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*Congratulations to the
Black Student Association
and the 36th Annual
Antonio Johnson Scholarship Committee*



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XAVIER UNIVERSITY'S
BLACK STUDENT ASSOCIATION

PRESENTS

THE 36TH ANNUAL ANTONIO JOHNSON
SCHOLARSHIP GALA

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6:30 P.M.

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Antonio Johnson was born 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. 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 a junior of African descent for his or her academic excellence, leadership, contribution to the Black Student Association and community service. Johnson's sister, Wanda Jones, said, "School was his life; it is a great honor to have a scholarship in his name."

ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PAST RECIPIENTS

2011	Jared F. Greene	2000	Ameerah S. Khalifa	1989	Lea C. Williams
2010	Thailer Buari	1999	Aric Hassel	1988	Linwood Riddick III
2009	Aaron Marble	1998	Natasha L. Collins	1987	Jacqueline Nash
2008	Lydia Powell	1997	Damianne C. Scott	1986	Margaret A. Gooden
2007	Keyona Gullett	1996	Kelie Roberts	1985	Boaz Jackson
2006	Corey Hawthorne	1995	Aarionne L. Farmer		James Thomas
2005	Shurrell Suttles	1994	Shauna A. Starks	1984	Julie I. Graves
2004	Simone Harris	1993	Cherie L. Beal		Benetta Roper
2003	Natasha Hamilton	1992	Sharon Y. Richardson	1983	Pamela D. Smith
2002	Justin H. Hardy	1991	Kenrick S. Richardson		Teresa L. West
2001	Janelle E. Hines	1990	Jhules A. Clark		

WELCOME

Arzell West-Estell, BSA President

On behalf of the Black Student Association (BSA), I would like to welcome you to the 36th Annual Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala.

This year, the BSA executive board adopted "Building Community" as the guiding theme for the organization. Our members sought to go beyond expectations in every facet of leadership by emulating the spirit of Antonio Johnson, who was unafraid to go beyond ordinary means to make a difference in his communities. Tonight, we commend the efforts of those who have dedicated themselves to the principles that Antonio Johnson sincerely embodied.

I am honored to have led one of the largest and most prestigious student organizations at Xavier. My experiences with the executive board, committee co-chairs and general body members have proved invaluable, and I am grateful to all who have helped the BSA reach its goals.

Congratulations to the A.J. Committee chairs, Lauren White and Abigail Gerard, the A.J. committee members, honored guests, and all who helped make this event possible. Thank you for choosing to spend your evening with us, as we celebrate the exceptional scholarship and service of Xavier.

Arzell West-Estell

President

2011-2012 Black Student Association

MASTERS OF CEREMONIES

Lydia Powell

Lydia Powell was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. She is the sixth of seven children reared by Mr. Lawrence and Alyene Powell. She was also highly active in school extra-curricular activities and in her church, participating in many community service events in the inner-city of Cleveland and also at local schools, the Girl Scouts, and homeless shelters. In addition, she ministered with a vocal group called Created for Praise all over Greater Cleveland and other parts of the country until her second year of college.

Lydia left home to pursue a degree in occupational therapy at Xavier University in fall 2005. While at Xavier, Lydia was an active member in the Rho Xi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, 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 devoted much of her time volunteering as a part of X-Action and Students Taking Active Roles. In December of year 2010, Lydia earned her Masters of Occupational Therapy degree and became a licensed and registered occupational therapist in the state of Ohio by February 2011.

Lydia is currently an occupational therapist at Bethesda North Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she initiates rehabilitation for adults whom have sustained chronic and/or acute injuries. In addition, she serves diligently at Inspirational Baptist Church (IBC), where she is a discipleship development instructor and serves on the leadership team of C.L.A.Y. (Christ-like as Young Adults) Project. She is involved in other areas at IBC as well, including the children and youth and community outreach. In the future, she plans to pursue a doctorate in health science and education or occupational therapy. With this, she hopes to further research the physical and psychosocial issues related to health problems in America, particularly of African Americans in impoverished areas.

Aaron Marble

Aaron Xavier Marble was born on August 9th, 1988 in Flint, Michigan. He is the son of Ezekiel and Marsha Marble Jr. After graduating from Luke M. Powers Catholic School in 2006, he continued his education at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. During his undergraduate experience, he was afforded the opportunity to develop his leadership abilities through numerous outlets including the Xavier University Gospel Choir, Student Government Association, Black Student Association, and the Sigma Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. His leadership was acknowledged with a host of awards including the prestigious Sally B. Watson Leadership Award and the Antonio Johnson Scholarship Award. Aaron graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration majoring in Human Resources in May of 2010 and a Master's of Business Administration in May of 2011 both from Xavier University.

Currently, Aaron works for Macy's Inc. as a Human Resources Executive Trainee in the Executive Development Program, a rotational program aimed at developing high potential college graduates. He proudly serves as the Youth and Young Adult Pastor of the Inspirational Baptist Church-City of Destiny located in Cincinnati, OH and is pursuing a Master's of Divinity degree from Cincinnati Christian University. Aaron is guided by the principle recorded in the gospel of Luke 12:48 "for unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required".



