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**ANTONIO
JOHNSON**

2017

MACY'S, INC. MULTICULTURAL AWARD

Macy's, Inc. is one of the nation's premier retailers with fiscal 2014 sales of \$28 billion with headquarters in New York and Cincinnati. The company operates about 770 stores under the names of Macy's, Bloomingdale's, Bloomingdale's Outlet, Macy's Backstage and Bluemercury, as well as the macys.com, bloomingdales.com and bluemercury.com websites. Since 2004, Macy's has provided the Antonio Johnson Macy's Multicultural Runner-Up Award, which is a \$10,000 academic scholarship.

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*Congratulations to the
Black Student Association
and the 41st Annual
Antonio Johnson Scholarship Committee.*

ANTONIO JOHNSON

*Rebirth of a
Community*

Friday, March 31

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 **BLACK STUDENT
ASSOCIATION**

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 Banquet. A scholarship is presented to a junior of African decent 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

2016	Sarah Ochieng	2003	Natasha Hamilton	1990	Jhules A. Clark
2015	Victoria Dickerson	2002	Justin H. Hardy	1989	Lea C. Williams
2014	Chuma Nnawulezi	2001	Janelle E. Hines	1988	Linwood Riddick III
2013	Josephine Lando	2000	Ameerah S. Khalifa	1987	Jacqueline Nash
2012	Tiara Anderson	1999	Aric Hassel	1986	Margaret A. Gooden
2011	Jared F. Greene	1998	Natasha L. Collins	1985	Boaz Jackson
2010	Thailer Buari	1997	Damianne C. Scott		James Thomas
2009	Aaron Marble	1996	Kelie Roberts	1984	Julie I. Graves
2008	Lydia Powell	1995	Aarionne L. Farmer		Benetta Roper
2007	Keyona Gullett	1994	Shauna A. Starks	1983	Pamela D. Smith
2006	Corey Hawthorne	1993	Cherie L. Beal		Teresa L. West
2005	Shurrell Suttles	1992	Sharon Y. Richardson		
2004	Simone Harris	1991	Kenrick S. Richardson		

WELCOME

Welcome to the 41st annual Antonio Johnson Scholarship! Forty-one years and counting of celebrating the Black Excellence that is present here at Xavier University! It's been an honor to witness all of the talent, the sophistication, and the beauty that the students have exuded throughout the year. The theme for the Black Student Association this year was #OurMelaninPopsSeverely and I believe whole heartedly that we lived out that theme and did so much more. I would like to thank my executive board who worked tirelessly throughout the year to engage the campus with Black culture amidst a season of struggle. I would also like to give special thanks to those who poured so much of themselves into making this night possible. Now we are at the close of the year and we look forward to honoring the legacy of Mr. Antonio Johnson with the awarding of the scholarship. On behalf of the Black Student Association congratulations and good luck to all the nominees, and we hope you all enjoy the night.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah Pennebaker
2016-2017 Black Student Association President



LEFT TO RIGHT: Dr. Kyra Shahid (advisor), Sierra Shockley, Kaelen Doolan, Sarah Ochieng, Blair McKee, Jeremiah Pennebaker, Chloe Motley, Audrey Calloway (advisor)

MASTER OF CEREMONY



Jason Jones

Jason Jones was born and raised in Toledo, Ohio by two strong, God-fearing parents. He has two older sisters and is the second oldest of 4 brothers. Due to the close knit environment he was raised, he has a very close relationship with all of his family. After high school graduation, Jason went on to attend Xavier University where he majored in Marketing. While attending Xavier Jason was able to nurture his passion for helping people by working in the after school and summer camp programs at the Children's Home of Cincinnati. In addition, he was able to quench his thirst for achievement and brotherhood by becoming a brother of the Beta Eta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity Incorporated where he served as Vice Polemarch and

Keeper of Records. After graduation Jason met Ashley, the love of his life while riding in an elevator at the University of Dayton visiting his younger brother. 11 years later, he has been married for 8 years and has a wonderful 4 year old son, Jayden. Through the motivation of his wife and the need to secure the best possible future for his family Jason went on to obtain his M.B.A. with a specialization in Human Resource Management. He currently serves as an officer and Business Development Manager with US Bank and leads one of the largest offices in the tri-state area. He also serves as President of the Cincinnati US Bank African American Business Resource Group, Board member for the US Bank Multicultural Market Committee, and Non-Profit Board Member for Inner City Youth Opportunities.

Jason was blessed to be raised in the word of God and tries to live his life based on one of his favorite bible verses. "But you be strong and do not give up, for your work shall be rewarded" II Chronicles 15:7

ENTERTAINMENT



The Gregg Bacon Quartet

Sizzlin' Gregg Bacon, an Indianapolis native and jazz legend, is considered one of the most exciting and versatile musical entertainers. Gregg began performing jazz, blues and R&B as a teenager. Early in his career, Gregg studied saxophone with Nicholas Brightman at Butler University and was mentored by saxophonist Charles Tyler and singer James Bell. He can play the flute and perfected the technique of playing two and three saxophones at the same time.

