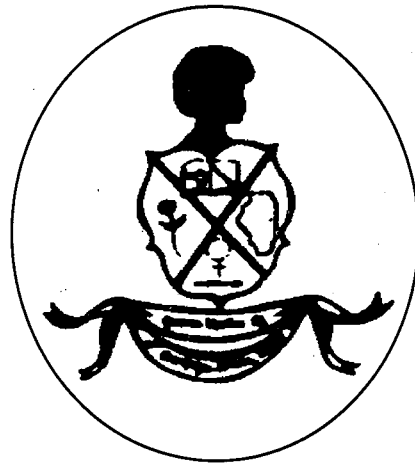


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Debutante Cotillion

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
OF GAMMA UPSILON PSI SOCIETY . . .



Patricia McKinney Lewis

Dear Cotillion Supporter,

Thank you for your continued support of our annual Cotillion ball. For 26 years your financial support has provided scholarships for more than 300 Debutantes.

In its infancy twenty-six years ago, the first Cotillion in the Champaign-Urbana was sponsored by the men of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. In 1974, Kathryn Humphrey and Margaret Smith organized a group of community women to assist the Sigmas with the Cotillion. Since 1977, this organization, Gamma Upsilon Psi Society, has been the sole sponsor of the Cotillion.

Today, with the grace of God, we continue to promote academic excellence and higher learning. As we "stand on the edge of tomorrow" and the 21st century, we proudly introduce 16 young ladies to society. Please join us as we applaud their accomplishments and congratulate them as they pursue their future endeavors.

I genuinely hope you will enjoy the pageantry we have planned. Gamma members have diligently worked to produce a quality Cotillion. Each year we have experienced an exhilarating, thrilling, dazzling, effervescent, magnificently electrifying, sensationallly invigorating Cotillion! Eyes have not seen and ears have yet to hear what is in store for your enjoyment tonight.

Thank you to the parents and family members who assisted the Debutantes this year. We appreciate your dedication and commitment to making this year's Cotillion success.

To God be the Glory for all He has done for us and brought us through. We will continue to stand on His promises and rely on His word.

Standing on the Edge of Tomorrow

*For yesterday is but a dream,
and tomorrow is only a vision;
But today well lived,
Makes every yesterday
A dream of happiness,
And every tomorrow
A vision of hope.*

Sincerely,

Patricia McKinney Lewis
President

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Cotillion Participants

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| <i>Angela Chera Burnette</i> | <i>Kenneth Bradley II</i> |
| <i>Sarah Roberta Butler</i> | <i>Vincent Brock</i> |
| <i>Corisna Chanté Carter</i> | <i>E. J. Harmon</i> |
| <i>Phayonda Nicole Davenport</i> | <i>Robert Davenport</i> |
| <i>Lewditu Demissie</i> | <i>Shaundrell Wilkerson</i> |
| <i>Lekia Ashanté Terrea Hale</i> | <i>A. J. Calbert</i> |
| <i>Stephanie Diane Hedrington</i> | <i>Michael Ward</i> |
| <i>LaToyia Camille Holt</i> | <i>Antonio Odom</i> |
| <i>Christina Annette Hutchison</i> | <i>Michael Donner</i> |
| <i>Janelle Louise Johnson</i> | <i>Jamal Johnson</i> |
| <i>Valena Georgette McMillion</i> | <i>LaMar Johnson</i> |
| <i>la Rufus Ma-shá Mitchell</i> | <i>Paulo Afonso</i> |
| <i>Brittany Candace Nickerson</i> | <i>Keena Jones</i> |
| <i>Elisha Carmel Peacock</i> | <i>Kenya Overcast</i> |
| <i>Terri Jeannine Russell</i> | <i>John Thomas</i> |
| <i>Shervone Monique Taylor</i> | <i>Terry James</i> |

