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Strive to Succeed”*

THE 34TH ANNUAL ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP GALA

APRIL 16, 2010

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BLACK STUDENT ASSOCIATION
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Xavier University's Black Student Association

presents

The 34th Annual Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala

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April 16, 2010

6:00 p.m.

James and Caroline Duff Banquet Center

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.

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. Andrew 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 and confident 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

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

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WELCOME

KATRIECE CARTER, BSA PRESIDENT



On behalf of Xavier University's Black Student Association, I would like to thank you for supporting the accomplishments of our members. This year has been a year of transition, not only politically and economically, but also culturally. Antonio Johnson challenges us to understand and appreciate the diversity within ourselves and the diversity within others. He encourages us to position ourselves accordingly in order to impact our communities and effect change.

Mr. Johnson provided an example of hard work and dedication to the Black Student Association. He believed and strove for the values of independence, strength and development for minority communities. Unfortunately, his untimely death prevented him from seeing the fruits of his labor, but we honor his memory and his dedication through the Antonio Johnson Scholarship. The evolution of the scholarship has been quite profound: just nine years ago the award was \$1,500.00; then it increased to \$3,000.00. Now I am proud to report that the scholarship is fully funded to include tuition, books, fees, and room and board. It is presented to a junior of African descent for his or her contribution to the Black Student Association, the Xavier community and external community service. In the spirit of Antonio Johnson, this year's board and general body has worked tirelessly to continue the work of Mr. Johnson, particularly by fighting relentlessly for social change on campus.

"Dare to dream, strive to succeed."

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

Katriece Carter

President

2009-2010 Black Student Association

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MASTERS OF CEREMONIES

CHARLES DICKSON



Charles Dickson was born in Los Angeles and is a communication arts major with a concentration in electronic media. Dickson was given an academic scholarship and grants for his achievements in high school. During his freshman year Charles was a Division I athlete who walked onto the Xavier baseball team. He also became a member of Gentlemen Organized for Achievement and Leadership (GOAL), the Black Student Association and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. After being released from the baseball team his sophomore year, Charles became a vocal member of GOAL and was appointed head of the social committee.

This year Charles is the president of GOAL and head sports anchor/director/producer/editor for the Xavier television station. He is also the vice president and charter member of the Gamma Alpha Iota Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Charles has been involved in Manresa 2009, Community Action Day and Xavier Christmas. In December, with the help of his fellow brothers, Charles helped create a program called Project Sigma's Waging War Against Cancer. The locks he had been growing for ten years was cut off in support of breast cancer. This current semester he was accepted as an intern for WLWT-TV Channel 5 Sports. Charles was hired as a Xavier University representative by CBS SportsLine and is currently working on a diversity project that will be released this April.

LEON HAMPTON



Leon Hampton was born January 21, 1988 in Harlem, New York. The importance of education was instilled in him by his mother, Jennifer Hampton. This message is one Leon took very seriously because he knew education would be the key to success and open doors that were closed previously to his family. Leon's academic prowess earned him a scholarship to one of the best high schools in New York City. His dedication to education helped him to excel and earn another academic scholarship to Xavier University. He continues to display his love for academics by consistently earning Dean's List honors, which he hopes will help him enter law school in the Fall 2010.

Leon believes to whom much is given much is expected. This past summer, he served as a litigation and government relations intern, at the law firm of Hester & Waters in Chicago. During his internship, Leon played an instrumental role in providing the legal research necessary to help many families of the Great Migration regain their rightfully owned lands in the South and turn them into assets. This push attempted to correct one of America's long lasting disparities of land owned by Black Americans. He has been an active part of the Xavier University community since his freshman year. Leon is the Student Director of Diversity, where he has served as an advocate and point of contact for students of diverse populations. He also has helped charter the Gamma Alpha Iota chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. at Xavier University. He is a member of Mortar National Senior Honor Society, Gentleman Organized for Achievement and Leadership and the Black Student Association.

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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.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

TONY ANDERSON

Tony Anderson is a music producer and manager, educator, researcher, and Ph.D. candidate at the University of Delaware, where he was recently awarded the Excellence in Teaching Award, the university's highest teaching honor. Anderson is credited with being one of the foremost thinkers and researchers on hip-hop pedagogy, an educational theory that involves exploring the instructional and entrepreneurial possibilities of hip-hop culture.

His proudest moment involves the creation of Bassline Entertainment, an after-school program he developed with the assistance of education professor Shuaib Meacham and teacher Jennifer Bishop. Initially the goal in establishing the group was to help academically engage students who had been historically resistant to traditional educational approaches. This after-school program ultimately evolved into a summer camp and a professional performance group that toured the United States and Europe. While in Europe, aspects of Anderson's hip-hop pedagogy curriculum were adopted into the Sheffield, England school curriculum and standardized testing program.

Bassline has also produced three albums and has been featured in numerous educational and mainstream publications. Bassline shared the stage with numerous hip-hop icons including P. Diddy, Mary J. Blige, Russell Simmons, Busta Rhymes and B2K, among others. In addition to Bassline's numerous artistic achievements, 100 percent of its students received admission to four-year colleges and universities, with many of the students receiving music and performance-based scholarships.

