

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Black Student Association and the Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala planning committee would like to acknowledge the special support received from the following persons, departments, and organizations. Please accept our most sincere appreciation for your attendance, financial contribution, superb service and other assistance.

Family of Antonio Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin J. Allen

Alex Allen-Tunsil

Brandie Atkins

Thailer Bauri

Geoff Beers

Beverly Bobbitt

Lauren Bobbitt

Anthony Brown

Cynthia Brown

Audrey Calloway

Katricee Carter

Adam Clark

JaLissa Coffee

Judge Nadine Allen

Nina Collins

Laruen Corely

Charles Dickson

David Faulk

Roger Fortin

Donna Geraci

Kimberlie Goldsberry

Michael Graham S.J.

Gregg Bacon Quartet

Leon Hampton

Destiny Harris

Elise Harris

Javas Howard

Tekeia Howard

Melinda Jennings

Dave Johnson

Nicole Jones

Jabriel Kelley

Mike Kelly

Aaron Marble

Joshua Meadows

Mary Kay Meyer

Morgan Miller

Jessica Pasionek

Adrienne Perry

Amber Pettaway

Tiffany Porter

Lydia Powell

Brenda Ratemo

Greg Rust

Kathleen Simons

Luther Smith

James Snodgrass III

Curtis Steed

Leslie Stevenson

Derrick Stewart

Karl Stukenberg

Leandria Thomas

Amanda Tooley

Janice Walker

Adrian Durban Florist

Black Student Association

Black Greek Council

Center for Adult and Part-Time
Students

Chartwells Catering

Co-Curricular Programming
Funding Board

College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Education

Office of Academic Advising

Office of Academic Affairs

Office of Admission

Office of Multicultural Affairs

Division of Student Life and
Leadership

Office of the President

Student Government Association

Student Activities Council

University Relations

Macy's, Inc.



MACY'S, INC. PRESENTS

MACY'S, INC. MULTICULTURAL AWARD

Macy's, Inc. is a 24 billion dollar company consisting of two brands: Macy's and Bloomingdale's. Macy's, Inc. is one of America's premier national retailers, operating 40 Bloomingdale's stores and more than 800 Macy's stores in 45 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico. The company also operates Macys.com, and Bloomingdales.com. Macy's, Inc. employs a diverse workforce of approximately 182,000 employees. Macy's, Inc. has generously provided the Antonio Johnson Macy's, Inc. Multicultural Runner-Up Award, which is a \$10,000 scholarship for the 2009-2010 academic year.

XAVIER UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

Robert Clay, Director

Tekeia Howard, Associate Director

Leslie Stevenson, Secretary

Brandie Atkins, Graduate Assistant

Lauren Corley, Student Employee

Javas Howard, Student Employee

Thomas Mason, Student Employee

Derrick Stewart, Student Employee

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BLACK STUDENT ASSOCIATION

AND THE 33RD ANNUAL ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE



Xavier University's Black Student Association

presents

The 33rd Annual Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala

*“The Passion to Transcend...
The Power to Persevere”*

April 17

6:30 p.m.

James and Caroline Duff Banquet Center



Office of the Vice President
for Student Development
3800 Victory Parkway
Cincinnati, Ohio 45207-2120
Phone 513 745-3166
Fax 513 745-3292

April 17, 2009

Welcome to our 33rd Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala.

Tonight we gather together to honor the legacy of Antonio Johnson by celebrating the students who have made significant contributions to Xavier University. It is a time to rejoice and celebrate!

The student whom we recognize tonight with the Antonio Johnson Scholarship is honored for outstanding academic excellence, leadership, service contributions and involvement in the Black Student Association. Though we single out only one person, that person represents all of our students who have made significant contributions to Xavier University, the community and the world as they serve while learning.

The Student Life and Leadership division has the honor and privilege of working closely with many of the students being honored 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 engaged student and leader. But most importantly, we are grateful for the ways you enrich us by your contribution of time and talents. Each of you embodies tonight's theme: "The Passion to Transcend...The Power to Persevere."

Finally, there are family and friends in attendance this evening who need to be recognized for their ongoing support and encouragement. You have provided a shoulder to cry on and been a vocal cheerleader on the sidelines. Without you, our student leaders would have a very weary road to travel. Thank you for the important role you play in their lives.

