

*Xavier University's Black Student Association
presents*

*The 28th Annual
Antonio Johnson
Scholarship Gala*

*"Our Past, Our Future:
Commitment, Excellence, Pride"*

March 19, 2004

6:30 p.m.

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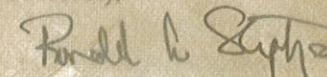
To The Xavier Community:

Welcome to this 28th Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala. It is certainly a wonderful and auspicious moment to rejoice in our past and recognize the legacy left by Antonio Johnson. It is a time to honor those who at present make such fine contributions to Xavier and who, I know, will make magnificent contributions to their community and the world as they take away the lessons learned here. This year marks a new pinnacle of recognition. The person we recognize tonight with the Antonio Johnson scholarship will be honored for academic, leadership and service contributions and, I am delighted to add, will receive a full scholarship for the year. That's simply great.

We in student development have the honor and privilege of working closely with many, if not all, of you who will be recognized 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 involved student and leader. But most important, we are grateful for the ways you enrich us by your contribution of time and talents. In you, we see a bright future of promise.

Sit back and enjoy this evening. Take time to relish the contributions of so many. Finally, let loose a little and relax at the ball that follows. You've earned it.

Sincerely,



Ronald A. Slepitzka, Ph.D.
Vice President for Student Development

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.

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, for he died at the age of 22 on Feb. 8, 1976. Antonio 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. His 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

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

Master of Ceremonies

Dr. Jerry Cline-Bailey



I was born in Freetown, Sierra Leone, in West Africa, where I attended the Tower Hill Municipal School and Methodist Boys' High School. I graduated from Fourah Bay College, the University of Sierra Leone, with a B.A Honors degree in English language and literature in 1982. A British Council Scholarship enabled me to study for a master's degree in applied linguistics at Durham University in England, which I completed in 1984. In 1986, I won a Fulbright Scholarship to study applied linguistics at the University of Texas at Austin, where I earned a doctorate in 1992. I have held teaching positions at the University of Sierra Leone, the University of Texas at Austin, The Union Institute and Xavier University, where I am presently associate professor of English. I have served as co-editor of Texas Papers in Foreign Language Education and have worked on the editorial advisory board of Academic

Press. My publications have been in the areas of language planning in Africa and Creole language studies. I have made scholarly presentations at such venues as the Georgetown Linguistics Roundtable in Washington, D.C., and at the Mediterranean Studies Conference in Bahia, Brazil.

Athletics and soccer have each been a lifelong passion for me. I represented the University of Sierra Leone and Durham University in the long and triple jumps. I still play soccer and racquetball every week.

I have been married to Nike for 17 years, and we have a 14-year-old son, Justin, and a 9-year-old daughter, Jasmine. We have lived in Cincinnati since 1991.

Keynote Speaker
Y. Laketa Cole



Y. Laketa Cole is a native Cincinnati who currently resides in Bond Hill. She is a Cincinnati Public School graduate and a graduate of Wittenberg University, where she received her B.A. degree in political science.

Laketa's professional experience includes serving as communication and public relations manager for Cincinnati Empowerment Corporation, chief of staff for city council member Paul Booth, and legislative assistant to former mayor and council member Dwight Tillery. She worked as an in-school suspension teacher and instructor for mental and developmental handicapped children for Cincinnati Public School. She also worked as an intern for former Congressman Lucien Blackwell in Washington, D.C.

Her civic involvement includes being an active member and volunteer for Bond Hill Community Council. She is a graduate of the Urban League's African American Leadership Development Program and Grassroots Leadership Academy. Laketa is a member of the Martin Luther King Coalition, Urban League Guild, Cincinnati Women's Political Caucus, National Organization of Women, League of Women Voters, a mentor for Cincinnati Youth Collaborative Services, and a member of a host of other organizations.

Laketa's political involvement entails being the first African-American woman to be appointed to Cincinnati City Council in April 2003. She ran a strong campaign in 2001 for City Council as an Independent. She served as campaign manager for both John A. Smith (State Rep. HD 36, 2000) and Paul Booth (City Council 1999), and as deputy campaign manager for Dwight Tillery (City Council 1997). Since 1997, she has served as a Democratic Precinct Executive and a member of the Democratic Executive Committee. She served as vice president for the Hamilton County Young Democrats and co-chair of the Cincinnati Democratic Committee, as well as assisted in numerous campaigns since 1994.

