

*Xavier University's  
Black Student Association  
Presents*

*Today's Footsteps  
Tomorrow's Footprints*

*26<sup>th</sup> Annual*

*Antonio Johnson  
Scholarship Gala*

*April 12, 2002  
6:30 P.M.  
Cintas Banquet Center  
Cincinnati, Ohio*

Greetings on behalf of the Black Student Association. Welcome to the 26th Annual Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala! The Black Student Association would like to congratulate all award nominees and recipients. Your diligence and hard work has been a great asset to the achievement of our mission.

The Black Student Association's mission for the year was, "Bridging the Gap." As the President, I can say that through the efforts of all our members, we were able to "bridge the gap" in many different ways. I'd like to thank all the members for their excellent ideas and planning throughout the year.

Finally, I'd like to extend a huge "thank you" to the Antonio Johnson Committee. Without them, this night would not have been possible. You all deserve a pat on the back for your dedication to this project. I hope that everyone enjoys themselves and realizes the magnitude of these honors.

Congratulations again to all of the award recipients!

Ayshah Matthews  
Black Student Association, President

*As the 2002 co-chairs of the Antonio Johnson Scholarship Committee, we extend our gratefulness for your support. It has been a rewarding experience to be a part of such an esteemed event. We say danké to the Antonio Johnson Scholarship Committee for your loyalty, diligence and hard work, ngiyabonga to our co-sponsors, and gracias to others who yielded their time and effort to this event. Whether we say it in German, Zulu, or Spanish we are sending appreciation from our hearts. Congratulations to this year's Antonio Johnson award nominees and recipients. As you think about your steps today and look forward to tomorrow, remember "the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way." (Psalms 37:23)*

Ashley Bronson & Simone Harris



Front Row (l-r): Simone Harris, Lena Davie, Sheena Daniels  
Second Row (l-r): Kia Parker, Ashley Bronson, Yolanda Valley, Kim  
McGinnis-Hemphill  
Third Row: Ramáni Hunter  
Not Pictured: Danielle Goodwin

### *In Remembrance of Antonio Johnson*

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

2001	<i>Janelle Hines</i>
2000	<i>Ameerah S. Khalifa</i>
1999	<i>Aric Hassel</i>
1998	<i>Natasha L. Collins</i>
1997	<i>Damianne C. Scoot</i>
1996	<i>Kelie Roberts</i>
1995	<i>Aarionne L. Farmer</i>
1994	<i>Shauna A. Starks</i>
1993	<i>Cherie L. Beal</i>
1992	<i>Sharon Y. Richardson</i>
1991	<i>Kenrick S. Richardson</i>
1990	<i>Jhules A. Clark</i>
1989	<i>Lea C. Williams</i>
1988	<i>Linwood Riddick, III</i>
1987	<i>Jacqueline Nash</i>
1986	<i>Margaret A. Gooden</i>
1985	<i>Boaz Jackson</i> <i>James Thomas</i>
1984	<i>Julie J. Graves</i> <i>Benetta Roper</i>
1983	<i>Pamela D. Smith</i> <i>Teresa L. West</i>

### *BSA Mission*

The purpose of this organization is to promote the interest of Black students at Xavier University, advocate their rights and privileges, and to teach the Xavier community and the public as a whole the significance of African-American culture. The organization will also enhance and promote their academic and career endeavors. They will build, sustain, protect, and maintain their unity, self-respect, and self-esteem: as well as provide a spiritual outlet. The organization will "learn from our history to organize the future."



Front row (l-r): Kim McGinnis-Hemphill, Ayshah Matthews, Sherese Warren  
Second row (l-r): Tamara Brummer, Alix Jones, Tenisha Smith  
Third row (l-r): Paul James, Anthony Hudson  
Not pictured: Lauren Readus

### *The Black Student Association*

During the 1960s, Xavier University, along with many other American universities, experienced racial strife. African American students attending Xavier wanted the same 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.

