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*Xavier University's Black Student Association*

*presents*

*The 32nd Annual Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala*

*“The Essence of Excellence”*

*April 18, 2008*

*6:30 p.m.*

*James and Caroline Duff Banquet Center*

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Welcome to our 32nd Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala.

Tonight we gather together to honor the legacy left by Antonio Johnson by celebrating the students who have made significant contributions to Xavier University. It is a time to rejoice and celebrate.

The student whom we recognize tonight with the Antonio Johnson Scholarship is honored for outstanding academic excellence, leadership, service contributions and involvement in the Black Student Association. Though we single out one person, that person represents all of our students who have made significant contributions to Xavier University, the community and the world.

We in Student Life and Leadership have the honor and privilege of working closely with many of the students being honored tonight. We take pleasure in your willingness to give of yourself. We are humbled by your ability to juggle the many competing demands of being an engaged student and leader. But most important, we are grateful for the ways you enrich us by your contribution of time and talents. Each of you is the essence of excellence.

Sincerely,

Kathleen E. Simons  
Associate Provost for Student Life and Leadership

## IN REMEMBRANCE

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

Johnson 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. Johnson 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.

Johnson 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 because he died on Feb. 8, 1976, at age 22. Johnson is 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 an African-American junior for his or her academic excellence, leadership, contribution to the Black Student Association and community service.

## ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

### PAST RECIPIENTS

2007	Keyona Gullett	1997	Damianne C. Scott	1987	Jacqueline Nash
2006	Corey Hawthorne	1996	Kelie Roberts	1986	Margaret A. Gooden
2005	Shurrell Suttles	1995	Aarionne L. Farmer	1985	Boaz Jackson
2004	Simone Harris	1994	Shauna A. Starks		James Thomas
2003	Natasha Hamilton	1993	Cherie L. Beal	1984	Julie I. Graves
2002	Justin H. Hardy	1992	Sharon Y. Richardson		Benetta Roper
2001	Janelle E. Hines	1991	Kenrick S. Richardson		
2000	Ameerah S. Khalifa	1990	Jhules A. Clark	1983	Pamela D. Smith
1999	Aric Hassel	1989	Lea C. Williams		Teresa L. West
1998	Natasha L. Collins	1988	Linwood Riddick III		

## WELCOME

### WILLIE BYRD JR. BSA PRESIDENT



On behalf of the Black Student Association (BSA), I would like to welcome you to the 32nd annual Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala, the showcase of Xavier University's scholars and student leaders.

BSA has taken great strides in elevating the leadership capacities of our students, reminding them of our slogan "If Not Us, Who? If Not Now, When?" We wanted our members to realize that positive change would only be possible with constant dedication and effort, much like that of Antonio Johnson as he restructured this organization more than 30 years ago. Tonight, we honor those who have committed their time and energy to making positive changes at this university.

I am truly grateful that my peers deemed me suitable to lead this esteemed organization. I have cherished my time as a member and a leader of BSA, and I thank those who walked with me to take this club to new levels. I look forward to seeing the new leadership of this association and the accomplishments they will endure.

I would like to congratulate the committee chairs, Aaron Marble and Jalissa Coffee, the members of their committee, and all others who helped make this event possible. We appreciate your support, and I assure you that by the end of the event, you will realize why our student leaders are "the essence of excellence."

Willie B. Byrd Jr.

President

2007-2008 Black Student Association

## MASTERS OF CEREMONIES

### DEREK LEBLANC



Sophomore finance major Derek LeBlanc was born in Los Angeles and has relocated seven times since. He is a member of Xavier's track and field team, Gentleman Organized for Achievement and Leadership (G.O.A.L.), Black Student Association and the Xavier University Gospel Choir. In his spare time, Derek works in a local elementary school tutoring youth in mathematics and reading. After graduation, he plans to pursue MBA and, ultimately, begin a financial advising firm that targets underserved and lower income communities in major metropolitan areas across the United States.

