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*Friday, April 7, 2006*

Xavier University's Black Student Association  
presents

The 30th Annual  
Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala

"30 Years of Excellence:  
A Vision to a Legacy"

April 7, 2006

6:30 p.m.

James and Caroline Duff Banquet Center

## 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. 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 Gala. 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. 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

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

## Masters of Ceremonies

### Dominique A. Foster

Born and raised in Canton, Ohio, Dominique spent her grade-school career in a small community school district on the south side of the city. Being the youngest of eight children and a fifth-generation Pentecostal, the value of family and the love of God were deeply rooted in her early on in life. Along with her many activities at church, Dominique spent most of her high school years indulging heavily in sports and club activities, and it was in these areas that Dominique developed the leadership qualities that are now evident. Dominique's passion for music and singing also surfaced throughout her latter high school years, and has now catapulted her into writing songs and looking to produce music in the future.

Initially, Dominique was very uneasy about the choice she made in coming to Xavier, but she was later appeased after the relationships she developed with the people in the Xavier community, many of which she now considers to be her second family. Throughout her years here at Xavier, the desire to help people and, ultimately, lead them to knowing Christ as their Lord and Savior, has been the drive behind most of the activities that Dominique has participated in. Dominique holds executive positions within the Black Student Association, Students Committed to Christ and the Xavier Gospel Choir, and is pursuing a degree in natural science. After Xavier, Dominique looks to continue on in a medical field, and eventually do missions and health aid in Africa.

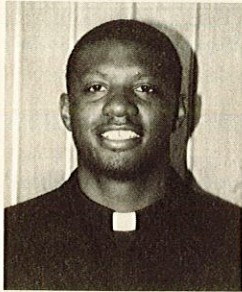
### Marius Martin

Marius was born and raised in Cleveland as the only child of Sara C. Martin. During his youth, Marius moved around, living in practically every neighborhood on the east side of town. Since his mother was a strong supporter of public schools, he attended them from K-12, eventually graduating from Cleveland Heights High School. It was during his high school years that Marius began to blossom into the person that he is today. Music was his life. As a member of six choruses, Marius spent most of his time in rehearsal and concerts, and he loved every moment of it. Through music Marius was able to freely express himself in multiple languages and styles. Additionally, by holding executive positions in four of the six choruses, he learned great organizational and leadership skills. Aside from music, Marius was heavily involved in student government. As grievance vice president of a student body of nearly 3,000, it was Marius's responsibility to be the voice of the students. Marius was required not only to be attentive, but proactive, skills that he continues to use today.

After a lifetime of public school education, Marius looked forward to attending a smaller, private university. As was God's will, he ended up at Xavier University where he is a graduating senior, majoring in organizational communications with a minor in music. Marius has been a member of three choruses, was the financial affairs chair of student senate and two-time executive board member of the Black Student Association. Moreover, Marius developed a strong commitment to community service by participating in the summer service internship for two consecutive years, as well as a host of other service projects.

Although the past four years have not been the easiest of his life, Marius has persevered. He truly believes that what does not kill you will only make you stronger, and he thanks God for all of his experiences, both positive and negative. For without them, Marius would not be the success that he is today.

# Keynote Speaker Minister Brandon McIntosh



Minister Brandon McIntosh was born in Oxford, Ohio, on July 21, 1979. He is the eldest child of Deacon John and Sandra McIntosh and brother to Brianna McIntosh. Minister McIntosh gave his life to Christ when he was four years old. He was baptized at First Baptist Church, in Oxford, Ohio, under the leadership of Terriel Byrd.

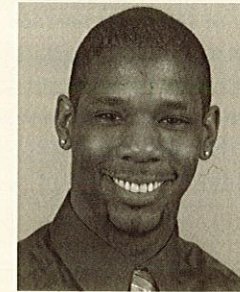
Minister McIntosh is a 1998 graduate of Roger Bacon High School and an August 2001 graduate of Xavier University with a B.S. in criminal science. While at Xavier, he received an award in the spring of 2001 for best improved student-athlete.

Minister McIntosh began preaching at the age of 21 and gave his first initial sermon on Sunday, Dec. 24, 2000, at the Inspirational Baptist Church, and has been on "fire" for the Lord ever since. He truly lives the words that the apostle Paul gave to Timothy in the second Book of Timothy, chapter four, verse two: "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

At his home church, Inspirational Baptist Church, Minister McIntosh served as co-youth pastor for two years under the leadership of Pastor Victor S. Couzens.