Debutante Dedication

Stand

As sung by Donnie McClurkin

*What do you do when you've done all you can
 And it seems like it's never enough?
 And what do you say when your friends turn away
 And you're all alone?
 Tell me, what do you give when you've given your all and
 Seems like you can't make it through?
 Well, you just stand - when there's nothing left to do
 You just stand - watch the Lord see you through
 Yes, after you've done all you can
 You just stand.
 Tell me how do you handle the guilt of your past?
 Tell me how do you deal with shame?
 And how can you smile while your heart has been broken
 And filled with pain?
 Tell me what do you give when you've given your all
 Seems like you can't make it through?
 Child you just stand.
 You just stand and be sure.
 Be not entangled in that bondage again.
 You just stand and endure.
 God has a purpose, yes, God has a plan.*

Stand ...

*Don't you dare give up
 Through the storm, through the rain - Through the hurt, through the pain
 Don't you bow and don't you bend - Don't give up, no don't give in
 Hold on, just be strong - God will step in and it won't be long
 After you've done all you can
 You just stand.*

Program

Toastmistress.....	Ms. Johnny Carey Director, Alternative School Champaign Unit 4
Welcome.....	Mrs. Margaret Smith Co-Founder, Gamma Upsilon Psi
Invocation.....	Rev. Willie Jones Asst. Pastor, Canaan Baptist Church
~Dinner~	
Introduction of Gamma Members.....	Mrs. Patricia Lewis President, Gamma Upsilon Psi Society
Candle Lighting Ceremony.....	Escort Alexander Harris Escort Karlos Winston
Presentation of 1998 Debutantes.....	Mrs. Joyce Smith Dean, Centennial High School
Waltz.....	Debutantes and Presenters
Dedication to Debutantes.....	Mr. Kevin Nance Indianapolis, IN
"Stand" by Donnie McClurkin	
Dance.....	Debutantes "What About the Children?" by Yolanda Adams
Introduction of 1998 Escorts.....	Mr. Preston L. Williams Asst. Superintendent, Urbana Dist. 116
Stepping.....	Escorts
Dance.....	Debutantes and Escorts "A Dream, A Fantasy" by Mary J. Blige "You Make Me Wanna" by Usher
Awards.....	Mrs. Patricia McKinney Lewis
Dancing.....	Music by L. J. "Capitol City DJ"

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Katrina Reynolds



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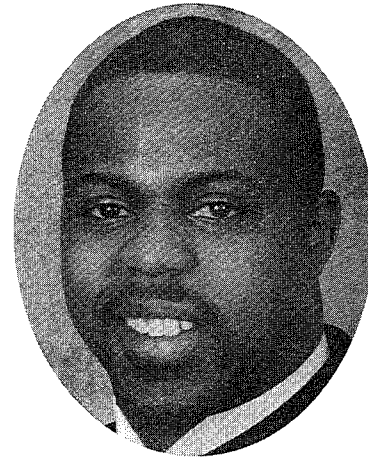
Robyn Ivy
Choreography Assistant

Robyn is a third year student at the University of Illinois, majoring in Human Development and Family Studies with a concentration on adolescents. She is currently a Resident Advisor in Busey-Evans Residence Halls and involved in various organizations on campus. She enjoys listening to music, dancing, shopping and working with children. This is Ms. Ivy's second year assisting with the choreography and teaching for the Gamma Upsilon Psi Society Cotillion Ball.



Steven Storch
Storch Photographic
Photographer

Steve Storch is a former Physics teacher and chairman of the Science Department at Urbana High School, receiving degrees from Brooklyn College and Indiana University. Upon retirement, he took up photography as a hobby that grew into a thriving business. Mr. Storch specializes in weddings, portraits and group photography and has been the official photographer for Cotillion Ball since its inception 26 years ago missing only two because of health reasons.



