. Natasha Hamilton, Mistress of Ceremonies

- Prelude Galen Abdur-Razzaq
Flutejuice Productions
- Student's Welcome Ms. Amber Stewart, Chairperson
Antonio Johnson Banquet Committee
- President's Welcome Fr. Michael Graham, S.J.
Xavier University President
- Musical Selection XUGC
- The Occasion Mr. Eric Rhodes
- Invocation Mr. Jason McCoy

DINNER

Music by Galen Abdur-Razzaq
Flutejuice Productions

- BSA Mission Ms. Ayshah Matthew, Vice President
Black Student Association
- Remembering Antonio Johnson Ms. Kenya Jackson
- Response A.J. Family Member
- Introduction of Keynote Speaker Mr. Michael Page
- Musical Selection Xavier University Gospel Choir
- Keynote Address Dr. P. Eric Abercrombie

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

- Acknowledgments/Remarks Ms. Ramani Hunter, President
Black Student Association
- Mr. Paul James
Director of Multicultural Affairs
- Benediction Mr. Justin Hardy

Award Presentations

- Outstanding Freshman Award Dr. Tyrone Williams
Chair, English Department
- Antonio Johnson Service Award Dr. Michael Webb
Dean, Williams College of Business
- Outstanding Senior Award Mr. John F. Kucia
Administrative Vice-President
Office of the President
- Antonio Johnson Leadership Award Dr. Jerry Cline-Bailey
English Department
- Antonio Johnson Scholar Awards Dr. James E. Bundschuh
Academic Vice-President
- Dr. Janice Walker, Dean
College of Arts and Sciences
- Ms. Sue Wideman, Dean
Center for Adult and Part-time Students
- Antonio Johnson Scholarship Award Fr. Thomas Kennealy, Associate Dean
Colleges of Arts & Sciences and Social Sciences
Chair, University Scholarship Committee
- Dr. Neil Heighberger
Dean, College of Social Sciences
- Staff Support Award Ms. Quiana Quirles



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.

- ≈ Johari J. Bradshaw ≈
- ≈ Tanya L. Breckenridge ≈
- ≈ Yolanda L. Buffington ≈
- ≈ Canda I. Chisholm ≈
- ≈ Susannah C. Coaston ≈
- ≈ Joi C. Davis ≈
- ≈ Miranda P. Dejarnette ≈
- ≈ Sarah E. Doherty ≈
- ≈ LaNiece M. Douglas ≈
- ≈ Kari L. Edmonds ≈
- ≈ Natasha A. Hamilton ≈
- ≈ Shikira M. Jones ≈
- ≈ Victoria M. Raymond ≈
- ≈ Charssie F. Willis ≈



Antonio Johnson Scholars

Center for Adult and Part-time Students

(CAPS)

The following African American students are being honored because they have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 and above. They have also completed at least 12 credit hours at Xavier as of Fall 2000.

- ≈ Meredith C. Bailey-McMullen ≈
- ≈ Angela Barber ≈
- ≈ Tina Barwick ≈
- ≈ Carla R. Bolar ≈
- ≈ Cheryl Bond ≈
- ≈ Sandra Edwards ≈
- ≈ Felicia Facen ≈
- ≈ Cecelia Hall-Muhammad ≈
- ≈ Courtney Haynes ≈
- ≈ Katrina D. Jones ≈
- ≈ Venus Joy ≈
- ≈ Nicola B. Lewis ≈
- ≈ Barbara Lynn ≈
- ≈ Leslie Mason ≈
- ≈ Robert McFarland ≈
- ≈ Valerie Patrick ≈
- ≈ Jason Powell ≈
- ≈ Kathi Ranford ≈
- ≈ Gloria Roebuck ≈
- ≈ Tyra Smith ≈
- ≈ Oluwatosin Sobo ≈
- ≈ Cheya Watkins ≈
- ≈ Christen J. Winkfield ≈



*Antonio Johnson 2000-2001
Scholarship Nominees*

The following students were nominees for the Antonio Johnson Scholarship. They are to be commended for their academic accomplishments, campus involvement, and community service.