Since September 2003, Minister McIntosh has been serving as the youth pastor of Mt. Zion Woodlawn. The Mt. Zion youth have embraced the vision God has set before them to follow. Young people from all over the valley and Greater Cincinnati area come to receive Jesus and that is what is offered to them. "That's the hook, Jesus."

# Antonio Johnson Poetry Contest Winner Omari Jahi Aarons



A junior public relations major and theology minor from Washington, D.C., Omari is a three-year member of the Black Student Association and previously chaired its leadership committee and board of elections. Omari has also worked in the office of admission as a student recruitment director and was recently appointed to the Manresa orientation program's core team as the parent and special programs coordinator.

Omari's most notable involvement on campus has been with the student government association where he serves as the administrative vice president. His projects have included a variety of service initiatives, coordinating student responses to Hurricane Katrina and sponsoring the creation of a student diversity director.

Omari believes he upholds Antonio Johnson's legacy through his varied involvements in the campus community through continuing the conversation on race relations and working to diversify campus organizations. After graduation, Omari plans to work in media and public affairs before pursuing graduate studies in non-profit administration.

## Antonio Johnson

*He had a vision:  
A socially-conscious campus community  
Racially sensitive  
to people that were like him;  
Not just in their color-full skin  
But by the values they held within.*

*His legacy—For thirty years  
Our shield and guide  
A source of celebration  
Tremendous pride  
Encouragement  
To go on each day  
Lighting a path  
That someone else may find their way.*

# Entertainment

## Gregg Bacon Quartet



Gregg Bacon, an Indianapolis native has been makin' bacon with his sizzling saxophones for 35 years. "A recycled R and B guy" who sang background and played the blues, Gregg is one of the most versatile entertainers, playing 12 horns and the flute. His smooth jazz style is soulful and penetrates the heart. His latest album, "Our New America," captures the essence of this extraordinary performer. What started out as just a promotional picture with Gregg playing two saxophones to show his versatility turned into the real thing when everyone thought he could play both, he taught himself to play them at the same time. It took Gregg eight years to master and then perfect his show by adding the third, turning himself into one of the hottest showman on the jazz scene

# Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala Program

## Marius Martin and Dominique Foster, Masters of Ceremonies

Prelude .....	Gregg Bacon Quartet
Student's Welcome .....	Bianca Doster <i>Antonio Johnson Scholarship Committee Co- Chair</i>
Provost's Welcome .....	Roger Fortin <i>Academic Vice President and Provost</i>
Remembering Antonio Johnson .....	Najmah Ahmad <i>Black Student Association President</i>
Invocation .....	Tiffany Samuels <i>Senior, 2005 Antonio Johnson Runner-Up</i>

~ Dinner ~

Music by Gregg Bacon Quartet

Introduction of Keynote Speaker .....	Marius Martin and Dominique Foster
Keynote Address.....	Minister Brandon McIntosh <i>Inspirational Baptist Church, Co-Youth Pastor</i>

~ Award Presentations ~

Outstanding First-Year Student Award.....	Amy Korstange <i>Brockman Hall Director, Office of Residence Life</i>
Outstanding Sophomore Award.....	Karen Schneider <i>Administrative Assistant, Office of Student Success and Retention</i>
Outstanding Senior Award.....	Joanie Weidner <i>Administrative Assistant, Student Government Association</i>
Outstanding Service Award .....	Kathleen Edwards <i>Husman Hall Director, Office of Residence Life</i>
BSA Committee of the Year Award .....	Aaron Parker <i>Junior</i>

Administrative Support Award.....	Corey Burton <i>Sophomore</i>
Faculty Support Award.....	Keyona Gullett <i>Sophomore</i>
Antonio Johnson Leadership Award.....	Angela Boyce-Mathis <i>Director, Enrollment Research, Office of Enrollment Management</i>
Antonio Johnson Center for Adult and Part-Time Students Award.....	Mary Kay Meyer <i>Acting Dean, Center for Adult and Part-Time Students</i>
Antonio Johnson Scholar Awards.....	Janice Walker <i>Dean, College of Arts and Science</i>
Benjamin J. Allen Alumni Award.....	Teresa Hamilton <i>Administrative Assistant, Office of Multicultural Affairs</i>
FACS Runner-up Award.....	Paul James <i>Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs</i> David Faulk <i>Executive Vice President the FACS Group</i>
Antonio Johnson Scholarship Award.....	Thomas Kennealy, S.J. <i>Associate Dean Colleges of Arts and Sciences and Social Sciences Chair, University Scholarship Committee</i> Shurrell Suttles <i>2005 Antonio Johnson Scholarship Recipient</i>
Closing Acknowledgments/Remarks.....	Justine Casselle <i>Antonio Johnson Scholarship Committee Co-Chair</i> Tekeia Howard <i>Associate Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs</i>
Benediction.....	Princess Moody <i>Junior</i>

