



Xavier University's Black Student Association

presents

The 31st Annual Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala

"Unforgettable"

March 23, 2007
6:30 p.m.
James and Caroline Duff Banquet Center

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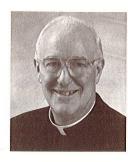
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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BLACK STUDENT ASSOCIATION
AND THE 31ST ANNUAL ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE





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March 23, 2007

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our 31st Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala. We have been looking forward to another wonderful opportunity to recognize the legacy left by Antonio Johnson and to rejoice in a year of student involvement that would bring him great satisfaction.

Tonight we celebrate students who have made significant contributions to Xavier University and who will, I am confident, greatly enrich their community and their world in the future.

The person whom we recognize tonight with the Antonio Johnson Scholarship is honored for outstanding academic, leadership and service contributions. Though we single out one person, that person represents all of our students who have discovered their many gifts and who have worked daily to share them with those who are most in need.

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 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 and promising future.

Congratulations!

Sincerely,

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Gene Carmichael, S.J.

Acting Vice President for Student Development

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#### IN REMEMBRANCE

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

Johnson began his academic career at Xavier University in June of 1971. While majoring in urban studies, he participated in the school band and was an active member of St. Andrews Roman Catholic Church. Johnson worked hard and dedicated his time to the black student association as president, earning him the respect of the Xavier campus and the adjoining communities. He stressed the importance of minority independence, strength and development.

Johnson single-handedly organized and implemented activities for Black Awareness Month in February 1976. Unfortunately, he was unable to see the results of his hard work because he died on Feb. 8, 1976, at age 22. Johnson is remembered as a caring, compassionate, confident and articulate individual who was dedicated to the principles of social change and justice.

Each year, the black student association keeps his memory alive through the Antonio Johnson Scholarship Banquet. A scholarship is presented to an African-American junior for his or her academic excellence, leadership, contribution to the black student association and community service. 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

2006	Corey Hawthorne	1996	Kelie Roberts	1986	Margaret A. Gooden
2005	Shurrell Suttles	1995	Aarionne L. Farmer	1985	Boaz Jackson
2004	Simone Harris	1994	Shauna A. Starks	1000	James Thomas
2003	Natasha Hamilton	1993	Cherie L. Beal		0
2002	Justin H. Hardy	1992	Sharon Y. Richardson	1984	Julie I. Graves
2001	Janelle E. Hines	1991	Kenrick S. Richardson		Benetta Roper
2000	Ameerah S. Khalifa	1990	Jhules A. Clark	1983	Pamela D. Smith
1999	Aric Hassel	1989	Lea C. Williams		Teresa L. West
1998	Natasha L. Collins	1988	Linwood Riddick III		
1997	Damianne C. Scott	1987	Jacqueline Nash		

#### WELCOME

#### RACHEL BONDS, BSA PRESIDENT



On behalf of the black student association (BSA), I would like to welcome you to the 31st annual Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala. You are certainly in for an *unforgettable* experience.

This year, the BSA executive board adopted "Uniting Students to Push the Limit" as the guiding theme for the organization. Our members sought to go beyond expectations in every facet of leadership by emulating the spirit of Antonio Johnson, who was unafraid to go beyond ordinary means to make a difference in his communities. Tonight, we commend

the efforts of those who have dedicated themselves to the principles that Antonio Johnson embodied.

I am honored to have led one of the largest and most prestigious student organizations at Xavier. My experiences with the executive board, committee co-chairs and general body members have proved invaluable, and I am grateful to all who have helped BSA reach its goals. Together, we have accomplished great things, and I am certain that our organization will continue to soar to new heights.

Congratulations to the committee chairs, Alexis McConnell and Aaron Parker, the committee members, honored guests and all who helped make this event possible. Thank you for choosing to spend your evening with us as we celebrate the exceptional scholarship and service of Xavier's finest.