### JESSI KOVATCH



Jessi Kovatch is a junior nursing major from Indianapolis. She has been a member of the Xavier University Gospel Choir for the past three years, and she began singing with the University Singers this year. During the past two years, she has worked with the Women's Center and participated in groups such as Students for Life and STAR. Jessi works at Mt. Airy ER and she can't wait to be a nurse so she can save the world.

## ENTERTAINMENT

### THE GREGG BACON QUARTET



Indianapolis native Gregg Bacon has been "makin' bacon" with his sizzling saxophones for 35 years. "A recycled R&B guy" who has sung background and played the blues, Bacon is one of the most versatile entertainers in the nation, playing 12 horns and the flute. His latest album, "Our New America," captures the essence of this extraordinary performer. Bacon taught himself to play two saxophones at the same time, and eventually added a third instrument, turning himself into one of the hottest showmen on the jazz scene.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

### DR. O'DELL M. OWENS



Dr. Owens, a native Cincinnatian, graduated from Woodward High School and went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree from Antioch College, spending his third year of college at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, as a foreign exchange student. He earned his M.D. and a master's degree in public health from Yale University.

He continued his studies at Yale as an intern, resident and chief resident in obstetrics and gynecology before accepting a combined position at Harvard Medical School as a clinical instructor in the department of OB/GYN and a fellowship in reproductive endocrinology and infertility.

Dr. Owens returned to Cincinnati in 1982 to establish the first division of reproductive endocrinology in the department of OB/GYN at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center. During his four-year tenure, he established an in-vitro fertilization program and oversaw Cincinnati's first successful conception and delivery.

In addition to infertility issues, Dr. Owen also has an interest in laser surgery. In 1987, the Chinese Medical Society asked him to participate in an international symposium and lecture series on laser surgery in China. In July 1990, the American Laser Society asked him to join a group of physicians to tour the laser facilities in four major cities in the Soviet Union. In 1992, the American Jewish Committee selected Dr. Owens to visit Israel as part of a national group of Afro-Americans to evaluate the Israeli/Arab conflict firsthand.

*Black Enterprise Magazine* named Dr. Owens one of the top 15 black doctors in America in its October 1988 issue. He has been also honored with the Tree of Life Award from the Jewish National Fund, the Lincoln Award from Northern Kentucky University and an honorary PhD from the University of Cincinnati. Owens is also the youngest person inducted into the Ohio Independent College Hall of Excellence.

In 2004, Dr. Owens was elected Hamilton County Coroner. He also serves as the president and chair for Project GRAD (Graduation Really Achieves Dreams), a collaborative of the Cincinnati Public School system. He formerly served as president and CEO of RISE Learning Solutions and as the senior medical director of United Healthcare of Ohio.

Dr. Owens is on the board of directors for US Bank and the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Airport. He is the former chair of the Cincinnati Public Schools Superintendent Advisory Committee, the Cincinnati Public Schools, the Cincinnati Board of Health and the University of Cincinnati board of trustees.

Dr. Owens is actively involved in the Cincinnati community by working with disadvantaged youth to motivate them to reach their full potential. He says he would like his epitaph to read, "He made a difference."

## ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP GALA PROGRAM

DEREK LEBLANC AND JESSI KOVATCH , MASTERS OF CEREMONIES

Prelude.....	The Gregg Bacon Quartet
Student's Welcome.....	Aaron X. Marble Antonio Johnson Scholarship Committee Co-Chair
President's Welcome .....	Michael J. Graham, S.J. President, Xavier University
Remembering Antonio Johnson .....	Willie Byrd Jr. Black Student Association President
Invocation.....	Amber Pettaway Class of 2009

~ DINNER ~

Music by The Gregg Bacon Quartet

Introduction of Keynote Speaker .....	Derek LeBlanc and Jessi Kovatch
Keynote Address .....	Dr. O'Dell M. Owens Coroner, Hamilton County, Ohio

