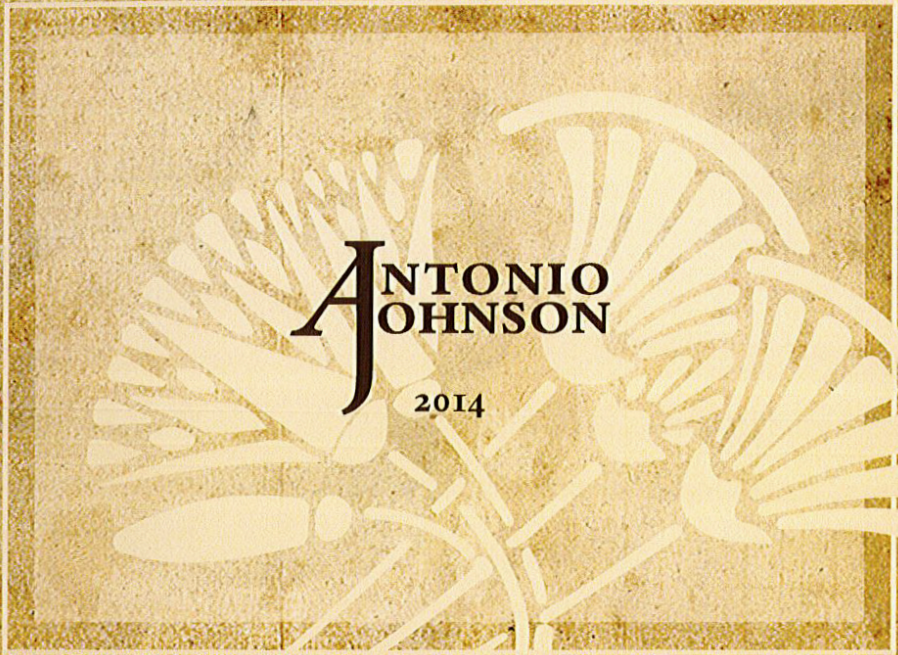


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IN REMEMBRANCE

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 decent 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

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| 2013 | Josephine Lando | 2001 | Janelle E. Hines | 1989 | Lea C. Williams |
| 2012 | Tiara Anderson | 2000 | Ameerah S. Khalifa | 1988 | Linwood Riddick III |
| 2011 | Jared F. Greene | 1999 | Aric Hassel | 1987 | Jacqueline Nash |
| 2010 | Thailer Buari | 1998 | Natasha L. Collins | 1986 | Margaret A. Gooden |
| 2009 | Aaron Marble | 1997 | Damianne C. Scott | 1985 | Boaz Jackson |
| 2008 | Lydia Powell | 1996 | Kelie Roberts | | James Thomas |
| 2007 | Keyona Gullett | 1995 | Aarionne L. Farmer | 1984 | Julie I. Graves |
| 2006 | Corey Hawthorne | 1994 | Shauna A. Starks | | Benetta Roper |
| 2005 | Shurrell Suttles | 1993 | Cherie L. Beal | 1983 | Pamela D. Smith |
| 2004 | Simone Harris | 1992 | Sharon Y. Richardson | | Teresa L. West |
| 2003 | Natasha Hamilton | 1991 | Kenrick S. Richardson | | |
| 2002 | Justin H. Hardy | 1990 | Jhules A. Clark | | |

WELCOME

On behalf of the Black Student Association, I would like to welcome each of every one of you to the 38th Annual Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala.

Wow! What an amazing journey this year has been. Once again, BSA came ready to tackle the challenges ahead of it. Every day was not easy, but we fought the best fight that we could. Our theme for the year was #Reconstruction and we sought to incorporate this theme into everything that we did.