Rachel Bonds

President

2006-2007 Black Student Association

#### MASTERS OF CEREMONIES

#### COREY HAWTHORNE

Corey Hawthorne, originally from Philadelphia, is a senior sport marketing major and business minor who won the Antonio Johnson Scholarship in 2006. He has been heavily involved in the Xavier community over the past four years and won the Outstanding Freshman of the Year award during his first year on campus. Hawthorne has served as a student government association senator, a resident assistant and the black student association's legislative vice president.

Aside from holding these positions and excelling academically, Corey travels the country with the women's basketball team as its student programming assistant. Upon graduation, he plans to pursue a career in the professional sports industry. 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 Patton is a senior early childhood education major and has been active in the black student association for the past four years. At last year's gala, she won the FACS Group Multicultural Runner-Up Award for her achievements in academics, commitment to the black student association and community service.

Aisha is the co-founder and vice president for Ladies with Emphasis on Achievement and Distinction (L.E.A.D.), a student representative on Xavier's diversity advisory committee, a member of the Black Student Associaton social committee and Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala planning committee.

She is also the top caller for the 2006-2007 annual fund, having raised nearly \$125,000 for the University in one semester. She has made the dean's list for three consecutive semesters and has been an Antonio Johnson Scholar for the past three years. Aisha has worked with the Urban High School Leadership Conference and Big Kids on Campus, has held a summer service internship and participated in the Smooth Transitions mentor program.

After graduation she plans to start a teaching career in an inner-city school and open a child development center of her own someday that offers a safe, loving and educational environment for young children

#### ENTERTAINMENT

#### THE GREGG BACON QUARTET



Gregg Bacon, an Indianapolis native, has been "makin' bacon" with his sizzling saxophones for 35 years. He is one of the most versatile entertainers in the nation, playing 12 horns as well as the flute. His latest album, "Our New America," captures the essence of this extraordinary performer.

A promotional picture of Bacon playing two saxophones (to show his versatility) had people thinking he could play both at once. Consequently, Bacon decided to learn how to do this and took eight years to master this skill and to add a third instrument, turning himself into one of the hottest showmen on the jazz scene.

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

#### STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES



Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones is the first African-American woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Ohio. She is a lifelong resident of the 11th District, which encompasses most of the East Side of Cleveland and parts of the West Side of Cleveland and includes parts of 22 suburbs. Currently in her fifth term in office, the Tubbs Jones, has championed wealth building and economic development, access and delivery of health care, and quality education for all. She chairs the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct (Ethics). Additionally, she serves on the powerful Ways and Means Committee and is an active member of numerous Congressional Caucuses, including the Congressional Black Caucus.

Tubbs Jones has introduced several pieces of legislation, including the Uterine Fibroids Research and Education Act, to increase funding for research on uterine fibroids and provide enhanced public education about this condition, the Predatory Mortgage Lending Practices Reduction Act, which would require certification of mortgage brokers and enhance penalties for predatory loans, and the Campus Fire Prevention Act, which would provide money to equip college dorms, fraternities and sorority houses with fire suppression devices. Most recently, she introduced the "Count Every Vote" Act of 2005, which seeks to provide an all-encompassing solution to a broad range of voting irregularities that occurred during the 2004 presidential election. She is an original co-sponsor of multiple significant pieces of legislation, including healthcare for low and middle-income families and community reentry for ex-felons.

Tubbs Jones has made a number of historic achievements in her distinguished career as a public servant. Prior to her election to the House, she served as the first African-American and the first female Cuyahoga County, Ohio, prosecutor. She was the first African-American woman to sit on the Common Pleas bench in the State of Ohio and was a Municipal Court Judge in the City of Cleveland.

Tubbs Jones has received numerous honors, including the National Bible Association Capitol Hill Distinguished Leadership Award, Human Rights Campaign of Cleveland Equality Award, Backbone Campaign's Backbone Award and the Carib News Multi-National Business Conference Marcus Garvey Award.