## Outstanding Award Nominees

The following persons have been nominated to receive an Antonio Johnson Outstanding Award.  
The Antonio Johnson planning committee would like to congratulate all those nominated for a job well done.

### Outstanding First-Year Student Award Nominees:

John Burgess  
Jabriel Kelley  
Amber Pettaway  
Lydia Powell  
Torian Strickland  
Jimmy Stringer  
Deja Tibbs

### Outstanding Sophomore Award Nominees:

Corey Burton  
Willie Byrd  
Justine Caselle  
Keyona Gullett  
Shaudae Jones  
Tiesha Lewis  
Emmanuel Ofori  
Saeed Posey  
Jordan Olinger

### Outstanding Senior Award Nominees:

Raven Curry  
Marius Martin  
Willie Payton Jr.  
LaNighta Sales  
Shurrell Suttles

### Antonio Johnson Leadership Award Nominees:

Omari Aarons (Junior)  
Najmah Ahmad (Junior)  
Corey Burton (Sophomore)  
Willie Byrd (Sophomore)  
Justine Casselle (Sophomore)  
Miranda Hollaway (Junior)  
Aaron Parker (Junior)  
LaNighta Sales (Senior)  
Charity Wayua (Junior)

### Outstanding Service Award Nominees:

Najmah Ahmad (Junior)  
Shonda Daniels (Sophomore)  
Mina Devine (Junior)  
Prince Johnson (Senior)  
Melissa Kopriva (Sophomore)

### Faculty Support Award Nominees:

Professor Adam Clark (Theology)  
Professor Brooke Hollinger (History)  
Dr. Carolyn Jenkins  
Dr. Daniel McLoughlin (Chemistry)

### Staff Support Award Nominees:

Tonya Dawson  
(Offices of Multicultural Affairs)  
Joanie Weidner  
(Student Government Association)

# Antonio Johnson Scholarship Finalists 2006

## Rachel Bonds



Rachel Doreen Bonds was born on Dec. 15, 1985, in Buffalo, N.Y. She is the daughter of Doreen (Dennis) Woods and Ward Bonds. Rachel is a junior pursuing a B.A. in communication arts: public relations and a B.A. in political science.

Rachel has been extensively involved in campus life since her first year at Xavier. As a member of the Black Student Association, she has served as a member of the leadership committee (2003-2004), the Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala planning committee (2003-2004), co-chair of the Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala planning committee (2004-2005) and serves as the co-chair of the forums and workshops committee.

In addition to her involvement with the Black Student Association, Rachel has been a telecounselor and tour guide with the office of admission, a member of the Gospel Choir, a resident assistant in Kuhlman Hall, a student representative on the University committee on admissions, and a member of the peer leadership team. She has also been active in political campaigning, having worked for the David Pepper for Mayor campaign in Cincinnati and the Friends of Hillary campaign in Washington, D.C.

Most recently, Rachel completed the fall 2005 semester with the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars in Washington, D.C., where she attended lecture seminars and enrolled in an academic course. In addition, she held a full-time internship with the Law Media Group, a public affairs firm.

Rachel has received numerous honors at Xavier. She has been an Antonio Johnson Scholar since 2003, received the outstanding sophomore award at the 2005 Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala, and was a recipient of the Silver X-Key award in 2005. She was also crowned Xavier's Miss Black and Gold at Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity's Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant in 2004.

Rachel enjoys reading, writing and volunteering for political causes. After graduation, she hopes to work in public affairs for a government agency before pursuing a master's in mass communication and a Juris Doctorate with a concentration in media law.