Sincerely,

Kathleen E. Simons
Associate Provost for Student Life and Leadership

IN REMEMBRANCE

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

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

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

Each year, the Black Student Association keeps his memory alive through the Antonio Johnson Scholarship 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."

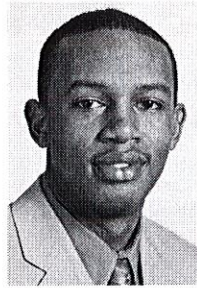
ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

PAST RECIPIENTS

2008	Lydia Powell	1998	Natasha L. Collins	1988	Linwood Riddick III
2007	Keyona Gullett	1997	Damianne C. Scott	1987	Jacqueline Nash
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		James Thomas
2003	Natasha Hamilton	1993	Cherie L. Beal		
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

WELCOME

ALEX ALLEN-TUNSIL, PRESIDENT OF BSA



On behalf of Xavier University's Black Student Association, I would like to thank you for your presence and support of Xavier's premier celebration of African-American accomplishment, the 33rd annual Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala. We are fortunate to be able to commemorate the life of Antonio Johnson, a man whose commitment to excellence is evident in all of our candidates. While we've come together to celebrate his life, we also want to celebrate those who have exemplified his commitment to excellence.

I am extremely proud of the committee's commitment to this event, especially in this time of financial struggle. Led by our wonderful co-chairs, Katriece Carter and Elise Harris, the committee has worked tirelessly to come up with the elegance you see today. This night is a celebration of the best and brightest that Xavier's African-American community has to offer. This scholarship has made great progress since its humble beginnings of \$1500 to now covering full tuition, room and board, fees and books.

As president of the Black Student Association, I have been fortunate to work with so many talented students. The students that walk away with awards tonight are mere examples of the quality of leadership that Xavier produces. The executive board and committees have worked diligently to assure that "the passion to transcend" and "the power to persevere" is evident in all the work we do.

Let us continue to walk in Antonio Johnson's vision through dedication and commitment to this powerful organization.

Again, I'd like to thank you for your support of this event and of Xavier's Black Student Association.

Alex Allen-Tunsil

President

2008-2009 Black Student Association

MASTERS OF CEREMONIES

DAVE JOHNSON

Dave Johnson is the director of the Peace and Justice Programs at Xavier University. Johnson was born and raised in Green Bay, Wis. and received his bachelor's degree in peace studies from Saint John's University in Collegeville, MN. Following a nine-month bicycle trip from the southern most tip of Argentina to Collegeville, MN and a year of teaching in Belize, Johnson returned to St. John's to lead social justice and service learning programming. In 2000, he migrated back to Latin America to work for the SHARE Foundation, a U.S. ñ Salvadoran NGO that facilitates cross-border grassroots organizing, economic development initiatives and political advocacy. Johnson worked five years for the SHARE Foundation, the first half of that time as the Coordinator of Grassroots Organizing in San Salvador and the second half as the Political Advocacy Director in Washington, DC. He went onto complete a master's degree in theology with a concentration in social ethics at Boston College. While at Boston College, he worked at Campus Ministry and Residence Life supporting the international immersion trips program and living in a first-year residence hall. Johnson joined Xavier University's Peace and Justice Programs in July 2007. He is an avid biker and soccer fan.

AMBER LA SHAE' PETTAWAY

Amber Shae Pettaway is a senior psychology major, with a minor in gender and diversity studies from Toledo, Ohio. During her freshman year at Xavier University she participated in the Black Student Association (the Social and Leadership Committee), Xavier University Gospel Choir (X.U.G.C.), and Showers of Anointing (S.O.A.). Her sophomore year, while remaining a member of XUGC and SOA, Pettaway was appointed the Cultural Committee co-chair and joined Ladies with Emphasis on Achievement and Distinction (L.E.A.D.). She also volunteered at Lighthouse Youth Development Center as a member of Students Taking Active Roles. That summer, through the Summer Service Institute, Pettaway worked at Vision Community Services. During her junior year, she was elected secretary of S.O.A., L.E.A.D and X.U.G.C. She was also an active member of the Leadership Committee and helped coordinate programs surrounding the issues of Jena Six and Activism 101. Pettaway also volunteered at Parham Elementary. During the summer of her junior year, she traveled to Dominican Republic through Alternative Breaks where she volunteered at Orphanage Outreach. As of this year, Pettaway is the president of Ladies with Emphasis on Achievement and Distinction, the vice president of the Xavier University Gospel Choir, the legislative vice president of the Black Student Association and an active member of the Showers of Anointing. She volunteers with various organizations throughout the Cincinnati community. Amber is very passionate about the history of African-Americans and has tried her very best to incorporate that in all that she has done.