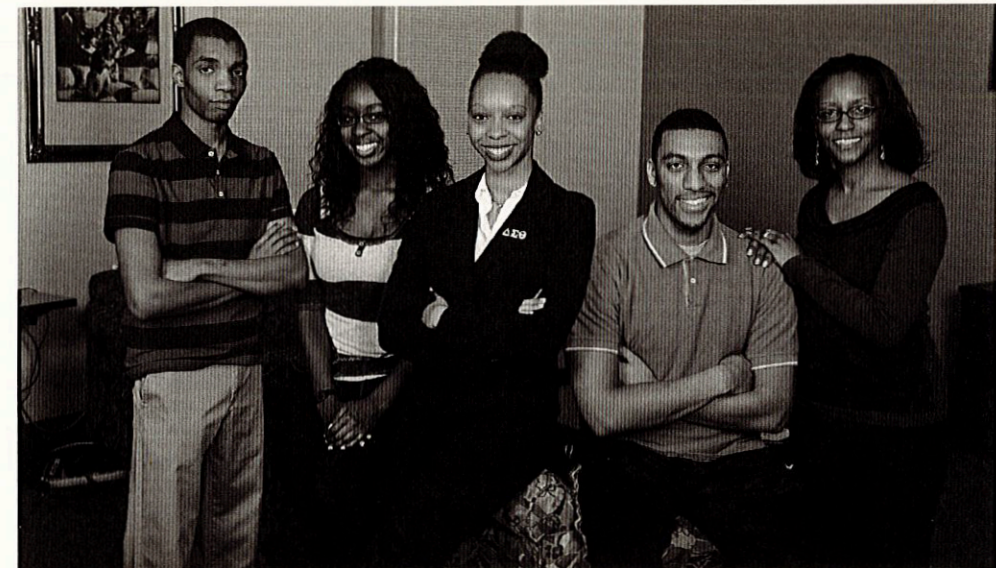
I am extremely proud of this year's Executive Board because everyone was new, but me. I have seen tremendous growth in the Board and in myself over the course of the year. I could not have asked for a better group of students to serve alongside.

I extend special thanks to the Antonio Johnson Scholarship Committee for their dedication. Also, I would like to thank the Multicultural, Gender, and Women's Center for their support.

I must remark that it has been an honor and humbling experience to serve as the President of so great an organization. Tonight, we have gathered to celebrate the life and legacy of Antonio Johnson on whose shoulders we stand united. Those honored tonight are a select few of the excellent students of African-descent here at Xavier University.

Sincerely,

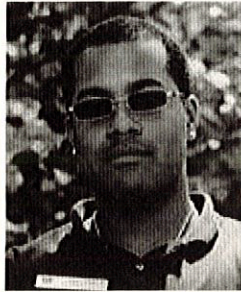
Lauren White



LEFT TO RIGHT: Lauren White, Sara Bediako, Gabrielle Rahming, Randall Mitchell, Tekeia Howard,
(not pictured Gregoria Lora and Emil Jackson)

MASTER OF CEREMONY

James Cosby III



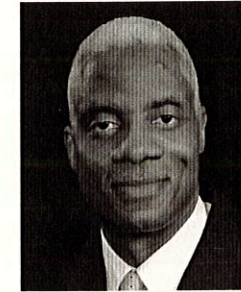
James Edwin Cosby III was born in Richmond, Virginia but currently calls Dayton, Ohio home. He received his undergraduate degree in communication at Denison University, and earned his Master's degree in college counseling and Student Development from The Virginia Commonwealth University. He currently works at Xavier University as the Husman Hall Director. James has been working in Residence Life for almost 5 years now, and views it as a great way to be a positive impact in the college community. When offered the opportunity to help with this event he was honored to be a part something so powerful and impactful for the Black students on Xavier University's campus. He is also a recovering Browns fan and an enthusiastic supporter of the New York Knicks.

"I decided long ago never to walk in anyone's shadow. If I fail, if I succeed at least I live as I believe."

~ Whitney Houston

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dennis E. Bland



Dennis Bland is president of the Center for Leadership Development, an Indianapolis non-profit organization dedicated to empowering African American youth for the highest academic, college and career success. Founded in 1977, CLD offers sixteen curriculums based youth development experiences and helps prepare over 2,000 youth and parents per year for success. Prior to joining CLD, Dennis spent nine years practicing law where he specialized in medical malpractice litigation and insurance law.

Dennis was appointed by Indiana Governor Frank O'Bannon to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education and, in 2008 was reappointed to the commission by Governor Mitch Daniels. In 2007, Dennis was appointed by Governor Mitch Daniels to serve on the Indiana Education Roundtable. In 2008, Ball State University awarded Dennis with its President's Medal of Distinction. Dennis received the Distinguished Alumni Service Award from DePauw University, the Distinguished Alumni Service Award from Indiana University School of

Law—Indianapolis, and the Distinguished Alumni Award from Broad Ripple High School.

Dennis earned a bachelors degree in economics from DePauw University and was awarded a juris doctorate (JD) from the Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis. A native of Indianapolis, he is a member of Christ Temple Apostolic Church where he serves as a deacon, trustee, and eighth grade Sunday school teacher.

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.

ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP GALA PROGRAM

James Cosby, Masters of Ceremonies

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| Prelude..... | The Greg Bacon Quartet |
| Student's Welcome..... | Hannah Sheppard, Class of 2017 Antonio Johnson Scholarship Committee Co-Chair |
| Provost's Welcome | Dr. Scott Chadwick Provost and Chief Academic Officer |
| Remembering Antonio Johnson | Lauren White, Class of 2014 Black Student Association, President |
| Invocation..... | Antronette Black, Class of 2016 |

DINNER

Music by The Gregg Bacon Quartet

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| Introduction of Keynote Speaker..... | James Cosby |
| Keynote Address | Dennis E. Bland |

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

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| Outstanding Freshman Award | Sara Bediako, Class of 2015 |
| Outstanding Sophomore Award | Tory Alexander, Class of 2015 |
| Outstanding Senior Award | Xye Inzauro, Class of 2017 |
| Outstanding Service Award..... | Markus Lasky, Class of 2017 |
| BSA Committee of the Year Award..... | Gabrielle Rahming, Class of 2015 |
| Antonio Johnson Leadership Award..... | Enlara Ndum, Class of 2017 |
| Antonio Johnson Scholars | Dr. Jerry Cline Bailey Professor of English |
| Faculty and Staff Award | Gilbert King, Class of 2014 |
| Macy's Multicultural Runner-up Award..... | Tapuwa Chikwinya, Class of 2014 2013 Macy's Multicultural Scholarship Award Recipient Omari Aarons Director of store Loyalty, Learning and Development, Macy's Inc. |
| Antonio Johnson Scholarship Award..... | Josephine Lando, Class of 2014 2013 Antonio Johnson Scholarship Award Recipient Dr. Janice Walker Dean, College of Arts and Sciences |
| Closing Acknowledgments/Remarks..... | Narrean Marsden, Class of 2016 Antonio Johnson Scholarship Committee Co-Chair Tekeia N. K. Howard Interim Director Multicultural, Gender & Women's Center |
| Benediction..... | Mariah Fambro, Class of 2016 |

ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS

Sarah Craig



Sarah Marie Craig is a vivacious 21-year-old from Monroe, Michigan. She is a psychology major, natural science minor with dreams of following in her father's footsteps and becoming a physician. She is rarely in the same spot for long due to her busy schedule, but she would not have it any other way. She is an intern in the Office of Student Involvement, an assistant teacher at The Kinder Garden School in Blue Ash, Vice President of Rho Psi's chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. at Xavier University, a full-time student as well as a loving daughter, sister and friend. Sarah loves to dance, do hot yoga, watch movies, and just relax. She is always wearing a smile, and loves getting the most out of life. When things seem to get her down, she always refers back to her favorite prayer, "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference." She believes that education and happiness will create infinite success.

Ciarra Guthrie



Ciarra Alis Guthrie is a junior sport management major from Mesa, Arizona. Upon graduating high school, she received the Dean's Award Scholarship to attend Xavier University where she later received the Upperclass Scholarship award for maintaining a 3.0 GPA or higher through her freshman year and beyond. Throughout her tenure at Xavier she has been involved in numerous organizations and internships while also working part-time. She is currently a member and also financial secretary of the Rho Xi chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., the president of XU's National Pan-Hellenic Council and also a concession stand manager in the Cintas Center. In the past two years she has also been involved with: Xavier's athletic office interning with the All For One Club, the Smooth Transitions mentoring program, and also as a Mayor's Youth Summer of Service project manager in her hometown conducting service learning opportunities through the Mesa mayoral office and Americorps Vista HandsOn with local high school kids. Ciarra firmly believes in the saying, to find ourselves we must lose ourselves in living fervently

for worthwhile purposes, and hopes to continue being dedicated to her family, education, and her community.

DuShawn Harley



Dushawn grew up with various challenges that might have deemed him destined to be anything but successful. A family with a yearly income less than \$10,000, an absent father since 8th grade, and was forced to relocate at a young age with his mother from a gang enriched neighborhood into a drug-infested neighborhood. At age 14 he started working to 10 hours a week to help support his mother and siblings, trading sleep for work including schoolwork. As a college student he continued to work in order to send money home to help pay bills, leaving little time for extracurricular activities. Yet, DuShawn did find time to engage with the Xavier community through his service as the entertainment chair for Relay for Life, Supplemental Instruction Leader, and a member of the premed club. DuShawn does not let his circumstances define him rather he says he has learned to ask for help when needed and to be proactive in his learning.