- ≈ Courtni L. Ball ≈
- ≈ William B. Cordery ≈
- ≈ Janelle E. Hines ≈
- ≈ Jeffrey A. Granville, Jr. ≈
- ≈ Shauntelle R. Starks ≈
- ≈ Monica E. Unseld ≈
- ≈ Justin H. Wade ≈

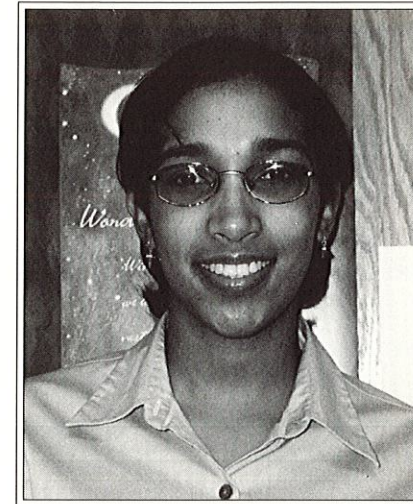
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~Author Unknown



*2001 Antonio Johnson Scholarship Finalist
Courtni L. Ball*



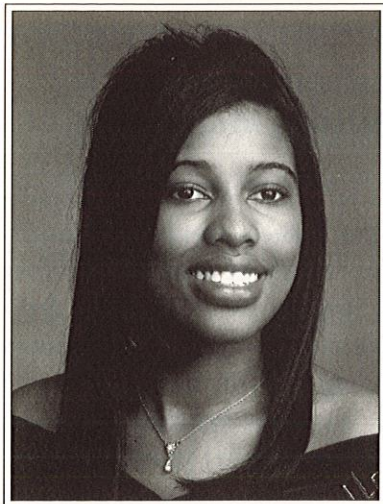
Courtni is a Public Relations Major from Laurel, Maryland. Among her many co-curricular activities are the Francis Weninger Scholarship Program, Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) and membership in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Courtni is dedicated to improving the lives of her fellow students. Since her freshman year she has been committed to increasing student, staff, and faculty awareness of diversity issues at Xavier. As a past member of Xavier's Student Activities Council she is well known for her passion for programming culturally diverse events. In her role as a Resident Assistant she encourages acceptance and plans innovative programs in order to enhance the communities of students in the Residence Halls. In her spare time, she enjoys reading and adding to her collection of jazz CD's. After graduation she plans on pursuing a Graduate degree in Elementary Education and becoming an educator. One of her favorite quotes comes from an African proverb that states, "When you educate a man you educate an individual. When you educate a woman you educate a nation." Her long-term goals include opening a charter school with a focus on teaching Black History and Literature to inner city youth.





2001 Antonio Johnson Scholarship Finalist

Janelle E. Hines

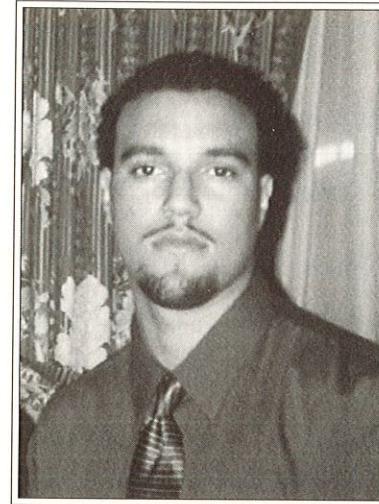


Janelle is a junior psychology major and communication arts minor born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland with her parents Betty and Jeffrey Hines and younger brother, Javon. She is a Weninger Scholar and most recently nominated to be inducted into, Psi Chi, the national Psychology Honor Society. Along with her academic achievements she is very active on campus and in the community. Janelle is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Currently, she is the Administrative Vice Present of the Black Student Association, and involved in the Student Alumni Association on the Service Committee. She also serves on the University Discipline Committee. Janelle says she is a very blessed individual and tries to give back to the Community. She stays involved in community through tutoring or mentoring programs. She has tutored children at a neighborhood church and recently joined "My Brothers and Sisters," a new tutoring program through the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Woodward High School. She works as a telecounselor at the Office of Admissions. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, watching old movies, and being with her friends and family.



2001 Antonio Johnson Scholarship Finalist

Justin H. Wade



Justin Wade is a 21-year-old junior from Akron, Ohio. He is majoring in Marketing with a minor in International Business. He is a Weninger Scholar and a Pacesetter Scholar, and is one of only 2 students at Xavier to hold that distinction. Since arriving at Xavier he has wanted to fill his time with activities that would improve the black community, and campus as a whole. Justin has been involved in numerous activities such as the Black Student Association, Black Student Task Force, STAND, Black History Month Planning committee, intramural soccer, intramural basketball, New Image Modeling Troop, and the Greekfest Steering Committee. Currently, Justin is involved as a Student Senator, Black Student Association member, STAND Core member, and Vice President of the Sigma Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. He also spends time tutoring at Woodward High School, and assisting in the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative Program. In addition to these extra-curricular activities, he is taking an 18 credit hour course load. These activities keep Justin busy, however he still emphasizes academics and designates time to study. His overall GPA is a 3.295 and last semester he was named to the Dean's list.