ENTERTAINMENT

THE GREGG BACON QUARTET



Indianapolis native Gregg Bacon has been "makin' bacon" with his sizzling saxophones for 35 years. "A recycled R&B guy" who has sung background and played the blues, Bacon is one of the most versatile entertainers in the nation, playing 12 horns and the flute. His latest album, "Our New America," captures the essence of this extraordinary performer. Bacon taught himself to play two saxophones at the same time, and eventually added a third instrument, turning himself into one of the hottest showmen on the jazz scene.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

JUDGE NADINE ALLEN



Judge Nadine Allen brings a variety of experiences to her current service on the Hamilton County Municipal Court. She has served as a defense attorney, as well as an assistant city solicitor. Her experience as a judge has given her a reputation of being fair but firm on the bench.

Judge Allen broke many barriers and obstacles in her 1987 and 1989 elections, and in Hamilton County became the First African-American person to hold a countywide judicial office, and the first black woman elected to any county-wide office. In 1989, she attained the highest vote total among eight judges and established her immense popularity countywide.

Allen earned her education at Ohio State University, Capital University Law School, Mt. St Joseph College, and L'Universite de Laval in Quebec. Her work in pioneering work release of women homemakers, expanding the community service program, and increasing alcohol/drug treatment for abusers, co-sponsoring the License Intervention Program and currently co-chairing the Magistrate Training Committee has brought about the improved administration of justice in the local courts.

She was the first woman commissioner on the Ohio Supreme Court Grievance Board and has been honored with many awards including Phi Delta Kappa's "Outstanding Woman of the Year," Who's Who in American Law, YWCA "Career Woman of Achievement," Cincinnati Women's Political Caucus, "Woman of the Year" and other civic awards. Allen has served as vice chair of the Ethics and Substance Abuse Committee of the Ohio Judicial Council, and chairs the International Subcommittee of the National Association of Women Judges.

Allen has been active in professional and community organizations, including the National Bar Association, Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati, the Coalition Against Domestic Violence, NAACP, Jack & Jill of America, Inc., Women's Political Caucus, Women's City Leadership Caucus, Women Helping Women, American Women Judges Association, OSU Alumni Board, Cub Scout Den Mother, the Ohio Job Partnership Training Act Board, and currently serves as Trustee of the Jerusalem Meadows Elder Housing Board and New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church. She is a former trustee of the Cincinnati Bar Association and is active with the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Drifter, Inc.

Allen currently resides in Evendale with her son, David. She frequently speaks to civic community groups, especially young groups, as well as Christian women's groups. She is active in the New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, where she sings in the choir, and has taught children's church. She also serves on its board of trustees, and chairs the Political Education Committee.

ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP GALA PROGRAM

DAVE JOHNSON AND AMBER LA SHAE' PETTAWAY, MASTERS OF CEREMONIES

Prelude.....	The Greg Bacon Quartet
Student's Welcome.....	Elise Harris Antonio Johnson Scholarship Committee Co-Chair
President's Welcome.....	Fr. Michael J. Graham, S.J. Xavier University President
Remembering Antonio Johnson.....	Alex Allen-Tunsil Black Student Association, President
Invocation.....	Destiny Harris Class 2009

~ DINNER ~

Music by The Greg Bacon Quartet

Introduction of Keynote Speaker.....	Amber Shae Pettaway and Dave Johnson
Keynote Address.....	Judge Nadine Allen