## Mina Devine



Mina Devine was born on March 28, 1985, to Samuel Devine and Marcia Harris in Baltimore, Md. Due to the fact that her parents are from two different countries, Trinidad (mom) and Ghana (dad), she tries to incorporate the values that she has learned from both cultures in how she lives her life. One of the most important things to her and her parents is her education. Her goal while she is attending Xavier University is to make the best of her education. One way she is doing this is by learning things outside of the skills that she is taught for her profession that she can continue to take with her through out life. She also feels being involved within the Xavier community and giving back to surrounding communities is important, as well.

Throughout her Xavier career she has been involved in many organizations and committees including the Black Student Association, Xavier University Jazz Band, and the Women's Center planning committee. She holds leadership positions as the co-chair for Black Student Association community service committee, as well as president of the Gospel Choir. All of these have left a lasting impression on her life, by teaching her skills that she can use in professional world.

Mina hopes to become a pediatric nurse practitioner who specializes in working in the intensive care unit of a children's hospital. She would also like to open up a free clinic for women and children that provides food, medical care and shelter in low-income areas that are especially being affected by gentrification. It is really important to her that she shares the blessings that were given to her by God to those that are in need.

# Corey Hawthorne



Corey R. Hawthorne was born Feb. 11, 1985, in Philadelphia, Pa. He is the proud son of Carl and Linda Hawthorne and beloved brother of Danielle Hawthorne. Corey is a sport marketing major and business minor.

Upon his inception at Xavier, Corey showed his drive and determination to make an impact on campus by being elected as a freshman senator for the Student Government Association. In that same year, he received the Antonio Johnson freshman of the year award.

Corey has been heavily involved in the Black Student Association since his freshman year. He has served on the cultural committee and the leadership committee during the 2003-2004 academic year. After serving as a dedicated leadership committee member, he was then selected as one of the committee's co-chairs the following year. Corey is a member of the Antonio Johnson scholarship committee just as he was during his freshman year, and he sits on the executive board as legislative vice president alongside

his best friends and colleagues. Corey has been a member of the Gospel Choir and worked as a resident assistant. He serves on the University's disciplinary review board and is a member of Gentlemen Organized for Achievement and Leadership.

When Corey is not in the classroom, he is busy traveling the country working with the women's basketball team. Corey has been working within the department of athletics since his freshmen year. After serving as manager for two seasons and displaying unwavering reliability, he was selected for the position of student programming assistant for the women's basketball team.

After graduation, Corey plans to pursue a graduate degree in sports administration. His philosophy of life is, "Never become so much of an expert that you stop gaining expertise. View life as a continuous learning experience."

# Aisha Patton



Aisha Josie Patton was born on Aug. 9, 1985, to her loving parents Donald and Alice Patton. She is the sister of seven: Khalid, Naima, Nicole, Maria and Sakinah and Amina. She was raised in Ellenwood, Ga., and is a junior early childhood education major.

Upon her arrival to the University, Aisha immediately became involved in the Black Student Association by joining the Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala planning committee during her freshman year. She would remain active through the next two years by joining both the leadership and community service committees of the Black Student Association. Her hard work led to a leadership position as co-chair of the social committee during her junior year, which later was deemed committee of the semester that same year.

Her commitment to service has been spread throughout Cincinnati. Her participation with the Urban High School Leadership Conference, Big Kids on Campus, summer service internship and Smooth Transitions mentor program gave Aisha the opportunity to reach the youth of Greater Cincinnati and teach the importance of education to children. On campus, her service has helped raise millions of dollars for the University as a student caller for the annual fund for the last three years.

Now a junior, Patton sits as the Black Student Association representative on the diversity advisory committee and is also the co-founder and secretary of Ladies with Emphasis on Achievement and Distinction. Academically, she has achieved dean's list, been named an Antonio Johnson scholar the last two years, and, while taking a full 18-credit hour course load, maintained a 4.0 GPA within her major. Upon graduating, Aisha is continuing her education with a Master of Education in Early Childhood Development. She plans to teach kindergarten in an inner city school to insure her involvement in the progression of her community. To her, the optimum involvement is opening a child development center of her own, which will offer a safe, loving and educational environment for young children.



## Alexis McConnell



Alexis Shannon Joye McConnell was born in Kingston, Jamaica, on Aug. 19, 1985, to parents Brian McConnell and Joy Roye. She is a junior psychology major with a gender and diversity studies minor.

As an incoming pre-medical major, Alexis got involved with the pre-medical society. During her freshman year, she also joined the Gospel Choir, helped form the choir-affiliated Praise Dance Team, and also became involved with the Black Student Association.