~ AWARD PRESENTATIONS ~

Outstanding First-Year Student Award .....	Keianna Matthews Director for Multicultural Recruitment, Office of Admissions
Outstanding Sophomore Award .....	Alex Allen-Tunsil Class of 2009
Outstanding Senior Award.....	Dave Johnson Director, Peace and Justice Program
Outstanding Service Award .....	Jennifer Wies Director, Women's Center
BSA Committee of the Year Award .....	Shaudae Jones Class of 2008
Faculty/ Staff Support Award .....	Emmanuel Ofori Class of 2008
Antonio Johnson Leadership Award .....	Jordan Olinger Class of 2008
Antonio Johnson Scholar Awards .....	Janice Walker Dean, College of Arts and Science
Benjamin J. Allen Alumni Award.....	Kathleen Simons Associate Provost of Student Life
Macy's Multicultural Runner-up Award .....	Brandie Atkins Graduate Assistant, Office of Multicultural Affairs
	Mike Kelly Macy's Vice President, Learning and Development
Antonio Johnson Scholarship Award .....	James Snodgrass III Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Closing Acknowledgments/Remarks .....	JaLissa Coffee Antonio Johnson Scholarship Committee Co-Chair
	Tekeia Howard Associate Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs
Benediction.....	Jerome Johnson Director, Xavier University Gospel Choir

## ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS 2008

### CHELSEY ALEXANDER



Chelsey attended Lutheran High School of Dallas before coming to Xavier in the fall of 2005. She is involved in a number of on-campus activities, serving as a student member on the athletic advisory board, operations owner of the Flix Corp., high school workshop coordinator for the Peer Leadership Team and a group leader for Manresa. She also assisted in the creation and facilitation of the event, "Leadership: The Courage to Challenge Injustice," sponsored by the Peer Leadership Team.

Chelsey has made the Dean's List for five semesters and was picked from more than 200 applicants to be a part of Target's executive internship program. She balances work and study with a variety of service activities, including work with abused women and lower income families. After this semester, she is beginning an internship with Procter & Gamble, and plans to pursue a Master of Business Administration with a management focus after graduation.

### WHITNEY S. FRAZIER



Whitney hails from Grand Blanc, Mich., and attended Luke M. Powers Catholic High School. She came to Xavier in the fall of 2005 as a student in the philosophy, politics, and the public honors program. Whitney is an active member of the Xavier community through her participation in the Black Student Association, S.T.A.R.S. research group, and other co-curricular activities. She is also involved in the Cincinnati community through her work with the Hamilton County Democratic party and as a volunteer at the local soup kitchen.

After graduation, Whitney plans to enter a joint degree program in pursuit of her Jurist Doctorate and a master's in public health. With her graduate degree she plans to enter the public sector and create public policy to reform the current health system in the United States.

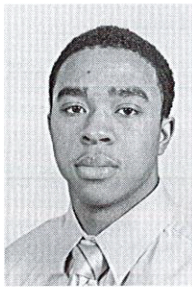
### STEPHANIE IBEMERE



Stephanie is a junior from Tulsa, Okla., studying natural science (pre-med) and Spanish. She is a member of the Ernest E. Just Society, volunteers at the Learning Assistance Center as a Spanish tutor and participates in the student effort, BUILD, which is dedicated to helping Over-the-Rhine community. In addition, Stephanie has influenced the incoming freshman for the last two years by being part of Manresa.

Her future pursuits include a career in medicine. She hopes that her own experience as a Lupus patient will give her the wisdom and strength to relate with her own patients in a way most other doctors cannot.

## JABRIEL BILAL KELLEY



Jabriel was born in Gadsden, Ala. to Rev. Randy Bilal Kelley and Gelaine Kelley. He attended Litchfield High School before coming to Xavier in the fall of 2005.

Throughout his short tenure at Xavier, he has served as the co-chair of the Black Student Association's Leadership Committee, vice president of Gentlemen Organized for Achievement and Leadership, and a resident assistant in Husman Hall. Jabriel is also a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

After graduation, Jabriel hopes to earn a Master of Business Administration, as well as a law degree in order to pursue a political career. His mission is to generate legislation to increase funding in inner cities, which would create more mentoring programs.