Y. Laketa Cole's professional, civic and political experiences prove that she is a dedicated and community-minded leader who will work to be the "voice of the people."

Entertainment
"Jamset"

A Jazz Groove That Can't Lose



Professional jazz group JAMSET, based in the Cincinnati area, is seeing much success lately. Several members of the group are session touring musicians who have played and opened for such acts as Roy Ayers, Ronnie Laws, Pieces of a Dream, Regina Belle, Phil Perry, Bobby Blue Bland and most recently Marion Meadows. Presently the band is being marketed by D'MAR Entertainment Inc. in the Midwest region (Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Michigan) with plans to expand the campaign nationally. JAMSET completed a master recording of "JazzIsMusicsFunky." The song was used for the 1997 Coors Light Festival In-House Video. Since

completing the project, the group has made a series of appearances to promote its material.

JAMSET is also performing as the back-up band behind D'Mar Entertainment's international recording artist Ms. Jaz. The band plans to complete a CD project.

Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala
Jerry Cline-Bailey, Master of Ceremonies

~ Program ~

Prelude..... Jamset
 Student's Welcome Lauren Readus
Antonio Johnson Scholarship Committee Chair
 President's Welcome Michael Graham, S.J.
Xavier University President
 Remembering Antonio Johnson Ashley Brailsford
Black Student Association President
 Invocation Lauren Gaffney
Senior

~ Dinner ~
 Music by: Jamset

Introduction of Keynote Speaker Jerry Cline-Bailey
 Keynote Address City Councilwoman Y. Laketa Cole

~ Award Presentations ~

Outstanding First-Year Student Award..... Christianne Sims
Senior
 Outstanding Sophomore Award..... Dameon Alexander
Student Support Program Counselor
 Outstanding Senior Award..... Shurrell Suttles
Sophomore
 Outstanding Service Award Devaughan Moore
Junior

BSA Committee of the Year Award Simone Harris
Junior
 Faculty Support Award Shaun Ladd
Sophomore
 Antonio Johnson Leadership Award..... Ayana Thomas
Junior
 Antonio Johnson Center for Adult and Part-Time Students..... Mary Kay Meyer
Director for Weekend Degree Programs
 Antonio Johnson Scholar Awards Roger Fortin
Academic Vice-President for Academic Affairs
 Janice Walker
Dean, College of Arts & Science
 Sue Wideman
Academic Associate Vice President, Center for Adult and Part-time Students
 Benjamin J. Allen Alumni Award Tamara Brummer
Senior
 The FACS Group Multicultural Award..... David Faulk
Executive Vice President of The FACS Group
 Tekeia Auster
Assistant Director for Multicultural Affairs
 Antonio Johnson Scholarship Award Fr. Thomas Kennealy
*Associate Dean, Colleges of Arts & Sciences and Social Sciences
 Chair, University Scholarship Committee*
 Natasha Hamilton
2003 Antonio Johnson Scholarship Recipient
 Closing Acknowledgments/Remarks E. Denise Carter
Antonio Johnson Scholarship Committee Co-Chair
 Tekeia Auster
Assistant Director for Multicultural Affairs
 Benediction Danisha Burnett
Graduate Assistant, Office of Multicultural Affairs

Antonio Johnson Scholarship Finalists 2004

Tejai Beulah



Tejai Beulah is an English major and history minor from Youngstown, Ohio. A 2001 Weninger Scholar, she has been involved in several organizations and activities since her first year at Xavier. Currently, Tejai serves as cultural committee chair for the black student association and is a second-year resident assistant for the office of residence life. She recently has been hired by residence life as an assistant hall director for the 2004-2005 school year. Throughout the past two years, Tejai has had the opportunity to serve the black student association as a former co-chair of the cultural committee and as an executive secretary. Through her resident assistant position, Tejai co-created the community service event Big Kids on Campus. This event brings children from the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority after-school programs to campus to participate in educational and recreational activities with Xavier students. In addition to her other priorities, Tejai has been involved with the center for career and leadership development's citizen leader program and summer service internship. Tejai also has represented the Xavier community as a former tour guide and member of the student alumni association. After graduation, Tejai plans to work in student affairs while creating a publishing company to publish her novel that she is currently in the process of writing.