As a paid member of the Black Student Association since her freshman year, Alexis has served on the community service committee (2003-2004), has been co-chair of the forums and workshops committee (2004-2005), and currently sits on the executive board as the executive treasurer.

Alexis has also served as student representative on the multicultural concerns committee and is a contributing writer for the student publication, *The Newswire*, and a mentor to two freshmen. She is an active member of the psychology club, as well as Ladies Organized for Achievement and Distinction.

Her concentration and interest has not solely been focused on on-campus work, as she is also involved in community service activities in Greater Cincinnati. Her involvement includes tutoring at the Cincinnati Glad House, working at the Drop-Inn Center and Battered Women's Shelter as well as participating in several X-Action Days.

Alexis also finds time to work as a psychology research assistant in a language intervention study, in which she teaches sign language to a young autistic child. She is also a hard worker at the Xavier phonathon. Upon graduation, Alexis plans to enter graduate school to pursue a master's degree in health and nutrition in order to fulfill her goal of becoming a health psychologist/nutritionist.

## Janika Wilson



Janika Nicole Wilson was born Sept. 11, 1985 in Victorville, Calif., and resides in Brooklyn, N.Y. She is the daughter of Heide V. Wilson and Reginald B. Wilson, and has one younger brother, Matthew. Janika is a junior athletic training major.

Janika has always felt it important to prioritize academic achievement. She has enhanced this by being an active member of the Xavier University Student Organization for Athletic Training since her arrival in 2003. She has worked as the student athletic trainer for different teams at Xavier University as well as the University of Cincinnati, and focuses on the prevention, management and rehabilitation of injuries. Janika also worked a summer as an intern at the Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine, where she studied podiatric medicine at a graduate level. Janika also tutors her peers at the learning assistance center in courses such as mathematics, anatomy and physiology, and French.

Janika has also participated in other types of activities on Xavier's campus. Her freshman year, she served as the vice president for administration in Brockmah community council. In her sophomore year, she was a group leader for the freshmen orientation program, Manresa, and a co-chair for the cultural committee of the Black Student Association. Janika is the president and one of the charter members of the Pi Upsilon Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, and assists in the planning and implementation of community service programs in conjunction with her sorority. She holds the position of treasurer on the Black Greek Council's executive board. She has also played the role of a mentor to incoming freshmen for the past two years in the office of multicultural affairs' Smooth Transitions program.

Janika plans on going to graduate school, and remaining an active member in her sorority and community. She is a firm believer that one must always put all of one's effort into anything if change is expected to occur. She also believes that integrity, excellence, commitment and courage are four virtues that, when developed, serve for the making of a fine and true character that can serve the community most effectively.

## 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.

Chelsey L. Alexander	Keli N. Edwards	Jabriel B. Kelley	Keenithy L. Morris	Lydia Powell	Shurrell L. Suttles
Ashley E. Allen	Hilary R. Evans	Mellissa L. King	Aghanwi B. Ndefru	Brandi M. Prueett	Trisha S. Taylor
Angela M. Banks	Whitney S. Frazier	Latania J. Nicholson	Brandon K. Rice	Jeremiah Richardson	Leandria J. Thomas
Angela Bobbitt	Mae-Gan D. Gault	Stockton	Asia A. Nunez	Taylor Roberts	Cecelia M. Towns
Rachel D. Bonds	Keyona C. Gullett	Abdoulie Krubally	Tiyanna C. Oblor	Sheena C. Robison	Jasmin S. Watson-El
Alicia D. Boykin	Chazelle A. Haile	Gregory S. Kyser	Ashleigh M. Odom	La Toya S. Page	Kami P. Wilkerson
Kesi T. Brock	Britt E. Hall	Elena M. Lebasie	Emmanuel A. Ofori	Lanight A. Sales	Alan B. Williams
Kandyce K. Carter	Destiny Harris	Tiesha A. Lewis	Jordan S. Olinger	Tiffany Samuels	Janika N. Wilson
Justine S. Casselle	Corey R. Hawthorne	Shannon T. Lloyd	Adeleke A. Oni	Jennifer L. Schehr	Clinton R. Womack
Loren Colbert	Asia M. Howell	Kerrie R. Martin	Latisha A. Owens	Micah M. Simon	
Carmen A. Crawford	Erin T. Hughes	Alexis S. McConnell	Ashley M. Parrott	Monique P. Simpson	
Raven A. Curry	Stephanie O. Ibemere	Candace D. McDonald	Aisha J. Patton	Reginald L. Staples	
Shonda N. Daniels	Christopher T. Isong	Monica L. Miller	Shannon Pierce	Jimmy S. Stringer	
Mina B. Devine	Shaudae M. Jones	Demetrius J. Moorer	Saeed Posey		

## Antonio Johnson Scholars

Congratulations to the following students who were on the dean's list during the 2005 academic year..