Anderson is now a highly sought-after educational consultant and lecturer with Counter Current Consulting. He also works professionally in the music industry as a producer and manager with an array of musicians, from Grammy Award winning artists The Roots to popular actress and singer Zoe Kravitz to Grammy Award winning producers Dre & Vidal. He has also consulted on projects for Al Green, Jill Scott, John Legend and others.

Anderson has been featured or quoted in over 20 publications, including the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, AllHipHop.com and *Vibe* magazine. He has also given over 50 professional presentations on hip-hop culture in the United States and Europe. He is now working on the creation of an entertainment technology and recording arts conservatory in Philadelphia. Tony Anderson believes that he is just getting started in his efforts to change the world through music.

Tony Anderson came to the Xavier University on a music scholarship. He served as the Musketeer mascot, president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., legislative vice president of the Black Student Association, sang in a group called Trifecta and sat on a host of committees. He also helped with strategic program planning for African-American students and was instrumental in launching Greek Fest and the Miss Black and Gold Pageant, an annual scholarship pageant sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc.

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ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP GALA

PROGRAM

CHARLES DICKSON AND LEON HAMPTON, MASTERS OF CEREMONIES

Prelude..... **The Gregg Bacon Quartet**
Student's Welcome..... **Melinda Jennings**
 Antonio Johnson Scholarship Committee Co-Chair
President's Welcome **Michael J. Graham, S.J.**
 Xavier University President
Remembering Antonio Johnson **Katricee Carter**
 Black Student Association, President
Invocation..... **Brittany Barnes**
 Class of 2010

~ DINNER ~

Music by The Gregg Bacon Quartet

Introduction of Keynote Speaker **Leon Hampton and Charles Dickson**
Keynote Address **Tony Anderson**

~ AWARD PRESENTATIONS ~

Outstanding First-Year Student Award **Naomi Mbanefo**
 Class of 2012
Outstanding Sophomore Award **Jacqui Taylor**
 Class of 2011
Outstanding Senior Award..... **Arzell West-Estell**
 Class of 2012
Outstanding Service Award **Oluwasola Ijoyah**
 Class of 2010
BSA Committee of the Year Award **Nicole Jones**
 Class of 2011
Administrative/Faculty Support Award **Almaz Witthans**
 Class of 2012
Antonio Johnson Leadership Award **Lundon Brown**
 Class of 2010
Antonio Johnson Scholar Awards..... **Dr. Janice Walker**
 Dean, College of Arts and Science
Benjamin J. Allen Alumni Award..... **Steve Baker**
 Staff Accountant, Alumni 2009
Macy's Multicultural Runner-up Award **Mike Kelly**
 Vice President, Learning and Development, Macy's Inc.
Antonio Johnson Scholarship Award..... **Katricee Carter**
Macy's Multicultural Runner-up Award 2009 Recipient
Tekeia N. K. Howard
 Associate Director, Multicultural Affairs
Aaron Marble
 Antonio Johnson Award 2009 Recipient
Closing Acknowledgments/Remarks **Robert Clay**
 Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs
Lauren Bobbitt
 Antonio Johnson Scholarship Committee Co-Chair
Benediction..... **Ashley Lockhart**
 Class of 2011

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ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS

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MICHELE BROCKINGTON



Michele Brockington is a junior marketing major from Wheatley Heights, New York. She is the daughter of Ronald and Macquin Brockington and the younger sister of Macquin Brockington and Victor Teel. Although she followed in her older sister's footsteps by attending Xavier University, Brockington has been able to bring her own individuality and shine on campus.

Since arriving at Xavier, she has been an active member of numerous extracurricular activities, including the Black Student Association, the men's basketball committee and the Peer Leadership Team. Brockington is also a proud member, fundraising chair and historian of the Remarkable Rho Psi chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., where "Service to All Mankind" is a legacy that she demonstrates in her commitment to serving others in her community.

While at Xavier, she has participated in array of community service activities including: Community Action Day, Students Taking Roles, Big Sister Little Sister and Xavier Christmas. She is also a weekly tutor at W.E.B Dubois Elementary School and Rockdale Academy. Brockington expanded on her service work by going on an Alternative Break trip to the Dominican Republic to teach orphans English and help build up their school. Through her sorority, Brockington also participates in monthly housing projects in Over-The-Rhine to clean up the community.

Upon graduation, Brockington plans to attend New York University for law school where she wants to become a lawyer. Brockington hope to utilize her law school education to become an advocate for children's rights.