Ashley Brailsford



Ashley Brailsford is a Montessori education major and entrepreneurial studies minor from Greensboro, N.C. Ashley has been an active member of the Xavier and Cincinnati communities for the past three years. In her first year, she was a member of the leadership committee within the black student association and a tutor for elementary students at Evanston Community Center. In her second year, she served on the black student association's executive board as the student activities council member-at-large, as well as being a selected member of the student activities council and a tutor at Woodward High School. Currently, she is the president of the black student association, the enrichment committee chair on the student activities council, and a Smooth Transitions mentor for first-year students of color at Xavier. Ashley's ultimate goal is to work in the field of education as an administrator in a public school system and later to charter a Montessori school geared toward educating and providing unique opportunities to individuals who are socio-economically disadvantaged.

Sheena Daniels



Sheena Daniels is a finance and accounting major from Southfield, Mich. She has been a resident assistant for two years. Sheena is the vice president of the Rho Xi chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Sheena is also a member of the black student association and served as the 2002-2003 community service chairperson. She has volunteered with the Evanston Community Center, Woodward High School, the Reading is Excellence Program, Habitat for Humanity, and the Drop-In Center. Sheena is a Weninger Scholar as well as an Antonio Johnson Scholar for both the 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 academic years.

Lena Davie

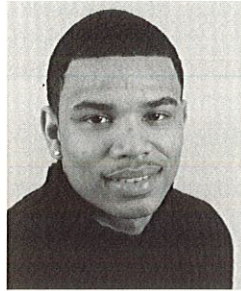


Lena is the daughter of Nehemiah and Donna Davie of Warren, Ohio. As a junior marketing major, Lena has strived to be a pioneer in all of her efforts as she maintains a 3.5 cumulative grade point average. While attending Xavier, she has been the opinions and editorial editor of The Newswire, participant and group member of the summer service internship, and a student writer in Xavier's office of public relations and marketing.

In addition, Lena has been a member of the office of multicultural affairs' Smooth Transitions mentoring program, the Antonio Johnson Scholarship planning committee, My Brothers My Sisters tutoring program, and a recipient of the Women of Color Luncheon Outstanding Woman honor. Lena was a founding member of the Cincinnati Youth Grantmaking Council, which is investing \$15,000 in Cincinnati's social service agencies; is a volunteer for Project Connect, which provides resources for the region's homeless children; is a member of Bell Martial Arts; and is a volunteer for the Cincinnati Reds Community Fund.

Yet Lena is not done. She anticipates studying abroad in Japan for the next school year, and is excited at the prospect of learning a new culture and language. Hoping to use these experiences as tools for her future, Lena desires to return from her experience and open an educational center out West for at-risk children of all cultures and races.

James J. Gibson



J.J. Gibson was born James J. Gibson on Oct. 4, 1982, in Indianapolis. He attended Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory High School. While at Brebeuf he was a three-sport athlete, president and member of various organizations, and an honor student. He was also extremely active in the volunteer sector of his community. He frequently volunteered at food banks and homeless shelters in Indianapolis.

J.J. then entered Xavier in the fall of 2001. While at Xavier he has maintained his involvement in several University clubs and organizations, while simultaneously keeping his academics as his priority. He has served the students of Xavier as a member of the black student association, vice president of the student government association, and president of Gentlemen Organized for Achievement and Leadership (G.O.A.L.), along with various other positions. J.J. Gibson is also dedicated member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. His involvement in this fraternity has allowed him to take part in leadership, community service and activism opportunities.

James J. Gibson is now a junior at Xavier, and has aspirations to continue on to law school after graduation. He hopes to use the tools acquired at law school to help the marginalized African-American population that exists in the United States today. Above all else he is extremely grateful for all those who helped pave the way for his past and future endeavors. He understands that he is now merely standing in the footsteps of his memorable predecessors, and hopes to someday leave some footprints of his own.

Simone Harris



Simone Harris is a junior business management major from East Hazel Crest, Ill. Throughout her years at Xavier, she has been involved in a number of organizations and activities. She is the administrative vice president of the black student association, secretary of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc., Xavier colony, and a second-year resident assistant in Kuhlman Hall. Simone served as chairperson for the Antonio Johnson Scholarship planning committee for two years and was a proud member of the BSA leadership and forums and workshops Committees. She is a student representative on the University discipline committee, the University committee on public honors and the Williams College of Business dean's student advisory board. While maintaining her grades, she is a diligent student worker in Xavier's athletics department, and she serves her community through her sorority and involvement

in the Three Square Music Foundation. She has served as a mentor in the OMA Smooth Transitions program and was a presenter at various high school conferences emphasizing the importance of motivation and leadership. She also was honored to receive the 2002 Antonio Johnson Outstanding First-Year Student Award. Simone intends to attain an M.B.A. at Loyola University in Chicago upon graduation and hopes to pursue a career in business administration.