<b>Dean's List-Spring 2005</b>	Chazelle Haile	Reginald Staples	Keli Edwards	Abigail Keys	Sheena Robison
Mfrekemfon	Simone Harrison	Ayana Thomas	Christina Ellis	Gregory Kyser	Tiffany Samuels
Akpaninyle	Erin Hughes	Ashley Welch	Hilary Evans	Demetrius Moorer	Jennifer Schehr
Allison Anthony	Abigail Keys	Alan Williams	Whitney Frazier	Gregory Morgan	Micah Simon
Tejai Beulah	Abdoulie Krubally		Maiasha Giles	Latania Nicholson	Shurrell Suttles
Ashley Brailsford	Gregory Kyser	<b>Dean's List-Fall 2005</b>	Valorie Grant	Asia Nunez	Erica Thompson
Kesi Brock	Tiesha Lewis	Angela Banks	Chazelle Haile	Emmanuel Ofori	An Ton
Maria Buttrom	Chavon Mitchell	Angela Bobbitt	Corey Hawthorne	Jordan Olinger	Cecelia Towns
Sheena Daniels	Keenithy Morris	Rachel Bonds	Noraa Hill	Aisha Patton	La Toya Page
Brandy Dunlap	Latania Nicholson	Kesi Brock	Nakia Holmes	Lydia Powell	Desiree Vick
Devan Durrett	Adeola Olanrewaju	Carmen Crawford	Tara Hughes	Charles Price	Jasmin Watson-El
James Gibson	Latisha Owens	Mina Devine	Christopher Isong	Jeremiah Richardson	
	Tiffany Samuels		Shaudae Jones	Taylor Roberts	

## Antonio Johnson Non-Traditional Scholars

The following non-traditional African-American students are being honored because they have achieved a

Tracee Baker	Inez J. Ciers	Carol Graves	Bret Isaac	Victoria Love	Sharon Smith
Sharon Bell	Tanya V. Cook	Darren J. Gray	Daniel Johnson	Yvonne Niles	Shadonn Stewart
Melonie Brooks	Lisa Davis	Mary M. Hardy	LaShonda Johnson	Lisa O'Neal	Audra Sweeney
Mikle Brown	Joe Dickerson	Joanne Hayes	Tiffany M. Kelley	Monique O'Neal	Crystal Watkins
Sharon Brown	Adrienne Earley	Artis Hickman	Tracy Kendall	Jeanne Pope	Eric R. Wilson
Simone Christian	Emmett L. Gladden	Nakia A. Holmes	Juawana Kinnard	Elizabeth Sanford	

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<b>Dean's List Spring 2005</b>	Emmett Gladden	<b>Dean's List Fall 2005</b>	LaShonda Johnson
Angela Barber-Joiner	Shawna Harris	Mikle Brown	Tiffany Kelley
Sharon Brown	Bret Isaac	Sharon Brown	Victoria Love
Simone Christian	Daniel Johnson	Inez Ciers	Yvonne Niles
Inez Ciers	Tracy Kendall	Tanya Cook	Monique O'Neal
Tanya Cook	Victoria Love	Tammy Corn	Sauneta Rayford
Allison Cox	Monique O'Neal	Emmett Gladden	Leon Robinson
Cheya Dixon	Jeanne Pope	Artis Hickman	Shadonn Stewart
Adrienne Earley	Shadonn Stewart	Bret Isaac	Audra Sweeney
Jamie Gause	Audra Sweeney	Daniel Johnson	Eric Wilson

# History of the Black Student Association

The 2005-2006 school year marks the 35th anniversary of the Black Student Association. The purpose of the Black Student Association is to promote the interest of the black students at Xavier, advocate their rights and privileges and teach the Xavier community and the public the significance of African-American culture. The organization also enhances and promotes academic, career and spiritual endeavors. It builds and maintains unity through self-respect and self esteem. The organization learns from its history to organize its future. In keeping with this mission, the Black Student Association has had a rich history at Xavier rooted in change, awareness, activism and growth. Over the past 35 years, the Black Student Association has served as the voice for African-American students on campus.