Ralph Russell
Escort Choreographer

This is Ralph's third year serving as escort choreographer for the cotillion. He is a firefighter and has recently joined the Champaign Fire Department. Ralph is a graduate of Tugalo State University with a degree in Music Education. A member of Apha Phi Alph fraternity, he has choreographed and performed in many routines for a number of "step shows." Ralph is a member of Canaan Baptist Church and the proud father of one son, Ralph, Jr.

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Congratulations
DEBUTANTE ANGELA BURNETTE
From an African Proverb:

"There is nothing so great that it cannot be surpassed."

And from the Word of God:

"Wisdom is the principal thing: therefore and in all thy getting get understanding."

From
Your Assistant
Willia M. Brown



To
Debutante
Janelle Johnson

**Allow your love to flow freely...
your supply is endless.**

Your Assistant
(and God Sister)
JoLynn Caroline



DEBUTANTE STEPHANIE HEDRINGTON

"WHO YOU ARE MAKES A DIFFERENCE"

Set high standards and goals for yourself and persevere to attain them.

Always seek guidance from the Lord in whatever you strive to do.

Your Assistant
Henrine Lockett Casey



Congratulations
Shayonda

Always follow your dreams
and

Keep God in your life.

From your sponsor
Mrs. Greene



To

Debutante

Christina Hutchison

Best Wishes and

Always remember,

No one fails who does his best.

Sincerely,

Ruthie Hillsman



To

Debutante Sarah Butler

*You are "fearfully and wonderfully made:
marvelous are (His) works;*

and that (your) soul knows right well."

Psalm 139:14

Your Assistant

Kathryn Humphrey



*Debutante
Corisna Carter*

*Take time to laugh;
It is the music of the soul*

*Wishing you the best
Ruby Hunt*



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO
DEBUTANTE
ZEWDIE DEMISSIE**

**LIFE CAN ONLY BE UNDERSTOOD BACKWARDS, BUT IT
MUST BE LIVED FORWARDS.**

**SINCERELY,
PULCHRATIA KINNEY**

Congratulations Terri!



Dear Terri,

Always strive to do your best and be the best at what you do. Not failure, but low aim is a crime. Live today as if you will stand before God tomorrow. It has been great knowing and working with you this year.

Standing on the Edge of Tomorrow

*For yesterday is but a dream,
and tomorrow is only a vision;
But today well lived,
Makes every yesterday
A dream of happiness,
And every tomorrow
A vision of hope.*

Fondly,

Patricia McKinney Lewis



láRufus,

**Keep your head and your heart
going in the right direction and you
will not have to worry about your feet.**

**I look forward to seeing more great things
from you (Madam President).**

**Always
Linda Peace, Your Assistant**



Brittany,

Hold on to your dreams, and never let them go ♣ give circumstances a chance and give others the benefit of the doubt ♣ Wish on a star that shines in your sky ... Take on your problems one by one and work things out ♣ Rely on all the strength you have inside ♣ Let loose of the sparkle and spirit that you sometimes try to hide ♣ Stay in touch with those who touch your life with love ♣ Look on the bright side and don't let adversity keep you from winning ♣ Be yourself, because you are filled with special qualities that have brought you this far, and that will always see you through ♣ Keep your spirits up ♣ Make your heart happy, and let it reflect on everything you do!

*Wishing Every Happiness for You
Mrs. Phillips*



Lekia,

I have enjoyed working with you, and have really appreciated our "little" talks.

Good luck in college and keep being the independent young woman that you are.

Always keep God the head of your life, and your pathways will be blessed.

*Sincerely,
Mrs. Katrina Reynolds*



Valena,

I am really glad to have worked with you. You have a beautiful personality and a very centered mind. With those elements you will be a success at TSU. Watch out Nashville! Stay focused and study hard.

Always keep God with you and in your travels.