## MONICA MILLER



Monica Miller grew up in Columbus, Ohio, and enrolled at Xavier in the fall of 2005. She is an English major with business and theology minors. She has served as a member of the Peer Leadership Team, worked as a group leader for Manresa, and cheered for the Musketeers as a Xavier cheerleader. She also plays on the club Ultimate Frisbee team, recruits new students to Xavier by providing campus tours, and works as a server at Ryan's Sports Café. Last summer, Monica had the opportunity to travel to Rome with a group of Xavier students and professors to study Italian literature and philosophy.

After graduation, Monica plans to enter the workforce as a financial analyst for one of the large Wall Street firms or regional boutique firm. She later plans to pursue an MBA in finance. She hopes to use the skills she acquires in business school along with the principles she learned from her theology minor and Jesuit education to bring ethics to the workplace.

## TIYANNA CHINWE OBILOR



Tiyanna was born in San Jose, Calif., and is a nursing major and a minor in Spanish. She is a Weninger Scholar, a Fr. J. Peter Buschmann Award Recipient, and a two-time Antonio Johnson Scholar. She is an active member of the African Student Association, the Ernest E. Just Society, Ladies with Emphasis on Achievement and Distinction (L.E.A.D.), and the Xavier Gospel Choir, and has participated in various other co-curricular activities associated with the Black Student Association. She has served as the public relations chair for the Xavier Gospel Choir and was instrumental in helping to establish the first-ever African Student Association Gala Night, serving as a co-chair for the planning committee. Tiyanna took specific interest in becoming a student ambassador for Xavier's Office of Admissions because

she felt an obligation to assist incoming students with a life-changing decision that will help shape their futures.

After graduation, Tiyanna plans to attend graduate school to pursue a doctorate in nursing practice and work for an inner-city hospital.

## LYDIA POWELL



Lydia was born in Cleveland and left home to pursue a degree in occupational therapy at Xavier University in the fall of 2005. She is a very active member in the Black Student Association, Ladies with Emphasis on Achievement and Distinction, the Gospel Choir, the Peer Leadership Team, the Manresa Orientation Program and intramural sports. In addition, Lydia has devoted much of her time volunteering as a part of X-Action and Students Taking Active Roles. She is also a student assistant in the Office of Student Life and Leadership and does research at the Drake Center, a local Cincinnati hospital.

Upon graduation, Lydia plans to work as an occupational therapist with children with disabilities and other special needs. She later plans to enter into a PhD program in health science and education or occupational therapy. With this, she hopes to further research the behavioral and cognitive issues related to health problems in youth, particularly African Americans in impoverished areas.

## JIMMY STRINGER



Jimmy is a physics major from Baltimore who has been an avid member of many clubs and organizations while maintaining academic excellence. Last year he participated in a research program at Rice University, in Houston. For the past two years, Jimmy has also been a resident advisor. He is a member of Black Student Association and the Ernest E. Just Society, and is the vice president of Gentlemen Organized for Achievement and Leadership.

After graduation Jimmy plans to pursue a master's degree in medical physics. He later plans to attend medical school to study oncology and radiology.

## TRISHA SHANAE TAYLOR



Trisha grew up in Flint, Mich., and entered Xavier in the fall of 2005 to pursue a Bachelor of Science in psychology. She has been involved in organizations such as the Black Student Association, L.E.A.D. and Psi Chi. In addition, she spends time serving the community through various volunteer events. Trisha continues to strive toward her goal to become a healthcare professional through her work as a volunteer research assistant at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. Trisha's academic efforts have earned her Dean's List honors since the spring semester of her freshman year.

After graduation, Trisha plans to pursue a PhD in developmental psychology. As a developmental psychologist, it's her desire to eliminate the mental health disparities among the vulnerable and disadvantaged, particularly in the minority communities.

## LEANDRIA JOYDYN THOMAS



Leandria is a third year pre-med/biology major with a minor in chemistry. Her extracurricular activities include a job as a lab tutor and assistant in the Department of Biology, participation in the Black Student Association, Gospel Choir, Students Committed to Christ, and the Ernest E. Just Society. Last year she was part of the National Organization of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers and the Gospel Choir executive board. She is fluent in Spanish and proficient as a cellist.

After graduation she hopes to become a Doctor of Internal Medicine fighting against healthcare disparities among the underserved black and Latino populations, both young and old.