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

Natasha Holiday

Inspired by the values instilled by her mother, who at the age of 13 was arrested while marching with Dr. Martin Luther King during the Civil Rights Movement in Birmingham, AL, Natasha Holiday has long been dedicated to community engagement and economic empowerment.

Natasha Holiday currently works as a Senior Managing Consultant at Public Financial Management (PFM), the nation's largest independent financial advisory firm, focused on infrastructure finance and public private partnerships. Natasha is responsible for financial analysis, project management and client development in the firm's Manhattan office. Previously, Natasha worked as a Vice President with Scott Balice Strategies. At both firms, Ms. Holiday consults city and state governments in the development of capital plans, debt management, financial modeling and the planning and execution of public private partnerships.

Natasha also worked as an investment banker in Goldman Sachs' municipal finance group where she provided analytic and technical support to municipal bond issuers in transportation, stadium and project finance, and has served as a consultant on commercial and affordable housing developments in New Orleans, Providence, San Diego, and Cleveland.

Ms. Holiday's public policy experience includes work for the late Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones, where she researched health disparities in urban communities; immigration policy and language access initiatives for the City of New York; and most recently, a 106-vote loss in her first run for elective office in 2010 for the NY State Democratic Committeewoman position.

Ms. Holiday is a mentor with iMentor, a non-profit organization that utilizes technology to facilitate mentoring relationships with underserved NYC high school students, and is a 2009 Council of Urban Professionals (CUP) Fellow. She currently serves on the Leadership Board for the Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health and the Board of Managers for the Bedford Stuyvesant YMCA. Ms. Holiday is a member of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBCF) Alumni Network, the National Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA) Fellows Program, New York City Urban Fellows Alumni Network, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

A graduate of Xavier University (OH), Natasha received a BA in History and BS in Political Science. While at Xavier, she served as Student Body President and was a recipient of the Board of Trustees Excellence in Leadership Award and the Antonio Johnson Scholarship Award. She currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees at Xavier University.

In 2007, Ms. Holiday received a Master's Degree in Public Policy from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. Natasha resides in Brooklyn, NY with her husband, Aaron. They are members of the Church of Christ.

ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP GALA PROGRAM

LYDIA POWELL AND AARON MARBLE
MASTERS OF CEREMONIES

Prelude.....	The Greg Bacon Quartet
Student's Welcome	Lauren White Antonio Johnson Scholarship Committee Co-Chair
Provost's Welcome	Scott Chadwick Academic Vice President and Provost
Remembering Antonio Johnson.....	Arzell West-Estell Black Student Association, President
Invocation	Tiara Anderson Class of 2013
DINNER.....	Music by The Gregg Bacon Quartet
Introduction of Keynote Speaker.....	Lydia Powell and Aaron Marble
Keynote Address.....	Natasha Holiday
AWARD PRESENTATIONS	
Outstanding Sophomore Award	Desmond Dodd Class of 2013
Outstanding Senior Award	Tim Barr Class of 2014
Outstanding Service Award	Diamond Williams Class of 2014
BSA Committee of the Year Award.....	Kristen Rogers Class of 2013
Administrative/Faculty Support Award.....	Ashley Lockhart Class of 2012
Antonio Johnson Leadership Award	Diona Morgan Class of 2012
Antonio Johnson Scholar Awards	Tekeia N. K. Howard Associate Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs
Benjamin J. Allen Alumni Award.....	Vernon Thomas Class of 2012
Macy's Multicultural Runner-up Award.....	Mike Kelly Vice President, Learning and Development, Macy's Inc.
	Akosua Addo 2011 Macy's Multicultural Runner-up Award Recipient
Antonio Johnson Scholarship Award	Janice Walker Dean of Arts and Sciences
	Jared F. Greene 2011 Antonio Johnson Award Recipient
Closing Acknowledgments/Remarks.....	Abigail G. Gerard Antonio Johnson Scholarship Committee Co-Chair
	Robert Clay Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs
Benediction	Andrea Bardelmeier Dorothy Day Center for Faith & Justice



ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS

Tiara Nicole Anderson



Tiara Nicole Anderson is a first generation college student currently pursuing a degree in mathematics, with the hopes of becoming an effective high school math instructor. Tiara's strong belief in the value of education is displayed through her career choice, as well as her scholastic achievements throughout her academic career. These accomplishments include; induction into the D'Artagnan Chapter of Mortar Board in 2011, earning Dean's List recognition for three of five semesters from the Xavier University College of Arts and Sciences, and receiving the Black Excellence Award in 2009 from the Milwaukee Urban League.

As the oldest of three siblings, Tiara has embraced the importance of leadership at an early age as well as the responsibility to positively influence others. Tiara's leadership skills have been refined while serving as the forerunner for multiple organizations at Xavier University including the Xavier University Gospel Choir and Students Committed to Christ. Tiara leads with compassion, sincerity and humility, firmly believing in the following philosophy—"to lead is to serve".

Tiara has worked to educate, empower and encourage young people to be informed individuals, understanding that knowledge is power. In transition to Xavier, Tiara found a home at Rockdale Baptist Church of Cincinnati where she volunteers as a member of the praise team, mass choir and young adult choir.