*Sincerely
Mrs. Katrina Reynolds*



*Best Wishes
Debutante Elisha Peacock*

*Find peace within yourself and you will not have to seek it elsewhere.
Continue to strive for excellence
and you'll go far.*

*Your Assistant
Kim Roberson*



*Congratulations
and
Best Wishes to
Debutante Shevone Taylor*

*Character is like the foundation to a house,
It is below the surface.
I wish you the best in your future endeavors*

*Your Assistant
Kim Roberson*



To Latoyia

*A wise person once said, "The future belongs to
those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
Always remember you can create tomorrow
by what you dream today. May God continue
to bless you in all that you strive to do.*

Carmelita L. Thomas

*Introducing

The
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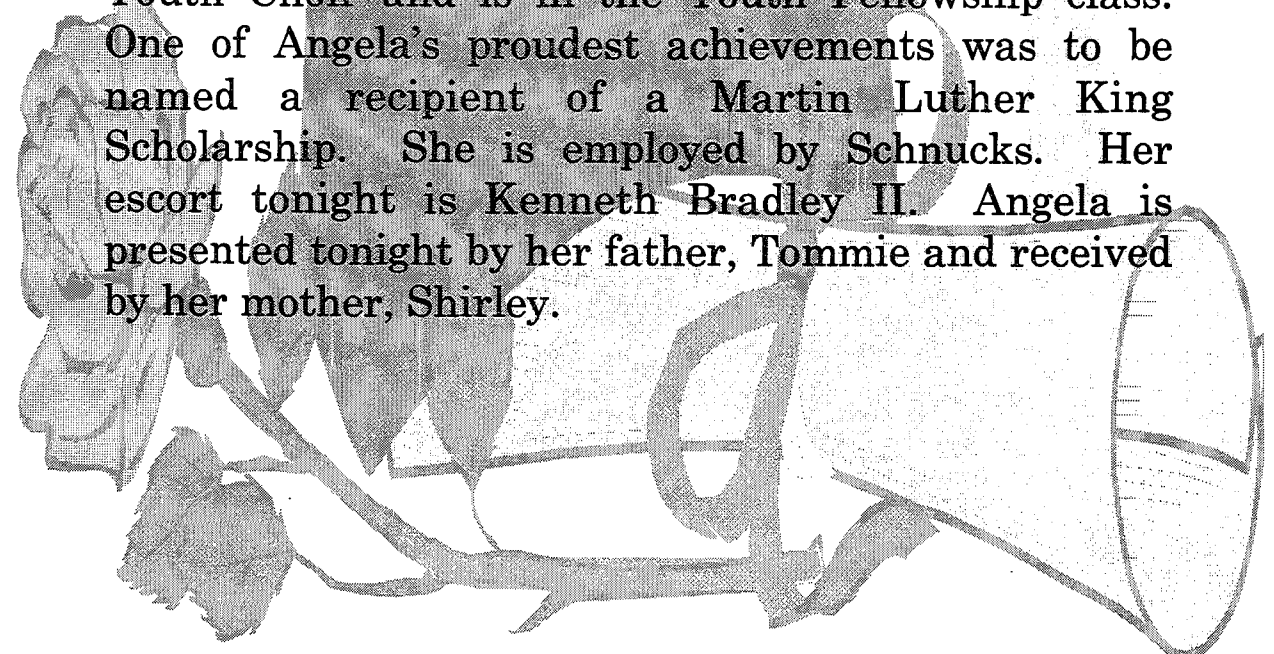
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Angela Chera Burnette



Debutante Angela Chera Burnette is the daughter of Tommie and Shirley Burnette. Angela attends Urbana High School where she is active in the following clubs: the African American Club, the Business Club, Principals Scholars, Key Club, NSBE, and the Asian American Club. Angela is also a member of the Concert Choir and Symphonic Band at Urbana. Debutante Angela is undecided as to where she will attend college however, she plans to major in psychology or music. She belongs to Canaan Missionary Baptist Church where she sings in the Youth Choir and is in the Youth Fellowship class. One of Angela's proudest achievements was to be named a recipient of a Martin Luther King Scholarship. She is employed by Schnucks. Her escort tonight is Kenneth Bradley II. Angela is presented tonight by her father, Tommie and received by her mother, Shirley.





