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35<sup>th</sup> SCHOLARSHIP  
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THE 35TH ANNUAL ANTONIO JOHNSON  
SCHOLARSHIP GALA

APRIL 15, 2011

7:00 P.M.

JAMES AND CAROLINE DUFF BANQUET CENTER

**A**NTONIO  
JOHNSON

## 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

2010	Thailer Buari	1999	Aric Hassel	1988	Linwood Riddick III
2009	Aaron Marble	1998	Natasha L. Collins	1987	Jacqueline Nash
2008	Lydia Powell	1997	Damianne C. Scott	1986	Margaret A. Gooden
2007	Keyona Gullett	1996	Kelie Roberts	1985	Boaz Jackson James Thomas
2006	Corey Hawthorne	1995	Aarionne L. Farmer		
2005	Shurrell Suttles	1994	Shauna A. Starks	1984	Julie I. Graves Benetta Roper
2004	Simone Harris	1993	Cherie L. Beal		
2003	Natasha Hamilton	1992	Sharon Y. Richardson	1983	Pamela D. Smith Teresa L. West
2002	Justin H. Hardy	1991	Kenrick S. Richardson		
2001	Janelle E. Hines	1990	Jhules A. Clark		
2000	Ameerah S. Khalifa	1989	Lea C. Williams		

## WELCOME

### Arzell West-Estell, BSA President

On behalf of the Black Student Association (BSA) I would like to welcome you to the 35th annual Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala. Tonight celebrates the memory of a great man by honoring the accomplishments of the great men and women at our esteemed university.

It is because of the exceptional caliber of involved Black students at this university that BSA has been and will continue to be one of the largest and most prestigious organizations at Xavier. The numbers are good but the quality of members is greater. I am honored to serve as the president of your Black Student Association this year.

This year has been full of hope. The first year students have shown their desire to pick up the torch that is soon to be passed to them. While the upper class students have shown that their visions of the bright future ahead has not blinded them from their commitment to the legacy they are leaving. Tonight we will commend the efforts of individuals who have demonstrated the principles that Antonio Johnson embodied in his lifetime-achievement, scholarship, and service.

The Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala continues to be one of the largest event of the year at Xavier University. Tonight would not be possible without the commitment of the Antonio Johnson Committee specifically the co-chairs, Christopher Razor and Ashley Dobbs. Thank you for making the decision to spend your evening with us as we celebrate the man to whom this gala is named for and the individuals who continue to make this night memorable.

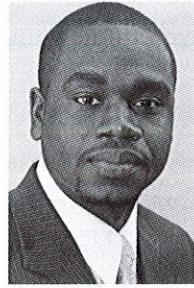
Arzell West-Estell

President

2010-2011 Black Student Association

## MASTERS OF CEREMONIES

### Thailer Buari



Thailer Buari, a native of Columbus, is a senior finance major and the Antonio Johnson Scholarship recipient in 2010. He quickly became involved in the Black Student Association (BSA) and Gentlemen Organized for Achievement and Leadership (G.O.A.L.), as a first year student at Xavier. He served as a resident assistant for two years and was later appointed to the position of Student Rights Representative in the Student Government Association. Buari currently serves as the president of G.O.A.L. and as a member of the university conduct board of appeals.

Throughout his college enrollment, Thailer has impacted the community through his involvement in various service initiatives which include Community Action Day and the eXcel Mentoring Program. Thailer plans to obtain a Doctorate of Jurisprudence upon graduation, after which he hopes to establish a successful career as civil trial lawyer.