She is a graduate of Cleveland Public Schools, and received her undergraduate degree from Case Western Reserve University with a degree in social work from the Flora Mather College in 1971. She received her Juris Doctorate from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in 1974. Additionally, she has received honorary doctorates from David N. Myers University, Notre Dame College and Central State University.

An active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., she serves on its national social action committee. She is a lifelong member of Bethany Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio, and is a member of their board of trustees. Tubbs Jones was married to Mervyn L. Jones Sr. for 27 years until his death in 2003, and is the mother of Mervyn Leroy Jones II.

## ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP GALA PROGRAM

~ Corey Hawthorne and Aisha Patton, Masters of Ceremonies ~

Prelude	
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	Antonio Johnson Scholarship Committee Co-Chair
Vice President's Welcome	Roger Fortin
	Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
Remembering Antonio Johnson	Rachel Bonds
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	Gregg Bacon Quartet
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Corey Hawthorne and Aisha Patton
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Outstanding Sophomore Award	Senior
Outstanding Senior Award	Luther Smith
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Outstanding Service Award	Omari Aarons
	Senior
BSA Committee of the Year Award	Justine Casselle
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Administrative Support Award	Junior
Faculty Support A 1	Senior

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## ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS 2007

#### CHRISTINA ELLIS



Christina Ellis, a native of Milwaukee, Wis., is working toward her Bachelor of Science in middle school education with concentrations in math and science. She's been involved in the black student association (BSA) since her freshman year, and serves as the cochair of BSA's community service committee.

As a mentor in the Smooth Transitions program, Christina shared what she learned from her freshman year with incoming multicultural first-year students. She also took part in the first Summer Bridge program, which allows incoming freshmen to visit Xavier for a weekend over the summer to meet with a mentor and build better connections with one another.

Christina is involved in a number of on-campus organizations, including the math and education clubs, the University's gospel choir (treasurer), Ladies with Emphasis on Achievement and Distinction (L.E.A.D.) and X-Mentors. She has also been a member of the watch care program at Rockdale Baptist Church in Avondale, and was selected to serve as one of this year's college advocates for the young adults' service. Other activities include the Toys-For-Tots program sponsored by the Salvation Army and the Cruisin' for a Cure team at the annual breast cancer walk in downtown Cincinnati, which helped to raise thousands of dollars for breast cancer research. She is the daughter of Luesendy Dismukes and Albert Lee Ellis.

#### KEYONA GULLETT



Keyona Gullett, who lived in Monterrey, Calif., before moving to Georgia, is a junior natural science (pre-med) major. She is a Weninger scholar and a member of the Xavier chapter of the National Organization for Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers. She also serves as the student chair of the Ernest E. Just Society, a society that promotes academic excellence for students of African descent majoring in the sciences.

Keyona has served on the black student association executive board for two years, once as the senate member-at-large and as the legislative vice president. She's also a member of the club softball team, the Xavier gospel choir, the African student association and Ladies with Emphasis on Achievement and Distinction (L.E.A.D.).

Keyona accepted an internship as the new student programs coordinator for Manresa 2006 and, with the assistance of two other students, helped the office of multicultural affairs start and coordinate its first Smooth Transitions Summer Bridge program that welcomed 40 new students of color.

Keyona was nominated for the 2006 Outstanding Sophomore Award and has been named an Antonio Johnson Scholar since 2004. After graduation, Keyona plans to attend medical school to become a pediatrician and work for an inner-city hospital. She is the daughter of Chona and Rickey Gullett and older sister to Rickey Gullett Jr. and Chalse Anissa Peck.

#### SHAUDAE JONES



Shaudae Jones is a junior organizational communications major with a minor in business. This is her third year as a student worker in the office of multicultural affairs.