Alexis Henderson



Alexis Henderson is a junior double majoring in sport marketing and electronic media. Born and raised in Wilmington, Del., she is the proud daughter of Richard and Jane Henderson and the older sister of Ricky Henderson. In her three years at Xavier University, Alexis' academic achievements include making the dean's list, the Division I-AA Athletic Directors Association Scholar Athlete Team, and the Atlantic 10 Commissioners Honor Roll, as well as receiving the NCAA Leadership Award.

Alexis has committed her time to her schoolwork and the Xavier women's basketball team, where she is three-year letter winner, an NCAA participant, a two-time Atlantic 10 Conference Rookie of the Week, a member of the Atlantic 10 Conference All-Rookie team, and team captain for the 2003-2004 season. Alexis is a three-year student athlete advisory council representative, acting as a liaison for the women's basketball team. She is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

Outside of the Xavier community, Alexis has been involved in various community service projects in Cincinnati, all of which she says have been very rewarding. She is actively involved in the annual Walk for Diabetes and Race for the Cure, as well as volunteering her time to teach children how to play basketball at the Mason and Anderson basketball clinics. Alexis spends her summers volunteering as a volleyball and basketball coach with Special Olympics in her hometown. Alexis hopes to eventually rise to a top marketing position for a professional team, or to be a sports anchor or broadcaster. Until then she is focused on seizing each and every day and helping others to do the same.

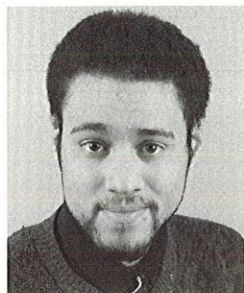
Mercedes Joyce



Mercedes Joyce is an international business major, with a political science minor, from Columbus, Ohio. She is a 2001 Weninger Scholar and a recipient of the Williams College of Business Scholarship. Mercedes has maintained a commitment to academic excellence during her tenure at Xavier. She was honored as a student on the National Dean's List and as an Antonio Johnson Scholar. Mercedes holds a variety of leadership positions on campus. She is the association affairs chair of student senate, the co-chair of the black student association's forums and workshops committee, a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., a student member of the University budget review committee, and a Smooth Transitions mentor. She is also in the process of starting a new club, the international business society, and is interested in pursuing an executive position in the student government association

for the 2004-2005 school year. Additionally, Mercedes has studied Japanese for two years, and plans to study abroad this summer at Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan. Her future plans entail pursuing a Juris Doctor degree and becoming a lawyer who focuses on the implications of international law and foreign policy in less developed nations.

Ian McCullough



Ian McCullough is a third-year natural sciences major and a music minor with a concentration in piano from Loveland, Ohio. He currently serves as a tutor for the learning assistance center at Xavier University. In addition, he serves as co-librarian for Xavier's jazz ensemble, in which he also is the pianist. During his years at Xavier, Ian has been a member of the black student association, the pre-medical society, and the student organization of Latinos. Ian always has been interested in pursuing a career in medicine, and he plans to serve as a surgeon in South America. In regards to this interest, Ian has served as a volunteer at Bethesda North Hospital as an escort, providing wheelchair service to patients. In addition, Ian has maintained a good academic record and was on the dean's list during his first year. Ian hopes to become the best doctor and musician that he can be.

Jaime McKinney



Jaime D. McKinney is a biology major from St. Louis. Since enrolling at Xavier, she has been involved in numerous activities and has maintained high academic achievements. Some activities include sharing her thoughts at the Martin Luther King Jr. Poetry Showcase, serving as the co-chair of the cultural committee of the black student association, and contributing to the dean's council of arts and sciences. Jaime is a Smooth Transitions mentor, a tutor and a Weninger Scholar. She has spent her summers participating in challenging programs: the Summer Pre-Medical Academic Enrichment Program at the University of Pittsburgh and undergraduate research at the Stanford University School of Medicine. Jaime currently works as a research assistant at the University of Cincinnati, focusing on cell cycle checkpoints in yeast. Jaime intends to combine her dedication to medicine and research to obtain an M.D./Ph.D. degree focused in pathology and microbiology. As a biomedical scientist, she plans to devote her time to improving the quality of life by exposing the truths about pathological diseases and reverting to traditional practices. She is a descendant of a forgotten historic identity whose assorted life experiences have contributed to one path.