THAILER A. BUARI



Thailer A. Buari, a native of Columbus, Ohio, entered Xavier University in fall of 2007 as a freshman. During his tenure at Xavier, Thailer declared a major in finance and quickly became involved in the Black Student Association and Gentlemen Organized for Achievement and Leadership (GOAL). He served as a resident assistant for two years, where he was responsible for managing a wing of 30 sophomore residents. Thailer was later appointed to the position of student rights representative in the Student Government Association, and he also served as the secretary for GOAL. Throughout his college enrollment, Thailer has striven to make

an impact on the surrounding community by becoming involved in various service initiatives, which include Community Action Day and the Excel Mentoring Program with Cincinnati Public Schools. When he is not busy with academics and extracurricular activities, Thailer enjoys spending time with family and friends, practicing the piano and listening to music. Upon graduation, Thailer aspires to obtain law degree and establish a career in civil litigation. In addition to being a successful lawyer, Thailer hopes to eventually become a reputable entrepreneur.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thailer A. Buari".

ALEXIS PONDER



Alexis Ponder is a junior nursing major from Dayton, Ohio. For the duration of her freshman year, she was a member of the Black Student Association, Xavier University Gospel Choir (XUGC), Showers of Anointing (SOA), Ernest E. Just Society, Students Committed to Christ (SCC) and Ladies with Emphasis on Achievement and Distinction (LEAD). During her sophomore year she began to heavily engage in a variety of leadership roles, which included vice president of SCC, Secretary of both SOA and LEAD, and board member of the X-Action Service Committee.

Due to the extent of her involvement, she organized and attended numerous events to service Xavier students and the surrounding community alike. As of this year, Alexis serves as the president of LEAD, the vice president of SCC, and the chaplain of XUGC. She has worked diligently to raise awareness of pertinent issues specifically affecting Black women and actively supports the progression of the community as a whole. Additionally, she often returns to her former high school to offer support and encouragement to students of color. Alexis is very passionate about her spirituality, family and the pursuit of knowledge. She bears witness that determination, tempered by love and compassion, eases the struggles of life while clearing a path for success.

AMANDA DELORES TOOLEY



Amanda Delores Tooley was born in Indianapolis and entered Xavier in the fall of 2007. She is a third-year sport management major with a minor in business. Amanda is a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and currently serves as the Rho Xi chapter secretary. She is a member of the Black Student Association and has served on the Antonio Johnson Gala Committee. She has been a committed member of the Manresa Orientation Team and the Peer Leadership Team. She has been involved with public service activities such as Students Taking Active Roles, Community Action Day and Alternative Breaks. She is also a dedicated

player on the Women's Club Rugby team.

After graduation, Amanda plans to pursue a career in the sport industry and later a master's degree in sport administration. She hopes to work in college athletics or with youth recreation centers. Her goal is to impact the lives of many young people, and communities as a whole, through her work at recreation centers. Amanda would also like to volunteer in countries abroad to offer children in impoverished communities an opportunity to participate in sports.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Amanda Delores Tooley".

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 2009-2010

- President..... Katriece Carter
- Legislative Vice President.....Aaron Marble
- Administrative Vice President Nicole Jones
- Legislative SecretaryJacqui Taylor
- Executive SecretaryAaron Marble
- Treasurer Retha Walker
- Member-at-Large (Senate)..... Arzell West-Estell
- Member-at-Large (SAC)Almaz Witthans
- Advisors Tekeia N. K. Howard and Robert Clay



1ST ROW: Aaron Marble, Katriece Carter, Nicole Jones

2ND ROW: Robert Clay, Retha Walker, Almaz Witthans, Jacqui Taylor, Arzell West-Estell. Not pictured: Tekeia Howard.

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ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP GALA PLANNING COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS:

LAUREN N. BOBBITT



Lauren Bobbitt is a sophomore nursing major from Indianapolis. Upon graduation, she hopes to become a neonatal nurse working in an intensive-care unit and possibly a neonatal nurse practitioner. As a nursing major she has maintained a 3.4 GPA and made the Dean's List in fall 2009. She has participated in the Black Student Association, Summer Service Internship Program, Manresa Orientation and Ladies with Emphasis on Achievement & Distinction. She thanks God for continually blessing her with a wonderful family and faithful friends, and her family for supporting and praying for her.

MELINDA JENNINGS



Melinda Jennings is a senior sociology major from Cleveland Heights, OH. She feels it is an honor to have been placed in the position to serve as Antonio Johnson Co-Chair for the 2009-2010 school year after serving this committee throughout her entire Xavier career. This has truly been an exciting year for her and the committee. During her tenure at Xavier, she has served and continues to serve its community to the fullest extent as president of the Rho Xi chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., president of the Xavier University Gospel Choir and a member of the Black Student Association. Upon graduation, Melinda aspires to continue her education by attending graduate school to pursue studies in both public health and student affairs. Lastly, she would like to thank everyone who has stood beside

her throughout her Xavier experience and has helped her to be where she is now: the Lord, her family, Anthony Brown, The FaMmm, the Rho Xi chapter and her mentor, Tekeia N. K. Howard. Also, special thanks to her phenomenal co-chair, Lauren Bobbit and this year's committee for all of their hard work and dedication.

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ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP GALA PLANNING COMMITTEE



1ST ROW: Naomi Mbanefo, Melinda Jennings, Lauren Bobbitt, Nicole Jones
2ND ROW: Ashley Lockhart, Tiffany Byrd, Alexis Ponder, Retha Walker, Amy Bennett



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