~ AWARD PRESENTATIONS ~

Outstanding First-Year Student Award.....	Anthony Brown Class of 2009
Outstanding Sophomore Award.....	Melinda Jennings Class of 2010
Outstanding Senior Award.....	Thailer Bauri Class of 2011
Outstanding Service Award.....	Jessica Pasioneck Class of 2009
BSA Committee of the Year Award.....	Joshua Meadows Class of 2010
Administrative/Faculty Support Award.....	Aaron Marble Class of 2010
Antonio Johnson Leadership Award.....	Arzell West-Estell Class of 2012
Antonio Johnson Scholar Awards.....	Janice Walker Dean, College of Arts and Science
Benjamin J. Allen Alumni Award.....	Retha Walker Class of 2009
Antonio Johnson Center for Adult and Part-Time Students Awards.....	Mary Kay Meyer Acting Dean, Center for Adult and Part-Time Students
Macy's Multicultural Runner-up Award.....	Mike Kelly Vice President, Learning and Development, Macy's Inc.
	Leandria Thomas Macy's Multicultural Runner-up Award 2008 Recipient
Antonio Johnson Scholarship Award.....	Dr. James Snodgrass III Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences
	Lydia Powell Antonio Johnson Award 2008 Recipient
Closing Acknowledgments/Remarks.....	Katriece Carter Antonio Johnson Scholarship Committee Co-Chair
	Robert E. Clay Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs
Benediction.....	Joshua Meadows

ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS 2009

KATRIECE RENE E CARTER



Katriece Carter was born Oct. 3, 1987 to Terry and Penny Carter, of Indianapolis, Ind. Indianapolis is where she was raised, and taught that family comes first. Carter has been an active Black Student Association member. During her freshmen year she served on the cultural committee and was nominated as freshman of the year. Her sophomore year she served on the leadership committee and now serves as the Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala co-chair. Carter is also an active member of student government. She has served on many committees and is presently serving on the financial affairs committee and the concert committee. She has also served the University in many capacities, as coordinator of the 2008 Manresa: New Student Programs, and a member of the 2007-2008 University Disciplinary

Committee.

When Carter is not on campus, she is working for Jackson, Rolfe, Spurgeon, & Co, an accounting firm, or volunteering to file taxes for low income families. She also helped plan and volunteered for the Crosstown Helpout and has been a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, Big Sister Little Sister, and X-Action Day. Carter balances all of this while carrying an 18-credit course load, maintaining academic excellence, and being a member of the renowned Rho Xi chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and representing her chapter on the Black Greek Council as the Treasurer.

Carter has recently been nominated for the X-Key Leadership Award, which she feels extremely honored. Life has taught her that the difference between the impossible and possible lies in a person's determination.

NINA COLLINS

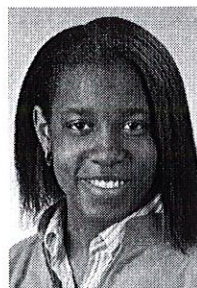


Collins is a junior chemistry major and mathematics minor from Louisville, KY. During her time at Xavier, she has committed herself to the pursuit of academic excellence in her courses, exemplified by the Dean's lists honors she has earned since her freshman year. Her involvement in the Department of Chemistry has allowed her to begin organic synthesis research as well as contribute to a Named Reactions book chapter. Collins' hard work and academic achievement also earned her the distinction of being one of two Clare Boothe Luce scholars. In addition to her academic focus, she is involved in several organizations on campus including the Ernest Just Society, S.T.A.R.S, and NobCChe. She has given back to the Xavier and Cincinnati communities as an organic chemistry tutor and supplemental

instructor in the Learning Assistance Center, a group leader for the MANRESA student orientation program, and a science and math tutor at Hughes High School.

After graduation, Collins plans to obtain her doctorate in organic chemistry or pharmacy.

LAUREN CORLEY

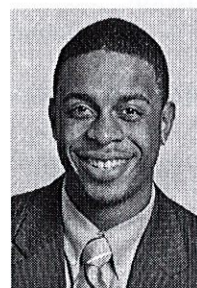


Lauren Corley is a junior majoring in entrepreneurship and management from Lansing, Mich. During high school she served as a writer and section editor. Corley was the first African-American on staff which gained her recognition in "Who's Who among American High School Students" in 2006. She believes leaving a legacy behind that inspires others and challenges herself mentally and socially is essential.

Her next endeavor became earning a bachelor's degree in business administration from Xavier University. Eager to thrive academically, socially, and spiritually, Corley made a commitment to herself to work to her fullest ability. She joined the Xavier Gospel Choir during her freshmen and sophomore year. She's participated in community service across the United States and developed a deeper connection with God. Corley also joined the Community Service Committee during her sophomore year where she assisted with an aids walk, a leukemia walk, and the first community service art auction for the Rwandan children of genocide.