For the past three years, Shaudae has been a member of the black student association, serving on the Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala planning committee as the public relations representative and now as the student activities counsel member-at-large on the executive board. This is her second year on the student activities council. Through this organization she has served on the co-sponsorship committee, weekend committee, and has chaired the dance committee. As a member of these various committees, she has chaired events such as the Welcome Back Bash, N\*W\*C, and Xavier's Homecoming. Jones had the opportunity to be a Smooth Transitions mentor during her sophomore year and

a Manresa leader the beginning of her junior year. She is the daughter of Frank Davis and Tina Gibson.

#### AZURE'D METOYER



Azure'D Kariyen is a junior English major with a minor in French from Columbus, Ohio. She has been involved with the black student association (BSA) since she arrived on campus. She has an intense passion for culture, which stems from the love for her rich Creole heritage, so it was only natural that she became a member of the cultural committee her freshman and sophomore years. Azure'D has also been a member of the leadership committee and serves as the legislative secretary on BSA's executive board.

Along with her involvement in the BSA, Azure'D is active in other clubs and organizations on campus. She has been a Xavier cheerleader since her freshman year and enjoys supporting Xavier men's and women's basketball. She is a member of the French club, the Black Greek council social committee chair and representative for the Rho Xi chapter

of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Azure'D has also volunteered with the Cincinnati After-School Program, tutoring grade-school students in math, reading and science. Upon graduation, Azure'D plans to pursue a master's in international affairs and French and join the Peace Corps. She is the daughter of Wayne and Rhonda Metoyer, and older sister to Garyn.

#### KEENITHY MORRIS



Keenithy (Kenny) Morris is a native of Indianapolis who came to Xavier to pursue a degree in accounting. While at home in Indianapolis, Kenny is heavily involved in the Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church where he has spent countless hours volunteering to help his congregation and local community. A lifelong member of the church, he has been a strong voice in the usher board ministry, youth choir and youth ministry. Kenny firmly believes in building strong ties to church and community, and those values are reflected in his efforts here at Xavier.

Along with a course load of 18 credit hours this semester, Kenny keeps busy as a member of the black student association, G.O.A.L., the Accounting society, the entrepreneurial club and the pre-law society. He has also been a Manresa orientation team group leader

for the past two years. He has selflessly donated his time to help victims of Hurricane Katrina during Alternative Breaks 2007, and has been a participant of the Crosstown Helpout, as well as the Urban Plunge Service Learning Project. Ultimately, Kenny would like to become a hard-working African-American role model and mentor in the field of accounting or finance.

#### **EMMANUEL OFORI**



Emmanuel Ofori is a junior biology major from Ghana who has minors in chemistry and natural sciences. A 2004 graduate of Magruder High School in Rockville, Md., he took interest in Xavier during its memorable Elite 8 run by the men's basketball team in 2004. Additionally, Emmanuel was impressed by the high acceptance rate of Xavier's graduates into medical and other graduate schools. Upon arrival at the campus, he was welcomed by the Smooth Transitions program and later by the Manresa program, both of which set him at ease to begin his college experience.

During the past three years, Emmanuel has been an active member of the international students' society, the black student association and the peer leadership team. He serves as the Webmaster of ISS, as well as the program director for the African student association.

For three semesters, he has served as a resident assistant in both Brockman and Husman halls. He is a biology and physics tutor at the learning assistance center, and spends his summer weeks as a product research intern at Procter and Gamble.

After graduation he plans to study medicine. specifically cardiology, and return to Ghana to contribute—in his own small way—toward the betterment of the lives of his fellow citizens.

#### JORDAN OLINGER



Jordan Sierra Olinger is a junior athletic training major from Atlanta. Since her freshman year, she has been involved with the black student association (BSA) by serving as a member of the leadership committee and the Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala planning committee, which she co-chaired last year. She also received the Antonio Johnson Sophomore of the Year award.

In addition to her BSA involvement, Jordan has been a student recruitment director in the office of admission, a men's basketball cheerleader, and a member of the gospel choir and Xavier's student organization for athletic training. She has worked with Habitat for Humanity, volunteered at the Richard E. Lindner YMCA as a summer camp counselor and mentored children at Project Connect. She has also volunteered for the AVOC

Walk, and the medical team for the Cincinnati Flying Pig Marathon.