Gregg is an active volunteer for the Clarian Health Breast Cancer Survivors and St. Vincent's Foundation, Breast Cancer Awareness. Gregg is a member and musician at Liberation A.M.E.

Zion Church and was featured with its mass choir on a Christmas CD released in 2008. His CDs include "Makin' Bacon", "Secret Place", "Jam Faktor", and "My New America".

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Denise Lackey

Denise is Director of Operations in Primary Care/Ambulatory Operations, and Virtual Care at The Christ Hospital Health Network, Physicians Division in Cincinnati, Ohio. In her director role she leads the operation of the northern region consisting of 35 primary care providers, multiple office practice managers and staff, and The Christ Hospital Ambulatory Outpatient Center in Montgomery Ohio. She is a member of the Executive Steering Committee for The Christ Hospital's Comprehensive Primary Care Plus strategy, a national initiative of the Affordable Care Act whose objective is to improve the health and wellbeing of the communities of Cincinnati. Dr. Lackey received her Ph.D. from Benedictine University's Center for Values Driven Leadership, recognized as the #1 DBA/Ph.D., Program in Leadership according to HR.com's 2017 Lead Awards. Her Ph.D., research studied the hearts role in facilitating self-regulation

and psychological resilience for healthcare executives and emergency department nurses.

Dr. Lackey is chairperson for American Heart Association's Empowered to Serve, focusing on health promotion and prevention within the faith-based communities. She serves as an Ambassador for the Go Red for Women initiative, educating women about the modifiable risk factors predisposing them to heart disease and stroke. Dr. Lackey is President/CEO of Step of Faith Health & Wellness Ministries, Inc., a non-profit organization commissioned to improve the health and wellbeing of individuals, organizations, and communities.

She received her registered nursing degree from Miami University, Hamilton and her M.B.A. from Thomas More College. She facilitates leadership training retreats, stress management and resilience building sessions, for various organizations and programs. She has held numerous executive leadership roles in hospitals ranging from small community to large academic urban medical centers and is a licensed and ordained minister.

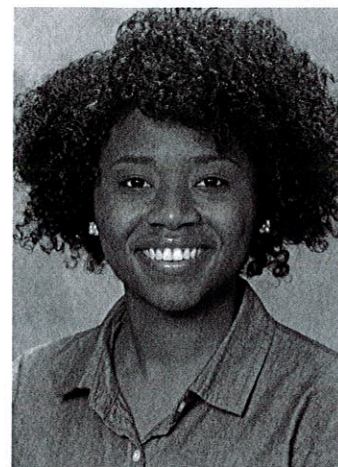
ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP GALA PROGRAM

Jason Jones, Master of Ceremonies

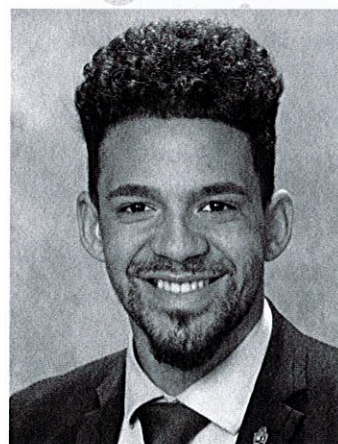
Prelude.....	The Greg Bacon Quartet
Student's Welcome.....	Diamond Brown Class of 2017
Father's Welcome	Michael J. Graham Xavier University President
Remembering Antonio Johnson	Jeremiah Pennebaker Class of 2017 BSA President
Invocation	Dr. Kyra Shahid Associate Director for the Center For Diversity and Inclusion, BSA Advisor
Introduction of Speaker.....	Jason Jones
Keynote Address	Denise Lackey
Outstanding Freshman	Prince Nortey Class of 2018
Outstanding Sophomore	Nia Mosley Class of 2018
Outstanding Senior	Joy Owens Class of 2020
Outstanding Service	Rhea Elcock Class of 2019
BSA Committee of the Year Award.....	Chloe Motley Class of 2018
Antonio Johnson Leadership Award.....	Jerry Cline Bailey Associate Professor, English Department
Antonio Johnson Scholars	Audrey Calloway Senior Designer, BSA Advisor
Faculty and Staff Award	Ihsan Walker Class 2020
Macy's Multicultural Runner-Up Award.....	Derek LeBlanc Director of Omni Channel Ops, Macy's
Antonio Johnson Scholarship Award.....	Hannah Sheppard 2016 Macy's Multicultural Scholarship Award Recipient
	Taj Smith Director, Center For Diversity and Inclusion
	Sarah Ochieng 2016 Antonio Johnson Scholarship Award Recipient,
Closing Acknowledgements/Remarks.....	Sierra Shockley Class of 2018
Benediction.....	Rev. Nelson Pierce

ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS

MaKenzie Collier



MaKenzie Sarah Collier is a junior Marketing Major with a minor in Gender and Diversity Studies and Strategic Human Resource Management. MaKenzie is a proud Columbus Ohio native who attended an inner city public performing arts high school. MaKenzie is a product of a single mother household and will be a first generation college student and considers herself blessed for her opportunity to attend Xavier University. MaKenzie gracefully hosted the 2016 BSA fashion show and currently serves on the Fashion Show committee. MaKenzie makes her presence known on Xavier's campus by being a Brockman Hall Resident Assistant and serving on the Resident Assistant Advisory Board. MaKenzie's community service initiatives includes being a dance instructor at New Vision Baptist Church and participating in the Center for Faith and Justice X-change program. MaKenzie Sarah is committed to making a change within the Norwood community and Xavier University.