As a junior, Corley continued community service, meeting academic challenges and grew professionally through participating in internships. For the summer of 2009, Corley plans to intern at Northwestern Mutual as a financial agent gaining entrepreneurial experience. She intends to open a business in the field of consulting or health care after attaining her masters in business administration or health administration. For Corley, helping others and watching them supersede their own limitations is rewarding. She has enjoyed her time at Xavier and looks forward to positively impacting the world with her education.

LEON AUGUSTUS HAMPTON



Leon Augustus Hampton was born January 21, 1988 in Harlem, NY. Raised by a single mother, Jennifer Hampton, he strived to be the best he could despite the odds presented before him. Observing the struggle of his mother, who worked two or three jobs at a time, Hampton persevered to excel in his education instead of choosing the fast life presented to him as he lived in the A. Philip Randolph Housing Project.

Furthering his education has been Hampton's passport to success. He realized because of the financial limitations on his family, he had to use education as his battering ram to open doors. Throughout his academic career, he received a partial scholarship to attend Xavier High School and Xavier University because of his scholastic prowess. He has maintained a major GPA of 3.667 and cumulative GPA of 3.109. He's motivated to continue obtaining scholarships to pay for his education.

Hampton has been an active member of the Xavier community. He is a proud member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Black Student Association, G.O.A.L, Next Step Mentor program and Manresa Freshman Orientation 2008. He has been offered an internship at the Cincinnati Department of Probation and Parole and Cincinnati Police Department. He currently serves as the president of chapter development, undergraduate advisor for the Sigma Beta Club, vice president of G.O.A.L, mentor in the Next Step Mentoring program, student worker for Xavier University Campus Police, and scholarship chair for the Lambda Theta chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.

ELISE HARRIS



Elise Harris, a junior psychology major is from Toledo Ohio. Since coming to Xavier University, fall of 2006, she has been a committed member of numerous extracurricular activities including the Ernest E. Just Society, S.T.A.R.S, Gospel Choir and the Black Student Association. As a member of BSA she has served on the Community Service and Forums and Workshops committees. Currently she serves as an Antonio Johnson Scholarship Committee CO-Chair for BSA.

In addition, Harris has been active in pursuing her ultimate goal of becoming a child advocate. She assisted with the University of Cincinnati medical school's Science Academy, which exposed underprivileged children to science and role models, as well as served as a research assistant with the Hope Project, which studies the effect of hope on minority children. Her latest endeavor for youth is the creation of Xavier's new club, "Next Step," a mentoring program which aims "to bridge the educational disparities between African-Americans and other ethnicities by providing adequate educational opportunities and resources that will better equip students for post-secondary and professional arenas."

Upon graduation, Harris plans to work for *Teach for America* while pursuing her masters of education. Ultimately, she will receive an Ed.d in Educational Administration and Supervision, becoming an effective leader capable of exercising leadership processes in strategic planning, organization, and instructional improvement within the political and community arenas. Through her efforts, Harris plans to foster education reform and work toward equal education for all demographics of children.

AARON XAVIER MARBLE



Aaron Xavier Marble is a junior majoring in human resources with a minor in theology from Flint, MI. He is thankful for the recognition as a finalist in the opportunity to receive this prestigious scholarship. Marble credits his parents, Ezekiel and Marsha Marble, in instilling him with the principle recorded in the Gospel of Luke, "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." Throughout his life, he has displayed academic excellence, impactful leadership, and genuine community service. Marble holistically represents the ideal candidate for the Antonio Johnson Scholarship.

He tries to exemplify, embody, and execute the Antonio Johnson legacy. Marble has maintained a cumulative 3.3 GPA, showing improvement each semester culminating with a 3.8 in the 2008 fall semester. In BSA, he has served as a member of the Leadership Committee, a co-chair of Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala Committee, and currently as the Executive Secretary. His leadership has expanded beyond BSA into many arenas of the University including Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Peace & Justice, Student Involvement and the Student Government Association. He has strengthened his faith serving as chaplain of the gospel choir and his fraternal chapter, along with being an active member of the Inspirational Baptist Church. Upon graduation, Marble plans to attend law school focusing on a career in employment law.