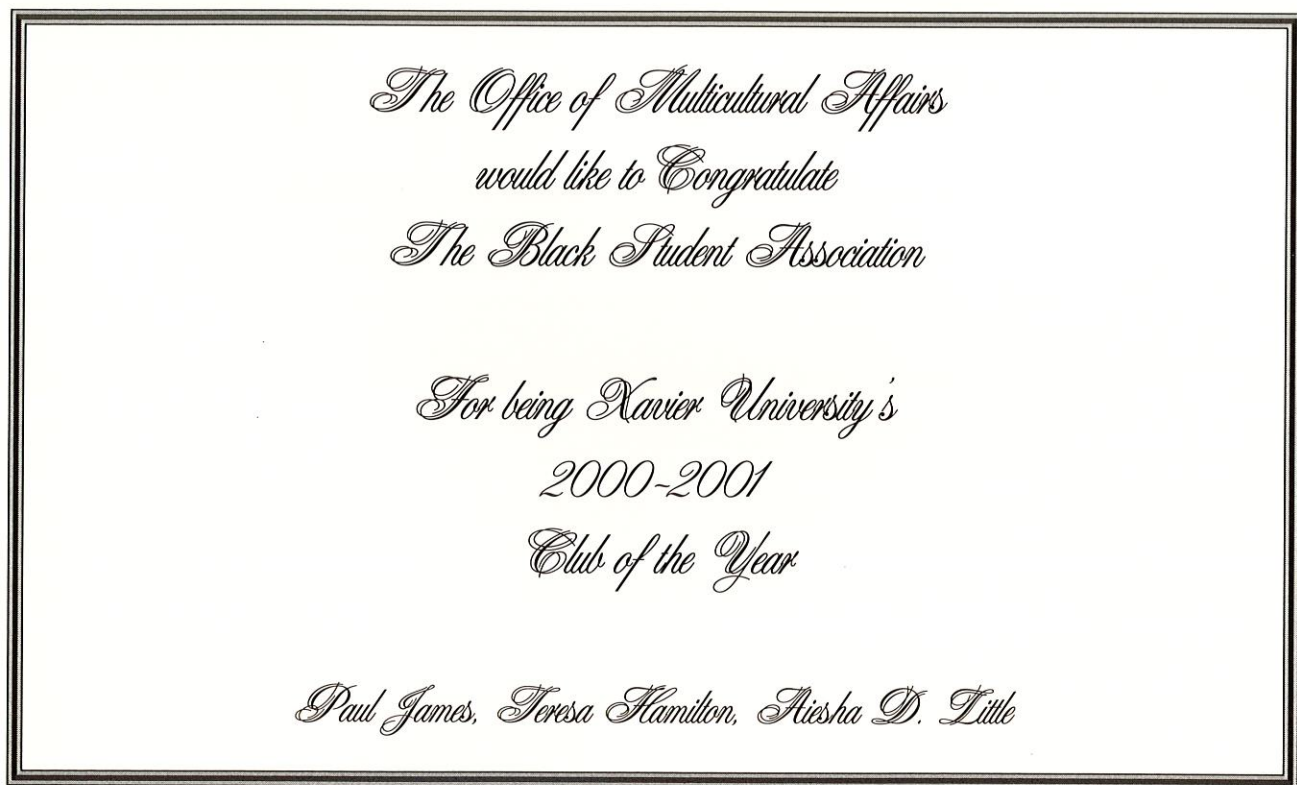
Greetings on behalf on the 2000-2001 Xavier University "Club of the Year" and welcome to our 25th Antonio Johnson Banquet. We are excited that you took the time to share with us the achievements of African American students at Xavier University.

Our mission is to promote the academic excellence of black students. Antonio Johnson was a young man of great determination. As a result of his outstanding character and vision we now have an annual banquet that recognizes and seeks to encourage current African American students in three ways: the pursuit of academic excellence and personal as well as professional achievements.

As the current President of the Black Student Association, I would like to thank everyone who played an instrumental part and contributed to make this year a milestone achievement for the organization. Please continue to stay involved in BSA's activities and remain an effective leader on Xavier's campus.

We hope that you enjoy the Banquet and leave with insight to continue through the rest of the year.

~Ramani Hunter



Congratulations to the following students who were on the Dean's List during the 2000 Fall semester and the 2000 Spring semester.