The 2001-02 Board Members are:

President.....Ayshah Matthews  
Legislative Vice President.....Anthony Hudson  
Administrative Vice President.....Sherese Warren  
Treasurer.....Tamara Brummer  
Executive Secretary.....Allison Jones  
Legislative Secretary.....Tenisha Smith  
Senate Member at Large.....Lauren Readus  
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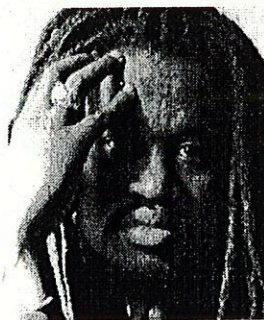
*Ms. Kimberlie L. Goldsberry*  
*Mistress of Ceremonies*

Ms. Kimberlie L. Goldsberry, Director of the Center for Career and Leadership Development received both a Bachelor of Science in Education – 1990 and a Master of Arts in College Student Personnel – 1992 from Bowling Green State University. During her career in higher education, Ms. Goldsberry has worked in residence life, student activities, Greek affairs, union management, orientation, and leadership and career development.

Ms. Goldsberry is actively involved in her community and profession. Her community endeavors range from volunteering for community events, doing presentations for non-profit groups, volunteering with her sorority to a leadership role with the BGSU Alumni Association. Professionally, she is a member of the American College Personnel Association, National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and the National Orientation Directors Association for which Ms. Goldsberry has served on the Board of Directors, Regional Conference, and 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference for the Association. While she serves as a presenter at conferences quite regularly, Ms. Goldsberry has become significantly involved as a Lead Facilitator for the LeaderShape Institute.

Over the years, Kimberlie has been honored for her contributions. She received the Outstanding New Professional Award in the Great Lakes from the National Association for Campus Activities, was named Advisor of the Year by Bowling Green State University and was recognized as an Outstanding Recent Graduate by Bowling Green State University in 2000.

*Rev. Osagyefo U. Sekou*  
*Keynote Speaker*



Rev. Osagyefo Uhuru Sekou is a faculty member of the Graduate Urban Theological Studies Program at the Seminary Consortium of Urban Pastoral Education in Chicago, IL. He teaches a course on Preaching in the Urban Context. In February 2001, Rev. Sekou released a critically acclaimed work entitled, *Urbansouls*.

In this text, Rev. Sekou delves the spiritual crisis that besets America. With an organic eye and spiritual lens, subjects such as AIDS, religion, youth, popular culture, racism, sexism, and homophobia are examined with a fresh and new insight. Robin D.G. Kelly, Professor of Africana Studies at New York University wrote, "*Urbansoul is the most eloquent mediation I have read on the urban condition.*"

Rev. Sekou and Corel West, Harvard University Professor of African and African-American Studies and the Philosophy of Religion, have embarked upon a national lecture tour, which will examine with the generation gap between the Hip-Hop Generation and the Civil Rights Generation. The tentative title of the work is *Over Troubled Waters: Bridging the Generation Gap*.

Currently, Rev. Sekou is the co-coordinator of Democracy Action Project hosted by the Institute of Policy Studies in Washington, D.C. The Democracy Action Project is an out growth of Democracy Summer, where over one hundred young people attended a training institute in response to the 2000 Elections.

*Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala*

*~ Programme ~*

**Ms. Kimberlie Goldsberry ~ Mistress of Ceremonies**

Prelude..... Gie Productions  
University of Cincinnati

Student's Welcome.....Ms. Ashley Bronson  
Ms. Simone Harris

President's Welcome..... Fr. Michael Graham, S.J.  
Xavier University President

The Occasion.....Ms. Lori Wright  
Coordinator of Community Outreach

Response.....Antonio Johnson Family Member

Invocation.....Ms. Cherie Rivers

*~ Dinner will be served ~*

Music by: Gie Productions

Introduction of Speaker.....Ms. Kimberlie Goldsberry

Keynote Address.....Rev. Osagyefo Sekou

***~AWARDS PRESENTATIONS~***

Closing Remarks.....Ms. Ayshah Matthews  
*Black Student Association President*

Mr. Paul James  
*Director of Multicultural Affairs*

***~AWARDS PRESENTATIONS~***

Outstanding First Year Student Award .....Ramáni Hunter

Outstanding Sophomore Award.....Cindy Lowman Stieby

Outstanding Senior Award.....Simone Harris

Outstanding Service Award.....Kimberly McGinnis-Hemphill

BSA Committee of the Year Award.....Sherese Warren

Faculty Support Award.....Lauren Readus

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Antonio Johnson Leadership Award.....Anthony Hudson