Tiara ultimately aspires to establish a community center in inner city Milwaukee with a concentration in youth development, alcohol and drug counseling, and the empowerment of African American families.

Mariah deWeaver



Mariah deWeaver is a junior from Dayton, OH majoring in Nursing at Xavier University. She currently has a 3.2 cumulative GPA that she continues to work very hard at in order to graduate with honors next year. She has many goals for her future, one of which is to receive her Doctorate in Nursing and become a Nurse Practitioner. She has been a very active member in the Xavier community since her freshmen year. She has held positions in Student Government on the Student Activities Council and also served on the Black Student Association's Executive Board. She is currently the President of the Rho Xi chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Community service serves as one of her passions and she has exhibited such while volunteering at

Children's Medical Center and traveling to Guatemala on a Medical Mission Trip in 2010. While in Guatemala, her passion for caring for others has motivated her to make future medical mission trips. Mariah is very excited for the goals in her future and strives her best to live by the following motto: "Live each day to the fullest, for you do not know what tomorrow holds."



Rebecca Ashley Dobbs



Ashley is an Education major with math and language arts concentrations. She has played a large role at Xavier as a member of Ladies with Emphasis on Achievement and Distinction, Gospel choir where she serves as the vice president and the Black Student Association. Her motivation is her future students in whom she wishes to instill a strong work ethic and an appreciation for a good education. For two years Ashley has served as a mentor for the Smooth Transitions summer bridge program and has been a tutor for many of her peers. Ashley also tutors at local elementary school in reading and writing programs. She looks forward to one day having her own classroom and touching the lives of hundreds as her teachers have done for her.

Kristen Rogers



Kristen Rogers has been involved in the black community here at Xavier since she first stepped foot on campus. She started off as a Smooth Transitions mentee, and then became an active member in the Black Student Association (BSA) and Ladies with Emphasis on Achievement and Distinction (L.E.A.D.). Her sophomore year, she was Senate Member-at-Large for BSA, a Smooth Transitions mentor, all the while continuing to be an active member of L.E.A.D. Currently, Kristen is the Administrative Vice President of BSA., an active member of the Xavier Alliance and L.E.A.D., and a Resident Assistant in Brockman Hall. She enjoys Xavier, and is very appreciative of this wonderful opportunity.



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 '60s wanted privileges and opportunities similar to those of 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 it serves as an integral lifeline that supports academic excellence, involved leadership and service to the community.

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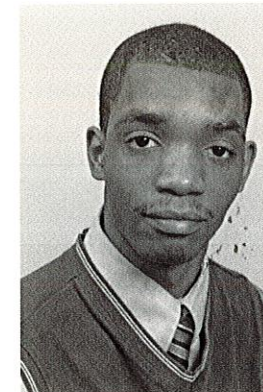
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1ST ROW: Margret Gill, Roddrick Curry, Kristen Rogers,
 2ND ROW: Arzell West-Estell, Tekeia Howard, Tina Barwick, Robert Clay

ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP GALA PLANNING COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS:

Lauren White



Congratulations to all the nominees and award recipients. Tonight, we are celebrating some of Xavier University's finest individuals. These individuals are models of this year's theme of "Excellence by Definition, Achievement by Choice, Success Expected." They are among the select few who have gone to college and among the even fewer that attend private institutions. Each of their stories is different, but the thing that they share in common is that they have persevered in spite of the obstacles that faced them. They are all winners and I love each of them dearly.

A lot of time and effort has gone into putting on an event of this scale. Being a Co-Chair has been a challenging, yet rewarding experience. I would like to thank Abbey Gerard, Mrs. Tekeia Howard, and the Antonio Johnson committee for their time and dedication. The legacy continues because of people like you. To the seniors, I wish you well in your future endeavors. To everyone else, have a wonderful summer and see you next year. Job well done!

Abigail Genevieve Gerard



I pray that you've enjoyed your evening with us. First and foremost, congratulations to everyone recognized tonight for their hard work and dedication. You all were truly an inspiration in planning this event. I'd like to thank my committee for their unyielding support, along with my co-chair Lauren White and our advisor Mrs. Tekeia Howard for keeping me grounded. This has truly been an experience that I'll carry with me forever.

As a graduating senior it saddens me that my time at Xavier has come to an end, but I'm also blessed and grateful to have been able to be a part of such an elite program. It was an honor to continue the tradition of excellence that Mr. Antonio Johnson set for us maybe years ago, and I now challenge my successors to take the torch and ensure that it burns forever. This isn't a light task and will account for countless sleepless nights, however, the reward is infinite. May God bless you all, and thank you once again for the impact you've made on my life and for allowing me to be a part of yours.

ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP GALA PLANNING COMMITTEE



1ST ROW: Lauren White, Brittany Barnes, Abigail Gerard, Octavia Cummings, Christopher Razor, Desmond Dodd
2ND ROW: Diamond Williams, Robert Clay, Erin Arney, Mariah DeWeaver, Ashley Lockhart, Tekeia Howard, Ashley Dobbs, Naomi Mbanefo, Teckla Akinyi, Tina Barwick

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