Blair Ashley Suttles



Blair Ashley Suttles is from Cleveland, Ohio, and is a junior psychology major with minors in both peace studies and gender and diversity studies. Blair graduated with honors from Beaumont School for Girls in June of 2001 and started her career at Xavier in the fall of that year. Blair has led several retreats, both religious and non-religious, through Xavier's campus ministry and meets weekly with her Koinonia prayer group. She is also a member of the Xavier ambassadors and the student advisory council for enrollment management, and she has served as both the parent/family coordinator and staff coordinator for Manresa, Xavier's new student orientation program. Committed to service, Blair has volunteered her time with the Cuyahoga County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, as well as the Cincinnati Battered Women's Shelter. She is going to Peru this summer to perform service work as a member of Xavier's alternative breaks club. Blair was recognized as an Antonio Johnson Scholar for the past two years, and in November 2002 Blair was recognized as Xavier's 2002 homecoming queen. After graduating from Xavier, Blair plans to attend graduate school and attain an M.Ed./Ed.S degree in school psychology.

Ayana Jur'ran Thomas



Ayana Jur'ran Thomas was born on Dec. 17, 1982, to Audrey and Jerry Thomas. She was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. She is a junior organizational communication major with a general business minor. While at Xavier, Ayana has been active in many different extracurricular activities. As a member of the black student association, she served as the leadership committee chair and is presently the legislative vice president. Through BSA, she has worked to create and provide new forms of programming to challenge and develop the leadership potential of her peers. In addition to BSA, Ayana is a member of the God Answers Prayers Bible Study Group and the multicultural students' concerns committee. She is a second-year resident assistant who contributes a lot of her personal growth to the challenges she has faced in this position. Ayana also has dedicated two summers to service through the Xavier summer service internship. Working at the Newport Boys and Girls Club and Mercy Connections, Ayana has had the opportunity to impact the lives of more than 150 children and adults in the Greater Cincinnati area. From developing programming related to self-esteem to teaching three levels of computer literacy, Ayana has dedicated her time to the improvement of life for others.

As a senior at Xavier, Ayana will again have the opportunity to affect change in the lives of others. She will be an assistant hall director in the residence halls. Upon graduation, Ayana plans to obtain her master's degree in some form of counseling and possibly pursue her doctorate of divinity. Ayana is a firm believer that through Christ all things are possible.

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 M. Anthony	Chazelle A. Haile	Nedra A. Okwu
Tejai L. Beulah	Natasha A. Hamilton	Brandy M. Pruett
Christina K. Bolden	Simone F. Harris	Victoria M. Raymond
Rachel Bonds	Corey Hawthorne	Lauren B. Readus
Ashley Brailsford	Erin T. Hughes	Cherie N. Rivers
Kesi Brock	Kenya A. Jackson	Taryn M. Roberts
Jenelle E. Brown	Allison N. Jones	Oye Robinson
Maria D. Buttrom	Amanda M. Jones	Sheena C. Robison
Raven A. Curry	Shikira M. Jones	Joshua J. Ross
Sheena R. Daniels	Mercedes M. Joyce	Lanigha A. Sales
Lena C. Davie	Donnell O. Kelly	Tiffany Samuels
Miranda P. De Jarnette	Abigail B. Keys	Ashley M. Smith
Mina B. Devine	Gina R. King	Michael L. Smith
Sarah E. Doherty	Mellissa L. King	Reginald L. Staples
Brandy J. Dunlap	Juenethia L. Kinnebrew	Ciara A. Staunton
J'Nelle M. Easley	Elena M. Lebasie	Blair A. Suttles
Kari L. Edmonds	Lawrence I. McCullough II	Shurrell L. Suttles
Latoya A. Evans	Candace D. McDonald	Ayana J. Thomas
Megan A. Finneran	Jaime D. McKinney	Brian W. Thornton
Maria C. Friel	Amber V. Melvin	Eileen G. Turner
Lauren M. Gaffney	Tamara C. Miller	Monique D. Turner
Mae-gan D. Gault	Chavon D. Mitchell	Nicole Wells
Monica A. Gaynor	Samwiri K. Mukasa	Kami P. Wilkerson
Sheena A. Gentry	Ashleigh M. Odom	Chereasa R. Williams
James J. Gibson		Janika N. Wilson

Dean's List

Congratulations to the following students who were on the Dean's List during the 2003 academic year.