Antonio Johnson Scholar Awards.....Dr. Roger Fortin  
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Antonio Johnson Scholarship Award.....Rev. Thomas Kennealy  
Associate Dean  
*College of Arts & Sciences and Social Sciences  
Chair, University Scholarship Committee*

Ms. Janelle Hines  
*2001 Antonio Johnson Scholarship Recipient*

*2002 Antonio Johnson Scholarship Finalist*



***Ashley Bronson***

Ashley Bronson is from Cincinnati, Ohio and is majoring in Early Childhood Education. Ashley is a Weninger Scholar and is on the Dean's List. She takes an active role on campus, in the community, and at her church. Currently she is the co-chair of the Antonio Johnson Gala Committee. Ashley is working to launch a new organization, V.I.P (Victory in Prayer), with a goal to impact Xavier's campus for Jesus Christ. Ashley enjoys offering her time to high school students to discuss their goals, college plans, in order to equip them for life opportunities. She has tutored at Burton Elementary and now volunteers. Ashley is inspired to reach for the best and fulfill her potential with her favorite saying, "shoot for the moon, even if you miss you will land among the stars."

***Erin Haskins***



Erin Haskins is a Junior Psychology major. Since her arrival, she has been active in campus life. During the 2000-01 academic year, she has served on the executive board of BSA as Legislative Secretary. Erin has also been a Resident Assistant for the past two years and will be returning next year for a third year. Recently, Erin has been inducted into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and was also nominated for induction into Psi Chi, the national Psychology Honor Society. Erin's goal is to continue to educate others about the value of cultural awareness.

*2002 Antonio Johnson Scholarship Finalist*



***Justin Hardy***

Justin Hardy is from Pasadena, California. He is the son of Orlando and Sandra Hardy. Justin is a Political Science/Business major. He is presently working on service learning opportunities in Nicaragua, South America and will finish the semester in Over the Rhine. He enjoys watching and playing sports, listening to music, relaxing with friends, and studying new subjects. He is the President of the Pre-Law Society and has served as the SAC Member at Large for the Black Student Association. Justin also has been a mentor tutor for Burton Elementary and Woodward High Schools.



***Ayshah Matthews***

Ayshah Matthews is originally from Fort Wayne, Indiana and is a Business Management major. One of Ayshah's high school goals was to become involved by serving the campus and community at large, and Ayshah has done just that. Ayshah has held many positions on the BSA Executive Board, such as Senate Member at Large, Legislative Vice President, and is currently President. Ayshah is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Future goals include working in the management field and attending graduate school to earn her MBA.

*~Antonio Johnson Scholars~*

The following African American students are being honored because they have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and above.

Allison Anthony  
Courtnei L. Ball  
Tejai Beulah  
Christina Bolden  
Quinton Bowers  
Ashley Bronson  
Jenelle Brown  
Maria Buttrom  
Kimberly Cannon  
Susannah Coaston  
William Cordery  
Natasha Cuyler-Sherman  
Sheena Daniels  
Lena Davie  
Alexis Day  
Miranda De Jarnette  
Sarah Doherty  
Brandy Dunlap  
Kari Edmonds  
Sommer Edwards  
Lauren Readus  
Sheena Gaffney  
James J. Gibson  
Natasha Hamilton  
Correll Hammond  
Justin Hardy  
Simone Harris  
Erin Haskins  
Janelle Hines  
Jomaile Holland  
Kenya Jackson  
Jennifer Johnson