The Association began at a time when blacks were fighting for equality and representation on and off campus. Students voiced their concerns to the administration, and in 1969 the University created the office of urban affairs, now known as the office of multicultural affairs. As a result of this office, a group of students saw fit to create an organization that they could call their own and the Afro-American Student Association was established in 1970. Among the founders were Kenneth Blackwell (Ohio Secretary of State), Tony Davis, West Turner, Barbara Milon, Alicia Googins and Amelia Cruther. One of the most notable past presidents of the Association was Antonio Johnson. Johnson began his collegiate career at Xavier in 1971. Johnson worked hard and dedicated his time to the Black Student Association, earning him the respect of the campus and the adjoining communities. He stressed the importance of minority independence, strength and development. It is his legacy that we honor each year through a scholarship that has grown from \$1,500 to full tuition for an African-American junior for his or her academic excellence. It is this legacy that has given birth to the phenomenal strides that the Black Student Association has made in terms of equality and fair representation on Xavier's campus and beyond.

Following the founding of the association, the Black Student Association has hosted various programs featuring guest speakers and enhancing cultural awareness. An ongoing program that the Association has hosted for the past five years is the Urban High School Leadership conference. This conference exposes inner-city youth to college life. They spend a day at Xavier and get a glimpse of how life is as an African American on a college campus. The goal is to let students know that attending a university such as Xavier is an attainable goal for them. Through programs such as this and Big Kids on Campus—an opportunity for middle/elementary school students to be paired with a mentor throughout the day and participate in various leadership activities—the Black Student Association reaches out to the community and is an example of what motivation and determination focused within a specific vision can do.

As this year marks the 35th anniversary of the Black Student Association, it seems almost too fitting that the theme for the year is "Dreams of Yesterday, Realities of Today: Continuing the Legacy." This year's executive board (Najmah Ahmad, Corey Hawthorne, Aaron Parker, Alexis McConnell, Dominique Foster, Charity Wayua, Keyona Gullet and Jewel Hopson) realizes where the Black Student Association has come from and is more than eager to take it to new heights. It is with that drive that the association celebrates a 100-plus record breaking membership this year. The dreams of the students in 1970 have truly turned into the reality of today. We know that in 35 more years the possibilities for the organization to break down more barriers and push even further to turn our dreams into reality are endless.