Dean's List - Spring

2003

Tejai L. Beulah
Christina K. Bolden
Maria D. Buttrom
Evelyn D. Carter
Susannah C. Coaston
Raven A. Curry
Miranda P. De Jarnette
Sarah E. Doherty
Brandy J. Dunlap
Kari L. Edmonds
Maisah Edwards
Megan A. Finneran
Lauren M. Gaffney
Candice E. Germany
Simone F. Harris
Erin Haskins
Allison N. Jones
Amanda M. Jones
Shikira M. Jones

Mercedes M. Joyce

Gina R. King

Juenethia L. Kinnebrew

Jamie D. McKinney

Chavon D. Mitchell

Megan S. Mitchell

Nedra A. Okwu

Ariyana M. Randolph

Tiffany Samuels

Ashley M. Smith

Blair A. Suttles

Shurrell L. Suttles

Eileen G. Turner

Nicole D. Wells

Dean's List - Fall

2003

Tejai L. Beulah

Christina K. Bolden

Kesi T. Brock

Maria D. Buttrom

Lena C. Davie

Stacy L. Dillard

Sarah E. Doherty

Kari L. Edmonds

Latoya A. Evans

Megan A. Finneran

Sheena A. Gentry

James J. Gibson

Latoya P. Holman

Erin T. Hughes

Donnell O. Kelly

Abigail B. Keys

Candace D. McDonald

Chavon D. Mitchell

Nedra A. Okwu

Victoria M. Raymond

Taryn M. Roberts

Tiffany Samuels

Ciara A. Staunton

Nicole D. Wells

Kami P. Wilkerson

Janika N. Wilson

Kimberly G. Wynn

Center for Adult and Part-time Students Finalists

2004

Cheya Ranice Dixon



Cheya Ranice Dixon is a junior at Xavier in the weekend degree program who is majoring in professional communications. She has consistently maintained a spot on the dean's list. As the former Miss Ohio America 1999 and Miss Ohio USA 2000, Cheya utilizes her singing talents by occasionally singing for Xavier women's basketball games, the Cincinnati Reds and the Cincinnati Bengals. She is also part of the worship team at Wellspring Community Church. During her reign as Miss Ohio she served as a mentor for Procter & Gamble's volunteer support system. Cheya was also the 2002 March of Dimes Honorary Chairperson and will continue volunteering this year by participating in the March of Dimes Walk America 2004. She is also a wife, mother and full-time employee at Procter and Gamble, where she is a marketing specialist in external relations.

After completing her bachelor's degree, Cheya is considering continuing her education to pursue either a law degree or a master's of business administration. She is very family oriented, and attributes much of her success to them, but is confident that her strength and perseverance come from her personal relationship with God.

Kimberly Brock



Kimberly Lynn Brock is a junior at Xavier in the weekend degree program. She is majoring in liberal arts with a concentration in professional communication. Kim attended Miami University as an undergraduate for three years before 1998, when circumstances prevented her from returning. In 2003, she enrolled at Xavier to earn her degree. Kim has been on the dean's list throughout her entire tenure at Xavier. She also works full-time at Talbert House, a social service agency that serves the Greater Cincinnati area.

When not focusing in on academics, Kim is giving back to the community. She is a volunteer computer literacy instructor at Mercy Connections, a community-based outreach center that provides support, service and resources in a nurturing environment with the goal of improving the quality of life for families and individuals. She is also a member of the St.

Francis De Sales PTP board, where she serves as the cultural fair chair and the market day co-chair. Kim is a founding member of the youth ministry group at St. Francis De Sales parish. She is also a Eucharistic Minister at St. Francis De Sales School. Kim is a member of the board of trustees for the Woodward High School Alumnae Association, as well as a committee member for the Woodward High School Class of 1994 Reunion Committee.

Antonio Johnson Non-Traditional Scholars

The following non-traditional African-American students are being honored because they have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 and above. They also have completed at least 12 credit hours as of fall 2003.