### Chynna Stubbs



Partly growing up on the small community and religious based island of Nassau, the Bahamas taught Chynna a sense of “we” despite being in a society and era that is so focused on “I”. Her motto in life is “Real generosity toward the future lies in giving all to the present”~Albert Camus. Having an understanding of this quote and the values instilled in her by my parents and life lessons Chynna chose to be a Nursing Major. Furthering this belief and understanding the Jesuit mission Chynna realize that on campus and community involvement are both imperative to not only being “men and women for others” but rather a good citizen of the world. Always

striving to embody this quote she has been an active member of a variety of clubs and organizations on campus; some being: the African Student Association, the Black Student Association, Ladies with an Emphasis on Achievement and Distinction, the National Pan Hellenic Council and a proud member of the Rho Xi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. where she currently serve as the 2010-2011 Chapter President. With the push of my family, friends, sorors, and the legacy of her sorority Chynna realize that these accomplishments are only a piece in the monument she will later call my life. This year’s theme “One People One Mission” shows that Xavier University has not forgotten about the concept of “we” and the progression of all.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

### Anthony Darnell Davis



Mr. Davis graduated in 1972 with Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Xavier University. During his years at XU, Mr. Davis served two terms as President of the Black Student Association, was a member-at-large to the Student Senate, and served on the Human Relations Committee. He was an Archbishop’s Scholar and McCall Scholar and was selected to Who’s Who in American Universities. He was a guest columnist for XU News and was a member of the Pershing Rifles.

For his graduate studies, Mr. Davis selected the University of Cincinnati. He enrolled in dual Master Degree programs in Community Planning and Educational Administration. He graduated in 1974 with his MCP in Community Planning and his M.Ed. in Educational Administration. He is ABD for a doctorate in Education.

As an educator, Mr. Davis worked as an Adult Leader/Health Education Specialist with the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center for over 18 years. He began as a faculty member at the University of Cincinnati in 1984. In 2000, he began teaching Black Drama I and II, and Black Drama Studio.

His honors included: Outstanding Young Men in America-1984; Lloyd Richards Award for Theatre Directing; Black Theatre Festival Appreciation Award; Maurice McCrackin Peace and Justice Award; Shelby Taylor Artist Appreciation Award - 2000; Mallory Center New Voices Award, 1999 (Outstanding Poet & Literary Achievement); Applause Magazine 1998 Image Maker Award; the 2002 Spirit of Black Theatre Award; and the 2004 Lloyd Richards Award for Theatre Directing.

In 2011, Mr. Davis will publish 12 books of poetry, two children’s books, and produce 6 plays written by Cincinnati area playwrights.

## 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.

## ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP GALA PROGRAM

THAILER BUARI AND CHYNNA STUBBS,  
MASTERS OF CEREMONIES

Prelude.....	The Gregg Bacon Quartet
Student's Welcome .....	Ashley Dobbs Antonio Johnson Scholarship Committee Co-Chair
Provost's Welcome .....	Roger Fortin Academic Vice President and Provost
Remembering Antonio Johnson.....	Arzell West-Estell Black Student Association, President
Invocation .....	Lauren White Class of 2014
<b>DINNER</b> .....	Music by The Gregg Bacon Quartet
Introduction of Keynote Speaker.....	Thailer Buari and Chynna Stubbs
Keynote Address .....	Anthony Darnell Davis
<b>AWARD PRESENTATIONS</b>	
Outstanding First-Year Student Award .....	Kristen Rogers Class of 2013
Outstanding Sophomore Award .....	Jared Greene Class of 2012
Outstanding Senior Award .....	Brandon Hopper Class of 2012
Outstanding Service Award .....	Ashley Lockhart Class of 2012
BSA Committee of the Year Award.....	Diona Morgan Class of 2012
Administrative/Faculty Support Award .....	RaeDawn Turner Class of 2011
Antonio Johnson Leadership Award .....	Tim Barr Class of 2014
Antonio Johnson Scholar Awards.....	Tekeia N. K. Howard Associate Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs
Benjamin J. Allen Alumni Award.....	Vonnya Thomas University Cashier, Alumnae 2004
Macy's Multicultural Runner-up Award.....	Mike Kelly Vice President, Learning and Development, Macy's Inc.
	Alexis Ponder Macy's Multicultural Runner-up Award 2009 Recipient
Antonio Johnson Scholarship Award .....	Janice Walker Dean of Arts and Sciences
	Thailer Buari Antonio Johnson Award 2010 Recipient
Closing Acknowledgments/Remarks.....	Christopher Razor Antonio Johnson Scholarship Committee Co-Chair
	Robert Clay Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs
Benediction .....	Chansin Jackson Class of 2014

## ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS

### Akosua Effa Addo



On September 25, 1989 Akosua was the last of five children born to her parents. Growing up in Ghana, West Africa, her little, male dominated community had very few female role models for ambitious young women like her. Nevertheless, Akosua kept dreaming big and set high standards for her life. From humble beginnings she has been especially interested in philanthropy, economic development and politics. Fortunately for Akosua her parents encouraged these "male" interests and greatly supported her success.

At 16, Akosua started her own community non-profit aimed at developing leadership skills in young people through education, training and community service. Her efforts in promoting youth leadership and civic engagement won her a regional excellence award at age 17. In junior high school, Akosua was one of two female prefects on campus, passionately involved in competitive debates, leadership training projects and human rights activism. She graduated top ten percent of her high school class having taken classes in Economics, Arts and Science.

After graduation, Akosua took a year off to volunteer with Ghana Youth Leadership Alliance as a volunteer tutor in rural villages across Ghana. Currently a junior majoring in Economics, Akosua hope to pursue a career in academia or public policy after a PhD in education. This summer Akosua will spend her time as a business analyst intern at Fifth Third Bank.

### Brittany Armour



Ms. Brittany Armour is a junior Accounting and Finance major, with a 3.8 cumulative GPA. She was born and raised in Youngstown, Ohio. Brittany is the daughter of Ronald and Barbara Armour. In part of her parents' belief in giving back, Ms. Armour has always been very active within her community by volunteering her time. Ms. Armour has volunteered in vast areas including assisting in patient care in hospitals and nursing homes, coaching little league basketball, and aiding in cleaning the streets of Youngstown that are corrupted by litter. Because of her commitment to community service, Ms. Armour was awarded the YWCA's

Women with Bright Futures Award. During her time at Xavier, she has been a member of the Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity, the planning committee for Relay for Life, and the Resident Student Association. Furthermore, Ms. Armour is currently a Resident Assistant (RA) in Buenger Hall this year, in effort to become a positive role model for Xavier students. During the summers, Brittany provides free tutoring services to Youngstown inner-city youth who are struggling in the subject areas of Spanish and Math.

Even with her strong dedication to service, Ms. Armour has maintained a spot on the Dean's List for the past five consecutive semesters. Ultimately, her goal is to transform the American healthcare system into one that will provide all Americans with top notch health services regardless of their social economical status. With her passion and education received here at Xavier, she believes she will be able to attain her dream.

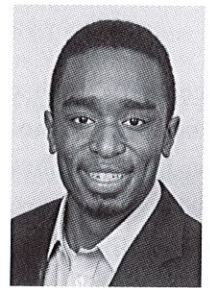
## Theron Bundle



Theron A. Bundle is a Marketing major/Psychology minor student from Indianapolis, Indiana. She is the daughter of Thea Kelly and Mark Bundle.

Since her arrival here at Xavier University, Theron has embraced student life as an involved member of the Xavier and surrounding Cincinnati community. As a student, Theron has achieved the honor of making the Dean's List, always maintaining a GPA above a 3.0. Theron has been recognized by two major corporations for her scholastic achievements, and this past summer, she was selected for a paid internship with a Fortune 23 Corporation. On campus, Theron serves as Vice President and Programs Chair of the Rho Psi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and has also served as Secretary and Membership Chair. Over the course of her collegiate career, she has been involved with several campus organizations including BSA, LEAD, and Xavier's Black Greek Council. To serve the community, Theron works at a local Cincinnati Public School assisting under-privileged elementary students on a weekly basis. Theron has personified the importance of service as a student at Xavier by adhering to the Jesuit principle of "Men and Women for Others" - a philosophy she envisions Antonio Johnson to have held in high regard. Furthermore, Theron exemplifies Antonio Johnson's vision. Mr. Johnson paved the way for African American students to become active in organizations on campus. Theron has followed his lead and emerged as a strong leader here at Xavier University, and hopes to one day leave a similar legacy of her own.