## ASHLEY MICHELLE WILLIAMS

Ashley was born in Cleveland and entered Xavier in the fall of 2005. While at Xavier she has maintained her academic status and involvement in various activities on and off campus. She is a contributing member of the Black Student Association and the Pre-Law Society. She has also served as secretary of Students Committed to Christ and is a faithful member of the Xavier University Gospel Choir.

Ashley plans to teach, attend law school, and hold public office in her lifetime. She is determined to use the knowledge that she acquires to empower herself and her people, with a firm belief in the principles of social justice.

## ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARS

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

Brittany Adkins	Lauren Corley	Azure'D Metoyer	Michael Reese
Caroline Akinyi	Desmond Dale	Phillip Migitz	Reginald Reid
Sayo Akinyosoye	Douglas Dalton	Monica Miller	Avante Roberts
Chelsey Alexander	Shonda Daniels	Morgan Miller	Taylor Roberts
Angela Banks	Amber Dantzler	Elisha Milner	Olamide Shokunbi
Carolyne Banks	Mina Devine	Demetrius Moorer	Micah Simon
Alesia Barringer	Christina Ellis	Jedidah Morrell	Julian Sitemba
Kristen Berry	Hilary Evans	Keenithy Morris	Jaleesa Smith
Brittany Black	Whitney Frazier	Sarah Morris	Jimmy Stringer
Jisenia Black	Lauren Fultz	Ikechukwu Mpamaugo	Jocelyn Taylor
Angela Bobbitt	Mae-gan Gault	Benjamin Nathan	Kenneth Taylor
Jara Bonner	Keyona Gullett	Aghanwi Ndefru	Trisha Taylor
Allen Boyd	Kristen Gunn	Osita Nwankwo	Calvin Thomas
Alicia Boykin	Britt Hall	Tiyanna Obilor	Brittany Thomas
Michele Brockington	Destiny Harris	Emmanuel Ofori	Leandria Thomas
Brandon Brown	Elise Harris	Jordan Olinger	Amanda Tooley
Lundon Brown	Kenneth Harris	Adeleke Oni	Cecilia Towns
Victoria Bruce	Stephanie Ibemere	Ashley Parrott	Rochelle Tyler
Thailer Buari	Kimberley Jackson	Adrienne Perry	Desiree Vick
Marshall Bynum	Nicole Jones	Elissa Peters	Retha Walker
Seneiya Carew	Shaudae Jones	Shannon Pierce	William Washington
Katriece Carter	Andrea Jordan	Alexis Ponder	Jasmine Washington
Kandyce Carter	Jabriel Kelley	Lydia Powell	Jasmin Watson-El
Keisha Collier	Abdoulie Krubally	James Questel	Bryan Webb
Nina Collins	Aaron Marble	Brenda Ratemo	Ashley Williams



## ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARS

Congratulations to the following students of African descent who were on the Dean's List during the 2007 academic year.

SPRING 2007	Lydia Powell	FALL 2007	Lauren Fultz
Chelsey Alexander	Brenda Ratemo	Caroline Akinyi	Mea-gan Gault
Angela Banks	Avante Roberts	Chelsey Alexander	Britt Hall
Angela Bobbitt	Taylor Roberts	Angela Banks	Destiny Harris
Simone Boehmer	Jennifer Schehr	Brittany Black	Kimberly Jackson
Barbara Butler	Monique Simpson	Jisenia Black	Demetrius Mooror
Kandyce Carter	Trisha Taylor	Angela Bobbitt	Jedidah Morrell
Nina Collins	Desiree Vick	Jara Bonner	Sarah Morris
Hilary Evans	Jasmin Watson-El	Allen Boyd	Aghanwi Ndefru
Whitney Frazier	Kami Wilkerson	Alicia Boykin	Emmanuel Ofori
Sarah Gaskell		Michelle Brockington	Candace Oglesby
Chazelle Haile		Denise Brooks	Brenda Ratemo
Destiny Harris		Thailer Buari	Taylor Roberts
Elise Harris		Kandyce Carter	Jocelyn Taylor
Corey Hawthorne		Katriece Carter	Trisha Taylor
Sarah Morris		Nina Collins	Amanda Tooley
Emmanuel Ofori		Desmond Dale	Cecilia Towns
Adeleke Oni		Mina Devine	Rochelle Tyler
Aisha Patton		Whitney Frazier	

## ANTONIO JOHNSON NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOLARS

The following non-traditional students of African descent are being honored because they have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above.