MORGAN MILLER



Morgan Miller is a natural science major from Indianapolis minoring in theology, peace studies, and international studies. Miller is the daughter of Anthony and Tiawana Safford and the big sister of Anthony Safford Jr. She has been heavily involved in the Black Student Association and the Xavier community starting off her freshman year as a member of the AJ Committee and continuing now as the Black Student Association treasurer. As co-chair of the Community Service Committee she brought forth innovative programs such as the: First Annual AIDS Awareness Walk and the First Annual Charity Art Auction. Miller is currently the chair of Community Action Day and vice president of Ladies with Emphasis on Achievement and Distinction (LEAD). She is committed as African Student Association

Community Service Liaison, an Ernest E. Just Society member and as a University Discipline Board member. Miller helped continue AIDS Awareness Week in an effort to provide education, preventative health opportunities, and enforce a climate of respect and understanding. She also served as a summer resident assistant and Manresa orientation team member. Miller is the recipient of the AJ Sophomore of the Year Award, Committee of the Year Award, and ASA Book Scholarship. She continually goes above and beyond in all her involvement challenging herself to be excellent in all matters. As a student leader, her drive is to "not do what is fun or easy, but to always do what is necessary". Miller plans on serving in the Peace Corps following graduation while pursuing a masters in public health.

ADRIENNE L. PERRY



Adrienne L. Perry is a junior biology major. She was born in Schwaebisch Gmuend, Germany and her family resides in Conyers, Ga. She is a graduate of Heritage High School, where she reigned as the first African-American Miss Heritage and reigns as Miss Black and Gold 2008 of Xavier University. Perry is the student manager of the Ernest E. Just Society. In this capacity, she is responsible for planning the study sessions, events, and workshops for the group. Perry is also the co-director of Students Taking Active Roles, a community service group. In addition to academic responsibilities, she participates in a minimum of two hours of community service on a weekly basis. She was also selected as a university delegate at the 2009 Carroll F.S. Hardy National Black Student Leadership Conference in Washington

D.C. In her past three years at Xavier, she has also served as a group leader and facilitator of Manresa, and has been a member of the Black Students Association and the Student Activities Council.

After matriculating through Xavier, Perry plans to attend dental school at the Medical College of Georgia to prepare her for a career in the field of pediatric dentistry. She aspires to enter a private practice and volunteer with Health Volunteers Overseas, a private nonprofit organization committed to improving health care in developing countries through training and education. By emphasizing teaching rather than service, Perry and Health Volunteers Overseas will aim to create an indigenous group of trained dentists who can teach others.

BRENDA RATEMO



Brenda Ratemo is from Kisii, Kenya and is the youngest of six children. She graduated from Alliance Girls' High School in 2005, and considers it a privilege to attend Xavier University. Ratemo is currently in her third year majoring in biology. Attending Xavier has been an enlightening experience for her in many ways. The experience has helped her grow intellectually, socially and spiritually. While at Xavier, she has been involved in a number of activities. She is a resident assistant, a chemistry supplemental instructor, a member of the Health Honor Society - Alpha Epsilon Delta, vice president of the African Students' Association club and liason of the International Students' Society.

Ratemo is also proud to be involved with the Brueggeman Fellowship, which will enable her to do an independent study of health care systems of different countries. In addition to practicing medicine in the future, she also hopes to get involved in the public health sector in Kenya.

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.

Cherrell Albertson	Mae-gan Gault	Demetrius Moorner	Olamide Shokunbi
Alesia Barringer	Keyona Gullett	Jedidah Morrell	Julian Sitemba
Kristen Berry	Britt Hall	Benjamin Nathan	Jaleesa Smith
Lundon Brown	Tracee Hamer	Aghanwi Mdefru	Janell Sterrett
Victoria Bruce	Leon Hampton	Brittany Norris	Jocelyn Taylor
Barbara Butler	Elise Harris	Tiyanna Obilor	Calvin Thomas
Katricee Carter	Kimberly Jackson	Olamide Oginni	Rochelle Tyler
Keisha Collier	Danielle Johnson	Candace Oglesby	Danielle Vezolles
Lauren Corley	Shaudee Jones	Adeleke Oni	William Washington
Desmond Dale	Andrea Jordan	Ashlet Parrott	Ashley Williams
Douglas Dalton	Abdoulie Krubally	Adrienne Perry	
Mina Devine	Aaron Marble	Elissa Peters	
Christina Ellis	Azure'D Metoyer	Shannon Pierce	
Lauren Fultz	Phillip Migitz	Reginald Reid	

ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARS

Congratulations to the following students of African descent who were on the Dean's list during the 2007 academic year.