Njeri Migwe



Since immigrating to the United States from Kenya with her family, Njeri Migwe has led a strong path of academic achievement and community involvement. At Xavier University, she is majoring in Accounting and minoring in International Business. Through her determination and hard work, she has achieved the Dean's List multiple times, maintaining a cumulative 3.609 G.P.A. Along with her educational pursuits, Migwe currently serves as the Secretary for the National Association of Black Accountants and is a member of the Accounting Society. As regards to inter-cultural exchanges on campus, Migwe is an active member of the African Students' Association where she served as the External Public Relations Officer, the International Students' Society, and Interlink Peer Mentor Program, where she mentors new international students as they adjust to life in the U.S. Migwe also volunteers with Simba International, where she helps promote and sell authentic Kenyan products at cultural festivals in Southwest Ohio, and volunteers with the American Friends Service Committee's youth leadership development programs

in Dayton, Ohio. With her optimism, leadership and passion for serving others, Migwe's goals are to continue her education, pursue a career with an international corporation and to always give back to her community.

Wambui Migwe



After immigrating to the United States at the age of five with her family, Kenyan-born Wambui Migwe has blazed an impressive path. Majoring in International Business with an Economics minor and a 3.72 cumulative grade point average, Wambui balances her studies with a wide array of school activities, volunteering and community events. As an Interlink Mentor, she assists new international students with adjusting to American culture while developing an understanding of cross-cultural communication. Furthermore, she coordinates administrative duties, oversees the committees of the association, and presides over general body meetings as the current Vice President of the African Students' Association. She has also served on the board of the International Students' Society as the SGA Liaison and the Communications Chair and is an active member of the International Business Association. She regularly volunteers for the American Friends Service Committee and Simba International which both seek economic empowerment for African immigrants in the US. An example of her commitment to her

academics, Wambui has maintained Dean's List during all of her semesters here at Xavier. Overall, Wambui looks forward to pursuing a joint JD-MBA degree in International Corporate Law and sees this as an opportunity to give back to her community and world at large.

Suubi Nambwayo



Suubi Nambwayo is a young woman of substance from Uganda whose name in English means, "hope". She has travelled out this far in the hope of exposure and a brighter future. She is bright, charismatic, friendly, creative, optimistic, persistent and articulate. She is one who treasures life, health, family and God above all others. Suubi is majoring in Management Information Systems and remains very enthusiastic about technology and its influence in the community. She had the privilege of participating in a panel for Women In Technology in Cincinnati and aspires to one day be a Chief Information Officer of her own company. In addition to her commitment to her academics, she is involved in many clubs at Xavier University including, African Students Association as the secretary, International Students Society as the Vice President and Information Systems Club as the President. She has also worked in the Digital Media Lab where she guides students, faculty and staff with their digital media projects. She believes in herself and others around her hoping that they will succeed and achieve their goals in life.

Chuma Nnawulezi



Chuma Obinna Nnawulezi was born to Chuma E. Nnawulezi and Karen Nnawulezi on June 21st, of 1993 in Silver Spring, Maryland. The family moved to Omaha, Nebraska in 1996. During his youth, Chuma was very involved in soccer playing year-round starting at the age of 7. Chuma's Jesuit education began at the age of 8 when he enrolled at the Jesuit Middle School of Omaha. From there Chuma went on to attend Creighton Preparatory High School, graduation with honors and winning letters in Soccer and Forensics. Chuma enrolled at Xavier University in 2011. He is an active member of various student organizations, namely serving as Vice President of the Gentlemen Organized for Achievement and leadership. He is a member of the Philosophy, Politics and Public honors program. Chuma is currently spending the spring semester studying urban development in India, Senegal, and Argentina with the School for International Training.

Adrian Oppong



Adrian Oppong is from Potomac, Maryland, and the oldest of three children. He is a junior majoring in Biology with a minor focus in Africana Studies. Similar to Antonio Johnson, Adrian is an advocate for children and youth towards social justice. Adrian's passion is to help children excel academically and become more independent. Adrian's interest in working with children and youth began when he volunteered at a summer camp as a counselor. He spent the summer of his sophomore year in Boston, Massachusetts working for the Boston public School's extended year program. He assisted the teachers with children with behavioral and emotional challenges. Adrian continued on this path and volunteered with the Arc of Montgomery County where he provided support for people with physical and mental disabilities. Adrian is the Treasurer of GOAL (Gentlemen Organized for Achievement and Leadership) whose mission is to instill the values of leadership through education, community service, spirituality and self-progression. Adrian is also serves as a mentor for African American high school students in the

Cincinnati area. As a mentor Adrian expresses the importance of career exploration, college education and leadership. Finally, Adrian participates in University of Cincinnati's End Zone Tutoring Program. The End Zone Tutoring Program provides academic assistance to inner city children ranging from k-12. Adrian's primary goal upon graduation would be to attend medical school and pursue a career in orthopedic medicine.