Tracee Baker	Jaren Finney	Michelle Jones	Charles Price
Reagan Blanks	Sanserrae Fraizer	Robert Killins	Chauncey Prude
Charmella Booker	Suntana Granderson	Juawana Kinnard	Leon Robinson
Kim Brewer	Miranda Green	Victoria Love	Erica Smith
Denise Brooks	Shiela Haynes	James Mckinney	Sharon Smith
Tonya Byrd	Andrew Hopkins	Carl McMullen Jr.	James Thomas
Anthony Carter	Derrick Highsmith	Emeler Mitchener	Tara Thompson
Leah Childs	Alethea Hoard	Yvonne Niles	Cheryl Walton
Dwaneeka Crossty	Sunny Hyde	Lisa Oneal	Tina Willis
Shavon Dace	Daniel Johnson	Valerie Patrick	Hellene Wilson
London Epps	Rica Johnson	Miatta Pierre	Ella Wooten
Donna Fambro	Kyla Jones	Jeanne Pope	

## ANTONIO JOHNSON NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOLARS

Congratulations to the following non-traditional students of African descent who were on the dean's list during the 2007 academic year.

SPRING 2007	Juawana Kinnard	FALL 2007	Sunny Hyde
Charmella Booker	Victoria love	Tracee Baker	Valerie Patrick
Kim Brewer	Lisa Oneal	Denise Brooks	Miatta Pierre
London Epps	Valerie Patrick	Anthony Carter	Tara Thompson
Suntana Granderson	Leon Robinson	London Epps	Helene Wilson
Miranda Green	Erica Smith	Donna Fambro	Ella Wooten
Daniel Johnson	Sharon Smith	Jaren Finney	
Rica Johnson	Cheryl Walton	Derrick Highsmith	
Robert Killins	Hellene Wilson	Alethea Hoard	
	Ella Wooten		

*\*All names are provided by Xavier University's Office of the Registrar for official use only.*

# OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINEES

## OUTSTANDING FRESHMAN AWARD

Shirlisa Blackman  
Allen Boyd  
Keisha Mason  
Alexis Ponder

## OUTSTANDING SOPHOMORE AWARD

Aaron X. Marble  
Joshua Meadows  
Morgan Miller  
Adrienne Perry

## OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD

Corey Burton  
Willie Byrd  
Christina Ellis  
Dominique A. Foster  
Shaudae Jones  
Emmanuel Ofori  
Janell Sterrett

## ANTONIO JOHNSON LEADERSHIP

### AWARD

Allen Boyd  
Corey Burton  
Willie Byrd  
JaLissa D. Coffee  
Dominique A. Foster  
O'Dasha Johnson  
Morgan Miller  
Jordan Olinger  
Amber Pettaway  
Alex Allen-Tunsil

## OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Corey Burton  
Joshua Meadows  
Morgan Miller  
Candace Oglesby  
Jessica Pacionek  
Adrienne Perry  
Amber Pettaway

## FACULTY/ STAFF SUPPORT AWARD

Debora Kuchey  
Mack Mariani  
Patrick Welage  
Dominica Brantley  
Amy Goetz  
Jerome Johnson  
Kara Jones

# HISTORY OF THE BLACK STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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

In conjunction with this 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 it serves as an integral lifeline that supports academic excellence, involved leadership and service to the community.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD 2007-2008

President ..... Willie Byrd Jr.  
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Member-at-Large (Senate)..... Joshua Meadows  
Member-at-Large (SAC) ..... Jasmin Watson-El  
Advisors..... Paul James and Tekeia Howard



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Beverly Bobbitt	Thomas Kennealy, S.J.	Leandria Thomas
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Willie Byrd, Jr.	Jessi Kovatch	Jasmin Watson-El
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