Kaelan Doolan

Kaelan Andrew Doolan was born on June 10, 1996, to Stephenie Doolan and Dhaamin Abdullah, in Canton, Ohio. In 2014, Kaelan enrolled at Xavier University. Since his freshman year, Kaelan has been active on campus in various ways. As a freshman, he was heavily involved with the Black Student Association, and G.O.A.L. (Gentlemen Organized for Achievement and Leadership), culminating in his election to BSA as its public relations coordinator and winning the Outstanding Freshman Award at the 2015 Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala. In 2015, Kaelan, through an internship, designed and built a children's garden at Evanston Academy in Cincinnati, Ohio, to teach the students about environmental sustainability. In 2016, became a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. He now serves as the outgoing legislative vice-president for BSA. Professionally, Kaelan has earned internships with Xavier's coveted Summer Service Internship, Macy's, Inc., and Xavier's communications department.



Mykia Lee

Mykia Lee is a native of Buffalo, New York. She is a junior, biology major, double minoring in chemistry and gender & diversity studies. She serves as the president of Ladies with Emphasis on Achievement and Distinction (LEAD). She is a member of Xavier University's Black Student Association (BSA), Pre-Medical Society, and Ernest Just. She is also a student manager for Xavier Recreational Sports. After graduating from Xavier, Mykia plans on attending Medical School with the ultimate goal of becoming an Anesthesiologist or an Emergency Medicine Doctor in an underserved area.

Mykia possesses a passion for poetry and spoken word. She feels that words are the most powerful weapon that humans have and, with action, they can be used in order bring consciousness and change to the many critical topics of society. Being an African American female, Mykia feels that it is of grave importance to be aware of her history and to also not be afraid to speak on matters concerning her culture.



Eseoghene Obrimah

Eseoghene Obrimah is a Marketing major with minors in Innovation and Digital Innovation Film and Television from Lagos, Nigeria. She is also a University Scholar and a member of the Mortar Board National Honor Society. Obrimah has immersed herself into the Xavier community and is involved in the Common Ground Ministry team, Gospel Choir, the Interfaith Cabinet, and Manresa. She also currently serves as a Muskie Tigers mentor, a member of the BSA Fashion Show Committee, and President of the African Students Association. In all her involvement, Obrimah strives to help students make the best out of their college experience. Obrimah is passionate about changing campus culture on sexual assault and currently serves on the Sexual Assault Awareness Month Planning Committee and is a BRAVE Peer Educator. Obrimah's long term goal is to return to Nigeria and work as a researcher to

develop policies and programs focused on women's "repowerment."

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.

BLACK STUDENT ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD 2016-2017

- PresidentJeremiah Pennebaker
- Legislative Vice President Kaelan Doolan
- Administrative Vice PresidentChloe Motley
- Secretary Sierra Shockley
- Senate Member At LargeSarah Ochieng
- Public Relations Coordinator Blair McKee
- AdvisorDr. Kyra Shahid
Audrey Calloway



**ANTONIO JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP GALA
PLANNING COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS**

Sierra Shockley

First, I would like to congratulate all of the 2017 Antonio Johnson Scholarship contestants. We reward and commend you for giving life to every community you occupy with all of your wisdom, and dedication in and outside of Xavier's campus.

To the greatest co-chair, I have enjoyed every minute with you leading to this day. Thank you for opening up and not only becoming the best partner but also a great friend. Working with you has been such a pleasure and I wish you the best wishes as you graduate from Xavier University.

To the phenomenal BSA executive board I thank you for your dedication through out the year to make tonight magnificent. We would not have been able to pull of such a marvelous event and year without you. All of you are amazing leaders and I can't wait to see what the future holds for you.

Conclusively, anyone that had a part in tonight's event I cannot thank you enough. Please sit back and enjoy the evening.

Diamond Brown

First and foremost I would like to congratulate all of the Antonio Johnson Scholarship Nominees on your accomplishments which have brought you here tonight. You are all deserving of this night and have done an amazing job at giving back to a variety of communities.

To the BSA executive board thank you for your hard work and dedication to make tonight's event possible. You all have been wonderful to work with and I wish you all great success in the years to come.

To my dear co-chair, I am a glad to call you a close friend, words cannot describe how blessed I am to have such an amazing individual like you by my side. Your support means so much to me and I couldn't imagine all of this coming together without you. You are truly an inspiration, your hard work and dedication to all that you do is admirable and will take you far in life.

Finally to everyone who had a part in tonight's event thank you so much. Tonight would not be possible without your contributions. Thank you all and please enjoy the night.



Sierra Shockley, Diamond Brown,

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