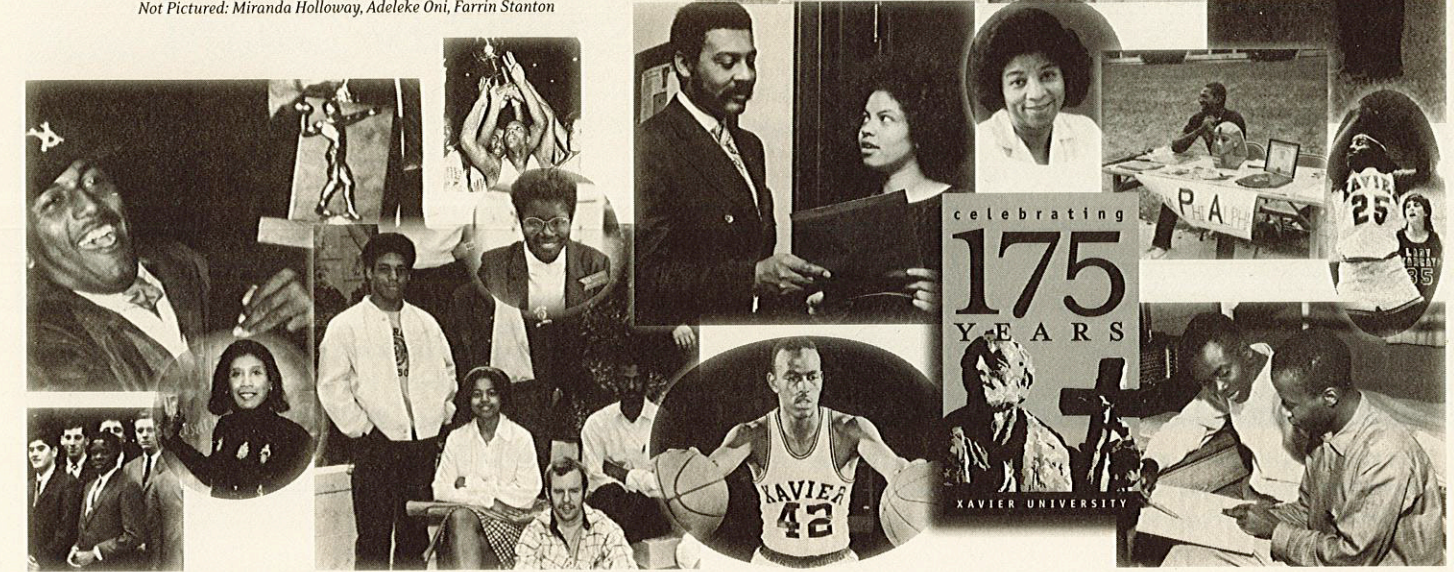


**Black Student Association Co-Chairs**

Front Row: Jordan Olinger, Justine Casselle, Willie Byrd Jr., Bianca Doxter

Second Row: Mina Devine, Aisha Patton, Asia Howell, Rachel Bonds, Raven Curry, Aaron Parker

Not Pictured: Miranda Holloway, Adeleke Oni, Farrin Stanton



# Black Student Association

On behalf of the Black Student Association, I would like to thank you all for supporting the 30th annual Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala. We are glad to share this opportunity to commemorate Antonio Johnson and his contributions to Xavier at this illustrious occasion. In addition to his memory, we celebrate the phenomenal achievements by African-American students inside and outside of the classroom. We will also recognize the continuous support from staff, faculty and alumni to the Black Student Association.

This year the Black Student Association has reached new and exciting heights that have never been seen before. We have attained a record-breaking membership with well over 100 paid members. It is the vision that students such as Antonio Johnson possessed that allows us to continue to excel and evolve year after year. As the president of the Black Student Association, I have had the opportunity to work with outstanding leaders within the organization as well as with individuals in the Xavier community. The executive board and committees have worked diligently to make this a monumental year for the organization. Each of you contributed to this year of excellence. Through your commitment and dedication to the organization we will continue to turn the dreams of yesterday into the realities of today; thereby, continuing the legacy.

*Najmah Ahmad*



Front Row: Corey Hawthorne, Najmah Ahmad, Tekeia Howard (Advisor)  
 Second Row: Charity Wayua, Aaron Parker, Alexis McConnell, Keyona Gullett, Dominique Foster Jewel Hopson, Paul James (Advisor)

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# Antonio Johnson Planning Committee Chairs

## Justine Casselle



On behalf of the 2005-2006 planning committee, I would like to welcome you to Xavier University's premier celebration of the accomplishments of African-American students.

Our committee has been working diligently toward making this event even more successful than it has been in the past. Without a doubt, this year's event is a result of the dedication and contributions of many. Our theme: "30 Years of Excellence: A Vision to A Legacy" truly describes the progression of the Antonio Johnson Gala as well as the success of African-American students. Tonight, we honor the outstanding members of the Xavier community by remembering the legacy left by Antonio Johnson.

As a co-chair of this remarkable committee, I am proud to say that this has been one of the most memorable experiences of my college career. I would like to express my gratitude to all who helped in making this night a success. I hope you enjoy your evening!

## Bianca Doster



On behalf of the 2005-2006 Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala Planning Committee I would like to welcome you to this year's celebration of African American student leaders in academics, extra curricular activities, and in the community.

This year we are celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Gala in honor of Antonio Johnson, with our theme being "30 Years of Excellence: A Vision to A Legacy". During the time that he was here at Xavier, Johnson had a vision for African-American students to excel both in and out of the classroom. Thirty years later we continue to celebrate his legacy. Tonight we honor those students who are continuing in carrying out Johnson's vision.

Being a co-chair of this year's Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala planning committee has been one of the most memorable experiences of my college career, which I will always treasure. I would like to thank everyone who has been dedicated to the production of this evening's gala. Enjoy your evening.

# *Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala Planning Committee*



*Front Row: Shaudae Jones, LaToya Bennett, Justine Casselle, Bianca Doster, Nicole Love, Brandi Pruett  
Second Row: Paul James, Teresa Hamilton, Corey Hawthorne, Micah Simon, Tonya Dawson,  
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