Sarah Roberta Butler



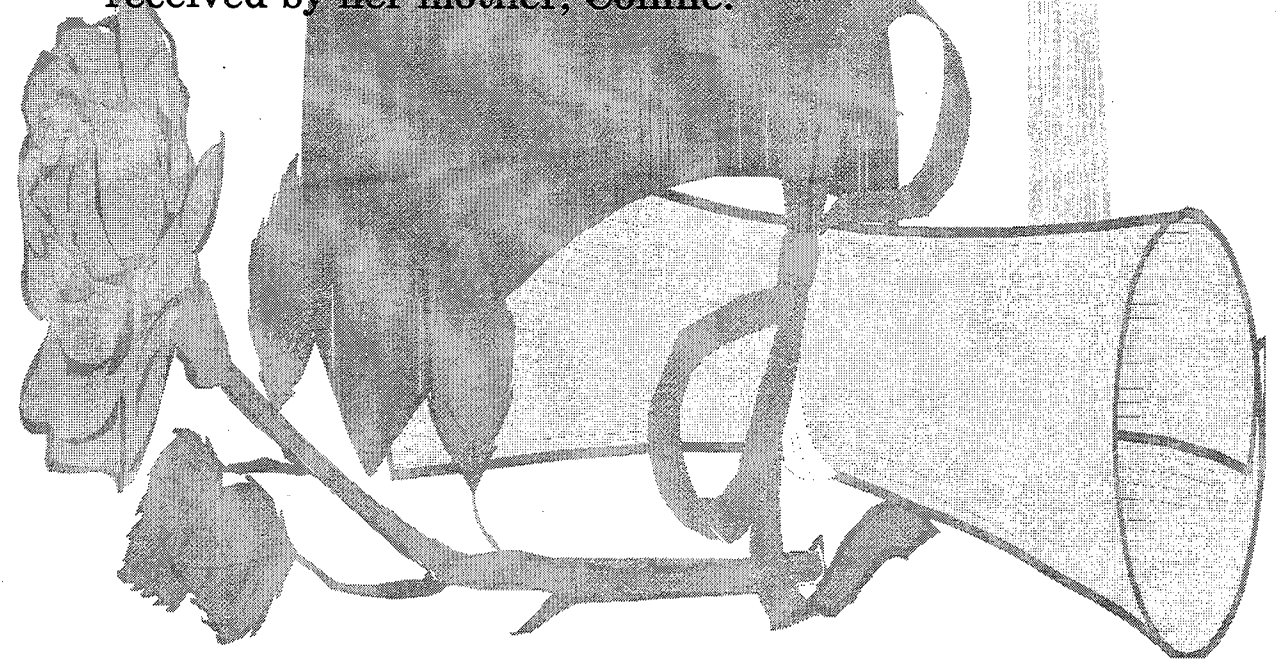
Debutante Sarah Roberta Butler is the granddaughter of Carlene and Walter Willis. She attends Urbana High School. Sarah is active in several extracurricular activities at the high school and in the community. She is a member of the African American Club, the Symphonic Band and is trained as a peer mediator at Urbana. She is also a member of the Upward Bound College Preparatory Program, Del-teens and has attended a Youth Leadership Institute program through the Urban League. Debutante Sarah plans to attend Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi upon graduation from high school. Her major will be English or pre-law. Sarah is a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church where she is active in the choir, the Bible Youth Fellowship and the Sunday School. She has received several honors and certificates: Perfect Attendance Award, Academic Monogram Award for scholastic achievement and a varsity letter for track at Urbana High School. She was named as "Student of the Summer" with the Upward Bound Program, and most recently was the recipient of a Martin Luther King Scholarship. Sarah's escort for the evening is Vincent Brock. She is presented by Keenan Anderson, a family friend, and received by her grandmother, Carlene Willis



Corisna Chanté Carter



Debutante Corisna Chanté Carter is the daughter of Raymond and Connie Carter. She graduated from Champaign Centennial High School in January 1998. While at Centennial, Corisna was a member of the Afro-American Club. Debutante Corisna now attends Parkland Community College and plans to major in business administration. She is a member of Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church where she sings in the Gospel choir. Corisna is employed by BankIllinois. Her escort for the evening is C.J. Harmon. Debutante Corisna is presented by her father, Raymond and received by her mother, Connie.