Outside the classroom, she works daily for a variety of Xavier teams and has worked with the University of Cincinnati's football team. Jordan is currently interning at Beacon Orthopaedics, and her clinical rotations include Xavier's volleyball and tennis teams.

Jordan is the secretary of the Rho Xi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and is a member of the black Greek council. She also serves as a senator for the student government association, and a member of the University's admission committee. She has achieved dean's list status and has been an Antonio Johnson scholar for the past two years. After graduation, Jordan plans to attend graduate school to become a physician's assistant and work at an orthopedic surgical facility. She is the daughter of Lilia Romero and Harold Olinger.

#### ADELEKE ONI



Adeleke Ayokunle Oni was born in Nashville, and is a junior chemical sciences major with a minor in gender and diversity studies. This minor is especially important to him since he was raised to understand that we all must accept the differences among all the people in the world. He is both a Weninger Scholar and a two-time Antonio Johnson Scholar.

Adeleke got involved with the black student association (BSA) his first year on campus by joining the cultural committee. Realizing the importance of this organization, he later went on to co-chair the committee and earned himself an esteemed position on the executive board as the treasurer.

In addition to involvement in BSA, Adeleke has been involved in a series of clubs and organizations, and has executive positions in Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.—Sigma Gamma Chapter—and the African students association.

Adeleke plans to continue his education in graduate school and obtain his Ph.D. in chemistry. He is the son of Lola Oni and brother to Adefolakemi and Adebola Oni.

#### CECELIA TOWNS



Cecelia M. Towns is a junior international affairs major from Chicago. She has been involved with the black student association for the past three years. During her first year at Xavier, she was a very active member in students committed to Christ, an on-campus organization that hosts weekly Bible studies. That year she was also one of the lead coordinators of The Testimonials, a magazine aimed at helping to improve and enhance the spiritual lives of Xavier students. Since then she has become a resident assistant, and spends the majority of her time studying and planning programs. She recently joined the Xavier track team, and plans on spending the rest of her time at Xavier working to excel as a student, resident assistant and athlete. After college she plans to go to graduate

school for foreign affairs and work with the U.S. government in international relations or foreign policy.

#### JASMIN WATSON-EL



Jasmin Watson-El is a junior public relations major with a minor in international business from Baltimore. She is a Weninger Scholar and has also received one of Xavier's trustee scholarships. Jasmin has participated in various co-curricular activities such as the black student association, student activities council, and public relations student society of America. She decided to join Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. because sisterhood, scholarship and service are three of Jasmin's passions. She felt compelled to be a part of an organization that embodies such principles. Involvement in her sorority and other organizations on campus such as the student activities council has given her the opportunity to gain effective knowledge of programming events, promoting diversity

and community involvement.

Jasmin has worked as a student technology consultant with Xavier's ITS department for the past three years and recently obtained an internship with Xavier's department of public relations. She hopes to go on to graduate school to pursue a career as a corporate public relations executive.

#### ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARS

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

Brittany Adkins	Keyona Gullett
Chelsey Alexander	Chazelle Haile
Ashley Allen	Britt Hall
Angela Banks	Leon Hampton
Carolyne Banks	Destiny Harris
Alesia Barringer	Elise Harris
Angela Bobbitt	Kenneth Harris
Rachel Bonds	Corey Hawthorne
Jara Bonner	Asia Howell
Alicia Boykin	Stephanie Ibemere
Kesi Brock	Christopher Isong
Kandyce Carter	AmariYah Israel
Keisha Collier	Alexis Jennings
Nina Collins	Jeanise Johnson
Desmond Dale	Shaudae Jones
Douglas Dalton	Jabriel Kelley
Shonda Daniels	Kishundra King
Mina Devine	Abdoulie Krubally
Christina Ellis	Gregory Kyser
Hilary Evans	Elena Lebasie
Whitney Frazier	Derek LeBlanc
Lauren Fultz	Tiesha Lewis
Sarah Gaskell	Aaron Marble
Jenifer Gerber	Alexis McConnell