## Evan Carter



Evan Carter's life has been defined by numerous circumstances that have molded him into the person he is today. Evan has been fortunate enough to have opportunities that have allowed me to grow and develop into a well-rounded individual. Evan feels that these opportunities have prepared him to be able to take on any circumstance and to show a high standard of character in any situation. Evan was born in Toledo, Ohio, on August 14, 1989, to Frederick and Cecelia Carter. His parents have continued to have a large influence in his life. Evan rarely ever makes an important decision without consulting his parents first. He is the youngest of his siblings. They are his best friends in the entire world, and his connection with them has taught him many things about himself. Evan moved to Columbus, Ohio when he was four and he currently lives there today. One thing that his parents instilled in him is the importance of education and having a passion to serve for others in need. Because of this, he has always valued its importance, and has realized how he can impact the world. Evan continuously challenges himself to achieve high intellectual standards, and has participated in numerous volunteer opportunities. He believes that experiences such as these only increase his love for knowledge, his passion for others, and they have paved the way for him to be successful in life.

## Stacey Fong



Stacey Sharice Fong is the daughter of Gilbert and Dawn Fong from Shaker Heights, Ohio. Stacey is a junior majoring in Montessori Education (ages 6 through 9). She has been a member of the Black Student Association, L.E.A.D, Alterative Breaks, and Education club. She is the chair of community service for B.S.A and a co-chair of an educational fundraiser to help aid future teachers called crayons to computers. On campus Stacey has been a part of X-action day and A Xavier Christmas. Off campus, she joins the Ladies of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. (Pi Upsilon Chapter) to volunteer at a Boys and Girls Club in Big Sisters, Little Sisters. She

participates in tutoring and giving her aid by any means necessary to public Montessori schools and many public Cincinnati Schools. On Sundays, she attends Crossroads Church services and volunteer as a staff member in the Kids' Club. Stacey has been an active citizen of Alternative Breaks (summer) in which she has travelled to the Dominican Republic to work with a program called Orphanage Outreach. This program is specialized to teach young children English and help conduct interactive summer camps. This year she travelled to Alternative breaks Russia, to work with an organization called Comfort Foundation, an orphanage with children of special needs. In Cleveland, Stacey works at the Euclid Family YMCA as a camp leader. In addition, I volunteer as an art teacher who creates various projects that are developmentally appropriate for young children. As well, I work with a mentoring group for young girls' ages 10 through 12 on such issues of self-confidence and health.

Stacey's plan is to approach my dreams with creativity, motivation, and passion until she reach success. After graduation, her dreams are to teach in an urban setting where the children need the most support. She wants to be a part of their support system to help them achieve their BIG dreams.

## Jared F. Greene

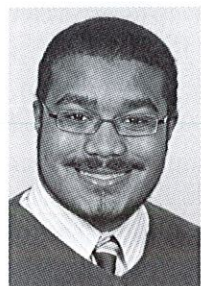


Jared F. Greene is a junior marketing major with a minor in communications from Dayton, Ohio. He is grateful for being recognized as a finalist for this esteemed scholarship. Greene acknowledges the significant role his family has played in his life, especially his grandmother, Louise Keaton, who is his inspiration and drives him to succeed in all his does.

Greene's involvement in the Xavier community has progressively grown since his freshman year. While a proud and active member of the Black Student Association and GOAL, he has strived to become leader across campus. Greene currently serves as president of the Sigma Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Communications Chair for Alternative Breaks, and is a resident assistant in Husman Hall. In addition to campus organizations, Greene has made it an effort to excel in the classroom. He currently has a cumulative 3.28 GPA and a major GPA of 3.66.