Briana Piedra



Briana Julia Piedra was born July 20, 1992 in Brooklyn, New York. Her immigrant mother, who had come to this country from Havana, Cuba, raised her in Harlem. Despite the constant struggle of being raised by a single parent, Briana blossomed academically winning a full ride to attend Immaculate Conception in Queens, New York for middle school and St. Pius V High School, a small all girls catholic school in the Bronx. She graduated Valedictorian from St. Pius V High School in 2011, and went on to do bigger and better things at Xavier University. Briana entered Xavier with the aspirations of becoming a doctor, but after an inspirational road trip to the ten most impoverished cities in the United States, she had a change of heart. She realized, no matter how much she loved the idea of becoming a doctor that medicine would not suffice in the fulfillment of her dream of combating and eradicating poverty. She embarked on her journey of becoming a Public Sector International lawyer and being the change that she wished to see both in the world and on Xavier's Campus. As an active member and participant

of Mock Trials, TRiO/Student Support Services, Pre-Law Society, African Student Association, Leadership Over Lunch and Secretary of Xavier University's Gospel Choir, Briana has played a vital role in making Xavier community a better place for Xavier students.

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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ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP GALA PLANNING COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

Narrean Marsden

My name is Narrean Marsden, and I am one of the Co-Chairs for this year's Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala. I am so honored to have had the opportunity to coordinate such an amazing event with a thirty-nine year legacy of excellence and achievement. This experience has taught me so much more about leadership and being a role model; from working with committee members in delegating roles and tasks to connecting with students on campus in preparation for the gala.

Last year, I was able to serve as a member on the Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala Committee, but this year, as a co-chair, I have learned so much more about the Antonio Johnson and the legacy that he has left on Xavier's campus. I believe that it is so important for us, as students, to continue this legacy of scholarship, leadership, service, and involvement that Antonio Johnson himself exemplified. We are the future of this campus, and so many of us have the potential to excel in each one of these arenas and truly leave an impact here at Xavier University.

I am extremely proud of my fellow co-chair, Hannah Sheppard, and entire Antonio Johnson Committee. I had such a great time planning this year's gala with these excellent individuals. Each one of them came with great ideas and was ready to work. I would also like to thank Ms. Tekeia Howard for all of her support and guidance throughout this entire experience. Tonight, we honor those who have gone above and beyond and have exemplified excellence over this past school year, and each and every person recognized and awarded are deserving. Again, I am truly grateful to have served on such an awesome committee for such a great event.

-Thank You,

Narrean Marsden

Hannah Sheppard

As a first year student, I am humbled and extremely grateful to have been welcomed by the Xavier community, and especially by the Black Student Association. An organization designed for leadership and service, I relished in the opportunity to support and lead in the capacity as a co-chair for this marvelous event. Antonio Johnson embodied the role of an excellent leader, and tonight's theme did not merely stem from him and his achievements, but what the Antonio Johnson Gala committee both envision and experience in the wonderful community of African Americans at Xavier. Excellence is a life style, and those that live that life style should be acknowledged. I am humbled to be graced with the presence of those in an organization who understand the bigger picture: that we are not put on this earth for ourselves, but to serve God and others and to do it excellently. Tonight, I congratulate the nominees for every category; you are the examples the world needs to see. Antonio Johnson represents leadership, diligence, and achievement; tonight that torch rest in your hands. Thank you to the executive board of BSA for trusting a freshman with such a great responsibility! To my committee and co-chair, Narrean Marsden, tonight would not have been a success without you. Thank you. To everyone that agreed to in some capacity support the gala tonight, it is much appreciated. Tonight is a beautiful night; indulge in the atmosphere of excellence and bask in the ambiance of great leaders that are amongst you tonight. Let its fragrance continue to shape your perception of success.

ANTONIO JOHNSON GALA COMMITTEE



LEFT TO RIGHT: Mariah Fambro, Narrean Marsden, Antronette Black, Gala Hughley, Hannah Sheppard, Tekeia Howard, Marquise Cornish (not pictured)

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