Dean's List - Spring 2000

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|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Pamela Anderson | Joi Davis | Caroline Kabiritsi | Doreen Seaberry |
| Meredith Bailey-McMullen | LaNiece Douglas | Dustin Lane | Caprese Siler |
| Tina Barwick | Erica Dean | Rhonda Lewis | Spencer Smith |
| Kesha Blunt | Kimberly Dulin | Barbara Lynn | Tyra Smith |
| Johari Bradshaw | Steven Easley | Leslie Mason | Donyale Terrell |
| Tanya Breckenridge | Kelly Elmore | Michele Mason | Tamara Todd |
| Tanesha Brooks | Shelby Givens-Blackmon | Ayshah Matthews | Audry Townsell |
| Brenda Brown | Aaliyah Hameen | Keianna Matthews | Linda Ubeku |
| Yolanda Buffington | Antonia Hardin-Moxley | Genise McKenzie | Monica Unseld |
| Canda Chisholm | James Harris | Lisa Meatchem | Danielle Vinson |
| Trehern Clark | Trina Hatchett | Valerie Patrick | Erica Walton |
| Susannah Coaston | John Haysbert | Teneal Poole | Cheya Waktins |
| Angela Cooper | Audrey Humphrey | Kathi Ranford | Renee Whiteside |
| Gerald Curd | Larenda Jackson | Ricarla Reed | Angela Willis |
| Tikisha Davidson | Helen Jones | Catrina Reese | Charssie Willis |
| Erika Davis | Katrina Jones | Abrandice Ross | |

Dean's List - Fall 2000

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| Angela Barber | LaNiece Douglas | Stacey Levett | Abrandice Ross |
| Tina Barwick | Kari Edmonds | Johanna Lynch | Sara Sheffield |
| Albert Beard | Sommer Edwards | Dionne Mason | Carla Smith |
| Sharon Bell | Pamela Elliott | Leslie Mason | Tyra Smith |
| Cheryl Bond | Felicia Facen | Ayshah Matthews | Vonnya Thomas |
| Johari Bradshaw | Shelby Givens-Blackmon | Amanda Mayes | Tamara Todd |
| Tanya Breckenridge | Krystal Gordon | Genise McKenzie | Laura Turner |
| Kasi Britton | Cecelia Hall-Muhammad | Marquetta Miller | Rhonda Twitty |
| Davonna Brown | Natasha Hamilton | Katherine Oliver | Linda Ubeku |
| Yolanda Buffington | Destiny Howard | Valerie Patrick | Justin Wade |
| P. Roann Carter | Traci Howard | Pauline Phillips | Sylvia Waldon |
| Susannah Coaston | Greta Jackson | Trina Porter | Anitra Williams |
| Stuart Daniels | Katrina Jones | Jason Powell | Angela Willis |
| Miranda Dejarnette | Shikira Jones | Kathi Ranford | Charssie Willis |
| Sarah Doherty | Venus Joy | Victoria Raymond | |



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.



Left to right:
Ramani Hunter,
Tenisha Smith,
Eric Rhodes, Aliaha Terrell,
Erin Haskins, Paul James,
Ayshah Matthews,
Janelle Hines, Justin Hardy

Black Student Association Executive Board

2000-2001

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| President | Ramani Hunter |
| Legislative Vice President | Ayshah Matthews |
| Administrative Vice President | Janelle Hines |
| Executive Secretary | Erin Haskins |
| Legislative Secretary | Tenisha Smith |
| Treasurer | Aliaha Terrell |
| Member-at-Large (SGA) | Justin Hardy |
| Member-at-Large (SAC) | Eric Rhodes |
| Advisor | Paul James |



Antonio Johnson Banquet Committee

On behalf of the 2000-2001 Banquet Committee, I would like to express my utmost gratitude for your support of the Silver Anniversary Antonio Johnson Scholarship Banquet. My participation in the facilitation and organization of such a prestigious event has been a great honor. This year's event would have been impossible had it not been for the countless efforts and assistance extended by our co-sponsors, departments, organizations, faculty/staff, students, family and friends. I would especially like to thank this year's Banquet Committee, Lavenia Pierson (co-chair), Ms. Teresa Hamilton, and Mr. Paul James, who worked extensively towards the development of this year's event. I will hold this experience as one of the most memorable during my sophomore year at Xavier University. Congratulations to the 25th Anniversary Antonio Johnson Scholarship Banquet award nominees and recipients! Be blessed and encouraged!

-Amber Stewart



Standing left to right: Amber Stewart, Chairperson, Carmen Stewart, Natasha Hamilton, Kenya Jackson, Lindsay Quarles, Lauren Readus, Lavenia Pierson, Co-chairperson, Keyanna Charlton, William Penn, Joann Baxley, Christianne Sims, and Audley Burke.