Upon graduation, Greene plans on pursuing a career in either the non-profit sector or the health care industry. Greene's love and passion for service learning and internship experience with United Healthcare this past summer has prompted his pursue of these two fields. He is also considering pursuing a joint MBA/MHA degree as well.

## Kristopher Holmes



Kristopher Holmes is a native of St. Louis. He is a history major with minors in humanities and theology. Upon graduation, he plans to attend graduate school in pursuit of a PhD in Egyptology with aspirations of becoming a college professor/Egyptologist. He is the son of Karla and Michael Holmes and has a younger sister, Kaitlin.

Kristopher attended St. Louis University High School. It was there that his commitment to community service was fully cemented. As is the Ignation spirit, being a “man for others” is something he takes literally and therefore, is very active with community service at Xavier and plans to continue being so in the future. For the past two summers, he was an intern with the St. Louis Homeless Services Division. This provided him with a unique opportunity to see the mechanics behind providing services and support, some of which will be utilized in the spring when he leads a group to Baltimore to work with the city’s homeless for Alternative Breaks.

Kristopher began his Xavier career becoming very active with the offerings of the Center for Faith and Justice and has grown to now include resurrecting and being the president of Xavier’s History Club, selected to be a participant in the Advanced Leaders Institute and a board member of S.T.A.R. He is a dedicated student with a 3.5 GPA and Dean’s List honors.

An important aspect of his life is his family which provides him with the necessary love and support to be successful and his faith which keeps him focused and purposeful.

## TaTiana Sanders



TaTiana Keisha Marie Sanders is a young visionary with aspirations of working as a news anchor at a national broadcast station where her stories will cover successful minorities who partake in great acts of community service, leadership, and educating the youth. TaTiana is young woman of great spirit, intellect, and heart. Her goal-oriented mind set and creative thinking style, as consequence of the loving support, God fearing faith, and morals instilled by her family, has allowed her to be a role model to her younger siblings.

Thanks to her family, and the belief within herself, TaTiana has been able to make some of the dreams of her family, as well as her own, come true. She has taken full advantage of the social clubs and committees on campus, being a member of Black Student Association, Ladies of Emphasis on Achievement and Distinction, Boxing club, XUTV Club, Local and District Miss Black and Gold, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc., working as Student Recruitment Director, XU Admission Committee, and the XU Gender and Diversity Studies Committee.

TaTiana has been successful in her academics, social conquests, and community service opportunities, exemplifying the characteristics and qualities of a true woman for others. A religious and loving woman who is intellectually competent, open to the growth of herself and others, and committed to doing justice to better the integrity of her community.

## Hanna Tegegne



Hanna Tegegne is a junior Biology major with Chemistry minor. She is a native of Ethiopia and an active member of the African Student Association. Her sophomore year she served as Treasurer and continues to serve, her junior year, as the Social Services Coordinator in the ASA board. During her time at Xavier she has worked as a Chemistry laboratory Assistant, Biology Research Assistant, and as a Patient Attendant/Patient Care Assistant at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital. Currently, she works as a second year Resident Assistant in Husman Hall, where she is in charge of over 35 sophomore residents. She also participates in Alternative Breaks, Relay for Life, and International Students Society. She is part of the University Scholars program and Trio Student Support Services and hopes to attend Medical School upon graduation.

## Vernon Thomas



Vernon Thomas was born October 18, 1989 in Omaha, NE. He is the second and last child of Virgil Thomas and Paula Williams-Thomas. His older sister Joy, age 24 is a teacher in Des Moines, IA. Though born in Omaha, Vernon considers himself a bit of a “rolling stone”. Growing up he lived in California, Pennsylvania, Colorado, and then relocated to Omaha in the 6th grade. Vernon would remain in Omaha until his graduation from Creighton Preparatory High School in 2008.

Upon graduation Vernon came to Xavier where he is pursuing a double major in Finance and Economics. As soon as Vernon got to campus he quickly engulfed himself in Student Government and the organization Gentlemen Organized for Achievement and Leadership. He has been known to approach his campus extracurricular activities with exceptional vigor and poise.