SPRING 2008

Cherrell Albertson
Alesia Barringer
Kristen Berry
Lundon Brown
Victoria Bruce
Barbara Butler
Katricee Carter
Keisha Collier
Lauren Corley
Desmond Dale
Douglas Dalton
Mina Devine
Christina Ellis
Lauren Fultz
Mae-gan Gault
Keyona Gullett
Britt Hall
Tracee Hamer
Leon Hampton
Kimberly Jackson
Danielle Johnson
Shaudee Jones
Andrea Jordan
Abdoulie Krubally
Aaron Marble
Azure'D Metoyer

Phillip Migitz

Demetrius Moorner
Jedidah Morrell
Benjamin Nathan
Aghanwi Ndefru
Brittany Norris
Tiyanna Obilor
Olamide Oginni
Candace Oglesby
Adeleke Oni
Ashlet Parrott
Adrienne Perry
Elissa Peters
Shannon Pierce
Reginald Reid
Olamide Shokunbi
Julian Sitemba
Jaleesa Smith
Janell Sterrett
Jocelyn Taylor
Calvin Thomas
Rochelle Tyler
Danielle Vezolles
William Washington
Ashley Williams

FALL 2008

Shelbi Adams
Kristen Berry
Suzanne Blunk
Lauren Bobbitt
Kimbrough Brandon
Victoria Bruce
Theron Bundle
Keisha Collier
Lauren Corley
Desmond Dale
Douglas Dalton
Tanika Danner
Jared Greene
Britt Hall
Brittany Hamilton
Leon Hampton
Elise Harris
Sigourney Harris
Jacqui Hayes
Stephanie Ibemere
Kimberly Jackson
Tyi Johnson
Ebony Lindsey
Aaron Marble
Naomi Mbafeno
Azure'D Metoyer

Bomani Mintz

Diona Morgan
Hecia Mpanga
Benjamin Nathan
Tiyanna Obilor
Candace Offett
Joshua O'Neal
Lola Oxedine
Ashley Parrott
Adrienne Perry
Alexis Ponder
Olamide Shokunbi
Naimah Spencer
Sarah Stockton-Tekeste
Kenneth Taylor
Hanna Tegegne
Rochelle Tyler
Kia Weathersby
Almaz Witthans

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.

Donna Banks	Sanserrae Frazier	Carl McMullen	Nicole Sulcer
Christopher Barbour	Nyketa Gaffney	Jessica Moon	Terry Ware
Reagan Blanks	Yolanda Gaines-	Tara Mosley	Kimberly Williams
Jara Bonner	Henderson	Yvonne Niles	Arletta Wilson
Denise Brooks	Deanna Goins	Nikki Oliver	Helene Wilson
Anthony Carter	Mera Gover	Lisa Oneal	Joyce Winters
Leah Childs	Gwendolyn Harris	Valerie Patrick	Ella Wooten
Karis Christian	Sunny Hyde	Aisha Patterson	
Dwaneeka Crossty	Ernestine Jones	Fred Poole	
London Epps	Kyla Jones	Jeanne Pope	
Eucharia Ezeigwe	Michelle Jones	LaVonne Reynolds	
Jaren Finney	Claude Lawson	Arlinda Stephens	

ANTONIO JOHNSON NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOLARS

Congratulations to the following non-traditional students of African descent who were on the Dean's list during the 2007 academic year.

SPRING 2008	FALL 2008	
Donna Banks	Donna Banks	Nikki Oliver
Anthony Carter	Anthony Carter	Fred Poole
Dwaneeka Crossty	Leah Childs	LaVonne Reynolds
London Epps	Dwaneeka Crossty	Nicole Sulcer
Yolanda Gaines-	Nyketa Gaffney	Terry Ware
Henderson	Deanna Goins	Kimberly Williams
Fred Poole	Gwendolyn Harris	
Kimberly Williams	Daniel Johnson	
Helene Wilson	Ernestine Jones	

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

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINEES

OUTSTANDING FRESHMAN AWARD

Lauren Bobbitt
Arzell West Estel

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Jisenia Black
Alexis Ponder
Elise Harris
Morgan Miller
Leon Hampton