Natasha Johnson  
Allison Jones  
Jennifer Jones  
John Jones, III  
Shikira Jones  
Mercedes Joyce  
Xerxeser Kayode  
Edwin Kratzat  
Dustin Lane  
Danisha Marchea  
Ayshah Matthews  
Lawrence McCullough  
Jamie McKinney  
Tamara Miller  
Chavon Mitchell  
Ian Orr  
Ariyana Randolph  
Cherie Rivers  
Taryn Roberts  
Kimberly Robinson  
Alexis Sanders  
Azam Shah  
Michaela Siewert  
William Smith, III  
Blair Suttles  
Ayana Thomas  
Jenai Tidwell  
Monica Unseld  
Justin Wade

*~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 3.0 and above. They have also completed at least 12 credit hours at Xavier as of Fall 2001.

Pamela Anderson	Sonia Ficklin	Lisa Murph
Meredith Bailey	Keri Finnell	Lawren Nunn
Angela Barber	Shelby Givens-Blackmond	Valerie Patrick
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Cozetta Brown	Courtney Haynes	Courtney Sanders
Stephanie Brown	Arits Hickman	Carla Smith
Angelia Burney	Alice Hill	Donyale Terrell
Samuel Burson	Shirita Hines	Kimberly Thomas
Jacqueline Carr	Larenda Jackson	Rhonda Twitty
Melinda Chappell	Virginia James	Sylvia Waldon
Doreen Collins	Darlene Johnson	Donna Waller
Angela Cooper	Joann Johnson	Sharon Webb
Tammy Corn	Kimberly Johnson	Lisa Willis
Constance Daniels	Katrina Jones	Andrea Winfree
Jera Dixon	Tanisha Jones	
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J. Deanna Easley	Stacy Levett	
Pamela Elliott	Tamara Lovell	
Sharonda Evans	Johanna Lynch	
Shannon Faulk	Emma Mitchell	
Holly Ferguson	Holly Mundon	



*Congratulations to the following students who were on the Dean's List during the 2001 Academic Year.*

*Dean's List ~ Spring 2001*

Angela Barber	Kari Edmonds	Cherie Rivers
Tina Barwick	Sommer Edwards	Kimberly Robinson
Janesa Beal-Twitty	Pamela Elliott	Carla Smith
Christina Bolden	Felecia Face	Ciara Staunton
Cheryl Bond	Jeffery Frederick	Rhonda Twitty
Ashley Bronson	Ellen Green	Audry Townsell
Belinda Byrd	Cecelia Hall-Muhammad	Monica Unsel
Cedric Carlton	Tiffany Halsell	Justin Wade
R. Roann Carter	George Harris	Sherese Warren
Melinda Chappell	Darlene Johnson	Renee Whiteside
Canda Chisholm	Allison Jones	Lisa Willis
Susannah Coaston	Jennifer Jones	
Natosha Cuyler-Sherman	Shikira Jones	
Lisha Davis	Dustin Lane	
Erica Dean	Leanne Mack	
Miranda De Jarnette	Lisa Murph	
Sarah Doherty	Bryan Richardson	

*Dean's List ~ Fall 2001*

Allison Anthony	Sharonda Evans	Lawrence McCullough
Janet Albright-Willis	Sonia Ficklin	Jamie McKinney
Courtnei Ball	Lauren Gaffney	Chavon Mitchell
Tina Barwick	James J. Gibson	Stacy Levett
Shavon Bell	Tiffany Halsell	Johanna Lynch
Carla Bolar	Lashonda Harris	Helen Pritchett
Christina Bolden	Simone Harris	Stanley Rhine
Ashley Bronson	Jill Holis	Cherie Rivers
Maria Buttrom	Kenya Jackson	Kimberly Robinson
Kimberly Cannon	Virginia James	Alexis Sanders
Susannah Coaston	Darlene Johnson	Courtney Sanders
William Cordery	Natasha Johnson	Donyale Terrell
Sarah Doherty	Robert Johnson	Rhonda Twitty
J. Deanna Easley	Tanisha Jones	Justin Wade
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