Aside from studying or participating in extracurricular activities Vernon enjoys a number of hobbies that include listening to music, watching sports, spending time with friends and family, and perhaps his favorite, traveling. Since his freshman year in high school, Vernon has had the great fortune of visiting Canada, Mexico, Australia, Italy, Greece, Germany, China, Vietnam, and Costa Rica. From his travels, Vernon has developed a concrete understanding of how all of the earth’s citizens are interconnected.

When Vernon graduates from Xavier next May he plans to attend law school and subsequently practice corporate law.

## Almaz Witthans



Everything Almaz has experienced since she was a child has encouraged her to be a hardworking student and an engaged member of the community. Almaz was born in Monrovia, Liberia at the start of its civil war, but was fortunate enough to leave shortly after she was born. Her family traveled around Africa due to her father's job, but when she was nine my family moved to America.

With all of her traveling Almaz saw a lot of poverty and people being deprived of basic human rights. Instead of feeling sorry for those she witnessed in these situations or guilty for the things that she possessed,

Almaz adopted a spirit of compassion. She needed to be a part of a solution rather than band-aid their situation. The positions Almaz volunteered in when she was older were ones that assisted in making a change, such as tutoring at Hope Academy, volunteering at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, and joining Xavier's ConneXions, and Alternative Break. She is also assisting her mother in starting the Vineyard Liberian Children Orphanage.

Almaz was raised to lead by example and always embrace the opportunity to learn. When she came to Xavier she had the privilege of being voted on to BSA's executive board, joining SAC, and becoming a Manresa group leader. She is also a member of Psi Chi National Honor Society. After Almaz earns her bachelors degree, she plans to further her education in graduate school with the ultimate goal of educating and inspiring future generations.

## 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.

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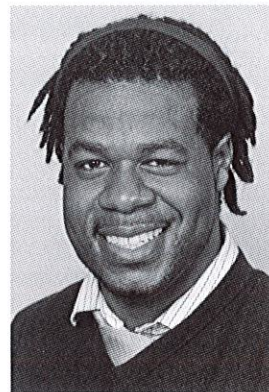


On behalf of the 2010-2011 Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala planning committee I would like to welcome everyone to one of Xavier University's and the Black Student Association's premiere event of the year recognizing students for academic and leadership achievement.

The dedication and hard work that has been poured into this event has been overwhelming. I would like to personally thank everyone who has had a hand in making tonight such a beautiful success. I hold with high honor the memory of Antonio Johnson who contributed so much to the Xavier community. We stand on his shoulders and continue his legacy as one people striving towards a mission of excellence. Tonight we celebrate the outstanding members of Xavier's community and highlight those that have made strides towards that mission of excellence.

As a co-chair of this committee I have completed this experience with many lessons learned. From late nights of planning and scheduling to labeling hours in my schedule as "AJ hour", I have run a race that has been tiresome and at times frustrating, but worth the time. I have built relationships and friendships that are reliable and supportive and the feeling of completion is unimaginable. I hope everyone in attendance enjoys the night and the committee and I thank you for joining us

### Christopher A. Razor



Christopher A. Razor, a native of Dayton, Ohio, is a junior public relations major with a music minor. Along with being a member of BSA and 2010-2011 AJ Co-chairs, he has been heavily involved in the theatre and music departments here at Xavier, and has starred in six shows.

Aside from being engaged here on campus, Christopher serves in many capacities with his local church and the Ohio Baptist General Convention, Inc. Upon graduation,

Christopher plans to move to the east coast and pursue a career as a publicist. His philosophy on life is, "When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, "I used everything you gave me."

## ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP GALA PLANNING COMMITTEE



1ST ROW: Chansin Jackson, Kendra Harris, Christopher Razor, Raven Stevenson, Ashley Dobbs, Desmond Dodd  
2ND ROW: Robert Clay, Alexis Ponder, Tim Barr, Tekeia Howard, Leslie Stevenson

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