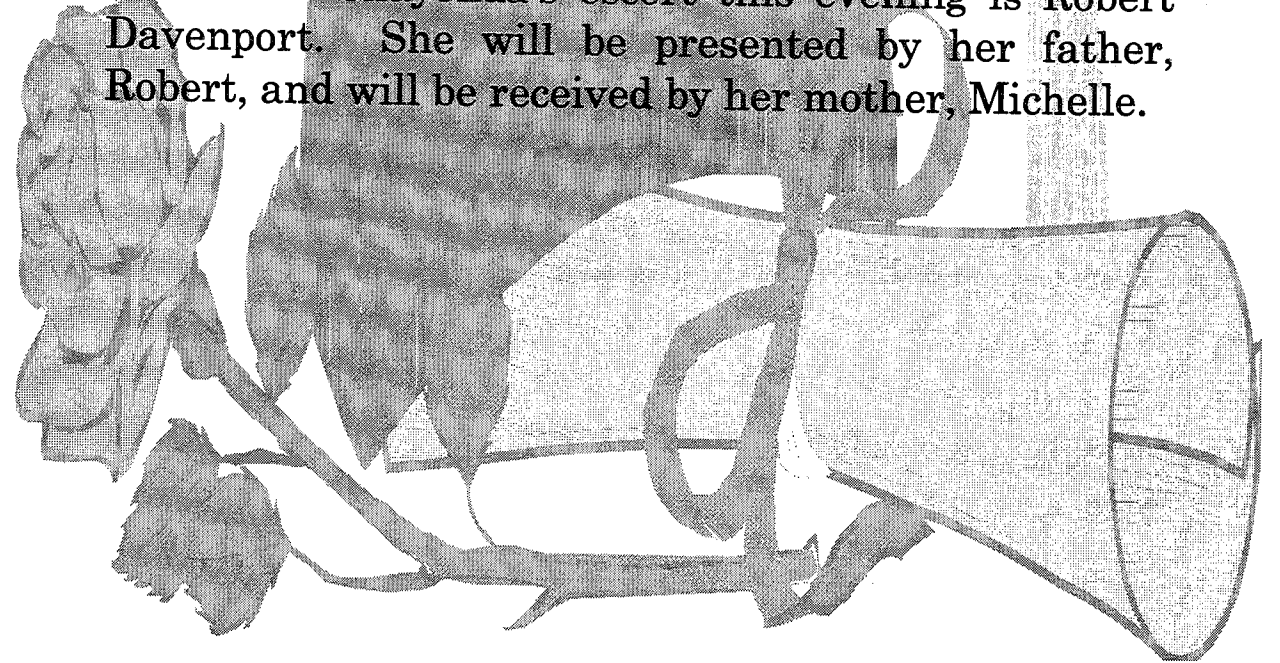




Shayonda Nicole Davenport



Debutante Shayonda Nicole Davenport is the daughter of Michelle and Robert Davenport. She attends Champaign Central High School where she is a member of the African American Club and the Principal Scholar's Program. Shayonda plans to attend the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana after graduation. Her major will be pre-med. She is a member of the Church of the Living God Pillar Ground of the Truth. Shayonda is proud to have been selected as a member of this year's Homecoming Court at Central High School. She is employed at Carle Pavillion. Shayonda's escort this evening is Robert Davenport. She will be presented by her father, Robert, and will be received by her mother, Michelle.