Azure'D Metoyer	
Monica Miller	
Morgan Miller	
Elisha Milner	
Demetrius Moorer	
Keenithy Morris	
Sarah Morris	
Aghanwi Ndefru	
Asia Nunez	
Tiyanna Obilor	
Emmanuel Ofori	
Olamide Oginni	
Jordan Olinger	
Adeleke Oni	
Ashley Parrott	
Aisha Patton	
Adrienne Perry	
Elissa Peters	
Shannon Pierce	
Saeed Posey	
Lydia Powell	
James Questel	
Brenda Ratemo	
Michael Reese	

Jeremiah Richardson Avante Roberts Taylor Roberts Tiera Robinson Dominique Shank Mauri Simmons Micah Simon Monique Simpson Jaleesa Smith Michael Smith Arindia Taylor Kenneth Taylor Trisha Taylor Leandria Thomas Cecelia Towns Rochelle Tyler Desiree Vick Jasmin Watson-El Kami Wilkerson Alan Williams Janika Wilson Jonelle Zachary

### ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARS

Congratulations to the following students of African descent who were on the dean's list during the 2006 academic year.

Dean's List-Spring	Ashley Parrott	Dean's List–Fall 2006	Keenithy Morris
Chelsey Alexander Angela Banks Rachel Bonds Jara Bonner Alicia Boykin Kesi Brock Jamaal Coleman Hilary Evans Tracy Hall Miranda Holloway Erin Hughes Alexis McConnell Keenithy Morris Latania Nicholson Ashleigh Odom Emmanuel Ofori Jordan Olinger	Aisha Patton Avante Roberts Taylor Roberts Sheena Robison LaNighta Sales Tiffany Samuels Jennifer Schehr Micah Simon Monique Simpson Reginald Staples Shurrell Suttles Trisha Taylor Leandria Thomas Cecelia Towns Katherine Upshaw Stephani Welch Janika Wilson	Chelsey Alexander Angela Banks Angela Bobbitt Simone Boehmer Macquin Brockington Candyce Carter Nina Collins Hilary Evans Whitney Frazier Lauren Fultz Chazelle Haile Destiny Harris Kenneth Harris Tiesha Lewis Alexis McConnell Monica Miller Morgan Miller Elisha Milner	Sarah Morris Emmanuel Ofori Jordan Olinger Adeleke Oni Aisha Patton Lydia Powell Brenda Ratemo Avante Roberts Jennifer Schehr Micah Simon Monique Simpson Trisha Taylor Leandria Thomas Cecelia Towns Rochelle Tyler Katherine Upshaw Desiree Vick Janika Wilson Jasmin Watson-El
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# ANTONIO JOHNSON NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOLARS

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

Regina Ali-Shakir	London Epps	Victoria Love
Andrea Anderson	Crissandra Evans	Lavelle McDonal
Sharon Bell	Jaren Finney	Yvonne Niles
Simone Boehmer	Emmett Gladden	Lisa Oneal
Melonie Brooks	Donyielle Godfrey	Latisha Owens
Sharon Brown	Darren Gray	Valerie Patrick
Anthony Carter	Artis Hickman	Charles Price
Khadija Chandler	Derrick Highsmith	Chauncey Prude
Judy Clark	Michelle Jones	Leon Robinson
Jonathan Cobb	Juawana Kinnard	Elisabeth Sanford
Tanya Cook	Michelle Kinney	Sharon Smith
Michael Dean	Nikol Lanier	Audra Sweeney