Sylvia Adkins
Angela Barber
Monna Beckford
Naphtali Benyamin
Charmella Booker
Kimberly Brock
Melonie Brooks
Pamela Butler
Leonard Chenault
Tammy Corn
Nikida Davis
Riccardo Didlick
Cheya Dixon
Pamela Elliott
Sharonda Evans

Donna Fambro
Holly Ferguson
Karen Gilliam
Amber Hamilton
George Harris
Adrienne Henly
Artis Hickman
Bret Isaac
Antwan Isaacs
Donna Jackson
Virginia James
Darlene Johnson
Jo Johnson
Kimberly Johnson

La Shonda Johnson
Kesha Kasuyi
Lisa O'neal
Alicia Prather
Leon Robinson
Gloria Roebuck
Kenya Sanders
Elisabeth Sanford
Barbara Smith
Erica Smith
Leslie Stephens
Shadonn Stewart
Audra Sweeney
David White
Perry Wiggins IV

Antonio Johnson Non-Traditional Scholars

Congratulations to the following Non-Traditional students who were on the Dean's List during the 2003 academic year

Dean's List –

Spring 2003

Kimberly Brock

Pamela Butler

Cheya Dixon

Pamela Elliott

Sharonda Evans

Tiffany Halsell

George Harris

Jill Hollis

Antwan Issacs

Donna Jackson

Daniel Johnson

Darlene Johnson

Jo Johnson

Kimberly Johnson

Tracy Kendall

Claude Lawson

Tamara Lovell

Robert McFarland

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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.

Black Student Association

On behalf of Xavier University's black student association, I would like to thank you for supporting the 28th annual Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala. We are glad to share the opportunity to commemorate Antonio Johnson and his contributions to Xavier at this illustrious occasion. In addition to his memory, this is a celebration of the outstanding achievements by African-American students and the recognition of support from staff, faculty and alumni to the black student association.

I am truly excited about this year's gala because it is even more remarkable and unique in comparison to those of the past. This year I am proud to announce the addition of the Benjamin Allen Alumni Award, and the increase of the Antonio Johnson Scholarship from \$3,000 to full tuition, room and board, fees and books.

As the current president of the black student association, I am honored to have the opportunity to work with outstanding leaders within the organization as well as with individuals in the Xavier community. The executive board and the committees have worked hard to make this a monumental year for the organization. Each of you has made this a year of excellence through your commitment and dedication to the organization that will continue for years to come.

~Ashley Brailsford

Black Student Association Executive Board 2003-2004

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Ayana Thomas, Tekeia Auster (Advisor)
Front row: Lanighita Sales, Simone Harris, Paul James (Advisor),
Chavon Mitchell

Antonio Johnson Scholarship Committee



Back Row: Paul James (Advisor), Corey Hawthorne, Marius Martin,
Charmaine Davis,
Middle Row: Candice Gantt, Christal Crosby, Brandi Pruett, Mina Devine,
Ericka Crawford, Teresa Hamilton (Advisor), Tekeia Auster (Advisor),
Front Row: Rachel Bonds, Mellissa King, Shunna Dean, E. Denise Carter,
Lauren Readus, Simone Harris, Monique Simpson

Greetings. On behalf of the 28th Annual Antonio Johnson Gala planning committee, I would like to take this time to thank you for your attendance and participation in making this one of the pinnacle events supporting African-American leadership and excellence at Xavier University.

For the past four years here at Xavier, it has been my privilege to work with some phenomenal leaders, motivators and inspirational individuals. I will cherish and honor all my memories and friendships I made at Xavier University, but none as much as I will have worked with this outstanding group of young leaders. I am honored to have been able to play such an integral role in the accreditation of my peers on campus. In the same voice I am humbled to be standing among them.

Again I would like to express my extreme gratitude to all of you who played a part in creating this ceremony and to those of you celebrating this evening with us.

~Lauren Readus

The 2003-2004 Antonio Johnson Scholarship planning committee was wonderful. During my senior year I have been involved in many outstanding activities, but planning this event with Lauren has truly been the most rewarding yet. This year we have seen a new phase of the Antonio Johnson planning committee. This year's committee implemented a fashion show that provided the Xavier community with a taste of what to wear to such a distinguished event. The show was not only well received, but was reviewed as a source of entertainment for staff, faculty and students alike. The first-year students who dedicated themselves to the Antonio Johnson planning committee provided a new insight and fresh look on an event that has been celebrated for 28 years. The co-chair position of the Antonio Johnson Scholarship planning committee has been not only a memorable experience for me, but something I always will cherish. Thank you for your support and dedication, and enjoy the evening.

~E. Denise Carter

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