OUTSTANDING SOPHOMORE AWARD

Allen Boyd
Nicole Jones
Alexis Ponder
Retha Walker
William Washington

FACULTY/ STAFF SUPPORT AWARD

Tekeia N. K. Howard
Picket Slater-Harrington

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD

Anthony Brown
Amber Pettaway

ANTONIO JOHNSON LEADERSHIP AWARD

Anthony Brown
Nicole Jones
Mauri Simmons
Leon Hampton

HISTORY OF THE BLACK STUDENT ASSOCIATION

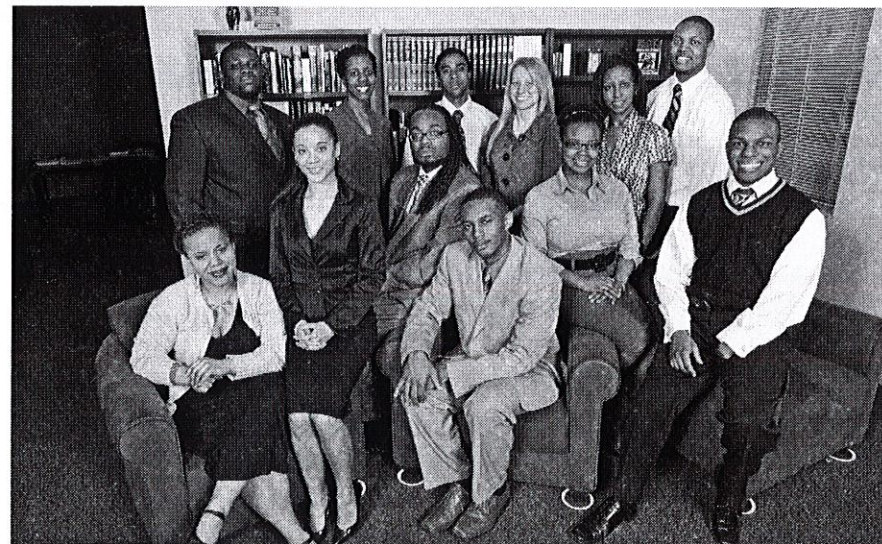
During the 1960s, Xavier University, along with many other American universities, experienced racial strife. African-American students attending Xavier in the '60s wanted privileges and opportunities similar to those of their white counterparts. In 1969, the University recognized the need and created 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.

EXECUTIVE BOARD 2008-2009

President..... Alex Allen-Tunsil
 Legislative Vice President..... Amber Pettaway
 Administrative Vice President Josh Meadows
 Legislative Secretary Jessica Pasioneck
 Executive Secretary Aaron Marble
 Treasurer Morgan Miller
 Member-at-Large (Senate)..... Jabriel Kelley
 Member-at-Large (SAC) Anthony Brown
 Advisors Tekeia Howard and Robert Clay



1ST ROW: Blandie Atkins, Morgan Miller, Alex Allen-Tunsil, Josh Meadows

2ND ROW Aaron Marble, Amber Pettaway

3RD ROW: Robert Clay, Leslie Stevenson, Jabriel Kelley, Jessica Pasioneck, Tekeia Howard, Anthony Brown

ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP GALA PLANNING COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS:

KATRICEE CARTER AND ELISE HARRIS



As the 2008-2009 co-chairs, we would like to express our gratitude for the opportunity to lead in the planning of the Black Student Association's premier event, the Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala. This year, the duties of the Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala co-chairs and committee have expanded due to new funding policies; therefore, fundraising served as an integral role in our committee's responsibilities. "Sugar and Spice" and "Evolution: The Fashion Show" are two examples of various successful events planned to raise funds for the gala. With the support of our advisors, Tekeia Howard and Robert Clay, the Black Student Association, and our committee members, we were able to effectively meet funding costs for the gala. The integrity of this fabulous event was not compromised, and the necessary funds for the Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala were obtained. We believe that our ability to raise necessary funds speaks profoundly of our committee and our surrounding community, and it also

bolsters this year's theme, "The Passion to Transcend... The Power to Persevere." Thank you for allowing us to partake in this highly esteemed event in the Xavier community, and we appreciate the experience.

ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP GALA
PLANNING COMMITTEE



1ST ROW: Leslie Stevenson, Katricee Carter, Elise Harris, Anthony Brown, Brandie Atkins
2ND ROW: Amanda Tooley, Amber Pettaway, Melinda Jennings
3RD ROW: Aaron Marble, Arzel West Estell, Alex Allen-Tunsil, Tekeia Howard, Robert Clay
NOT PICTURED: Morgan Miller, Nicole Jones, Lauren Bobbitt