Jamell Taylor Cheryl Walton Kimberly Williams Tina Willis Ella Wooten

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2006	Emmett Gladden	Regina Ali-Shakir	Michelle Jones
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Anthony Carter Khadija Chandler	Shadonn Stewart	Sharon Brown Khadija Chandler	Chauncey Prude
nez Ciers	Audra Sweeney Jamell Taylor	Tanya Cook	Leon Robinson Donna Smith
Tanya Cook Lisa Davis	Cheryl Walton	Charis Crawford Shavon Dace	Tara Thompson
Leslie Gaines		London Epps	Cheryl Walton
			Kimberly Williams

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

# OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINEES

#### OUTSTANDING FRESHMAN AWARD

Katriece Carter Leon Hampton Ian Harrell Erma Love Aaron Marble

Josh Meadows Morgan Miller Victoria Page

#### OUTSTANDING SOPHOMORE AWARD

Ashlee Feemster Melinda Jennings Jabriel Kelley Jessica Pasionek Amber Pettaway Lydia Powell Jimmy Stringer Chantal Thomas De'Ja Tibbs

#### OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD

Omari Aarons
Najmah Ahmad
Courtney Block
Rachel Bonds
Macquin Brockington
Mina Devine
Cherif Diagne
Dominique Foster
Alexis McConnell
Sheran Oradu
Aaron Parker

Aisha Patton Brandi Pruett

Charity Wayua

#### OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD

Najmah Ahmad
Rachel Bonds
Willie Byrd Jr.
Mina Devine
Cherif Diagne
Keyona Gullett
Shaudae Jones
Jabriel Kelley
Alexis McConnell
Adeleke Oni
Aaron Parker
Lydia Powell
Charity Wayua

#### OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Najmah Ahmad Ashley Allen Corey Burton Erica Clayton Mina Devine Christina Ellis Aaron Marble Candace Oglesby Sheran Oradu

#### OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARD

Dr. Jerry Cline-Bailey Dr. Adam Clark Dr. Dorothy Engle Dr. Carolyn Jenkins Dr. Daniel McLoughlin Dr. Tyrone Williams

#### STAFF SUPPORT AWARD

Amy Goetz Tekeia Howard Jerome Johnson Paul James Bianca Jones Kara Jones Amy Reed Vonnya Thomas

#### HISTORY OF THE BLACK STUDENT ASSOCIATION

During the 1960s, Xavier University, along with many other American universities, experienced racial strife. African-American students attending Xavier in the 1960s wanted privileges and opportunities similar to those of their white counterparts. In 1969, the University recognized the need and created the 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 EXECUTIVE BOARD 2006-2007

President	Rachel Bonds (not pictured)
Legislative Vice President	Keyona Gullett
Administrative Vice President	Justine Casselle
Legislative Secretary	Azure'D Metoyer
Executive Secretary	Melissa Kopriva
Treasurer	Adeleke Oni
Member-at-Large (Senate)	Willie Byrd Jr.
Member-at-Large (SAC)	Shaudae Jones
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# ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP GALA PLANNING COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS:

#### ALEXIS MCCONNELL & AARON PARKER



On behalf of the 2006-2007 Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala Planning Committee, we would like to welcome you to Xavier University's premier celebration of African-American leadership and scholastic achievement. This year marks the 31st anniversary of the gala and our theme, "Unforgettable," truly symbolizes the momentous and lasting impact this event has on the community each year. We are honored to lead this year's committee in pushing the limit through the planning of our fall event, as well as our "Unforgettable" gala. Tonight, we pay tribute to the outstanding members of the Xavier community who continue to carry out Johnson's

lasting desire to unite students to push the limit.

This year's event is a summation of the hard work, dedication and contributions of many. We are grateful for everyone who has made this event possible. This has been one of the most memorable and rewarding experiences of our college career. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve in this capacity. Enjoy your evening.

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FRONT ROW: Shaudae Jones, Alexis McConnell (Co-Chair), Morgan Miller, Aaron Parker (Co-Chair)
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Lauren Fultz, Monique Simpson, Najmah Ahmad, Aaron Marble, Eric Questel, Miranda Holloway
NOT PICTURED: Aisha Patton

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