Zewditu Demissie



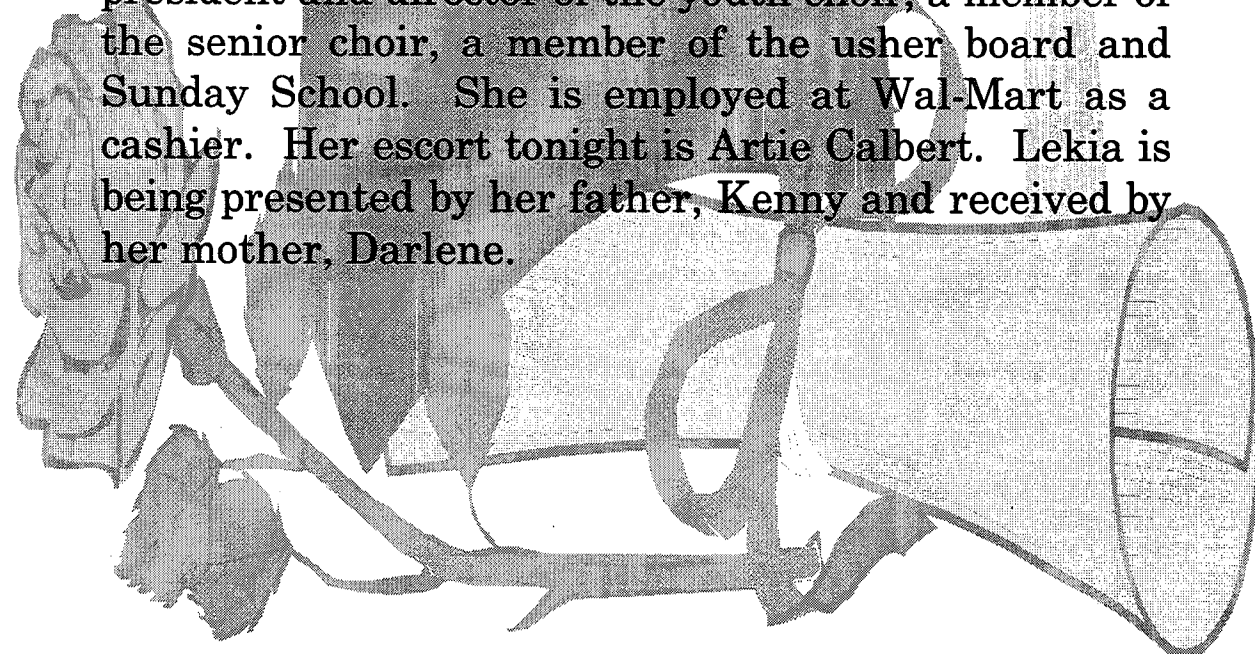
Debutante Zewditu Demissie is the daughter of Gloria and Misganaw Demissie. She attends University High School and is President of the African American Club, Vice President of the Student Council and Secretary of the Teen Awareness Committee. Her other activities include: the varsity soccer and basketball teams, the dance team, where she is co-captain, chorus, Madrigals and the stereo committee. Debutante Zewditu plans to attend the University of Illinois, at Urbana - Champaign where her major field of study will be microbiology or genetics. She is a member of the Dublin Street Church of Christ and is active in the tutoring ministry and is a member of the usher board. She has received the following awards and/or honors: National Achievement finalist, Illinois State Scholar, Agora Days Teaching Award, and the Principal Scholars Program First Place Junior Essay. Zewditu is employed by the University of Illinois Food Service Department. She is being presented by her father, Misganaw, and being received by her mother, Gloria.



Lekia Ashanté Terrea Hale



Debutante Lekia Ashante Terrea Hale is the daughter of Darlene Dawson and Kenny Hale. She attends Rantoul Township High School. Lekia is a member of the band, where she is a drum majorette, the Spanish Club, and the Cultural Interest Club at Rantoul High. She is a peer mediator and also a member of the Drama Club. Debutante Lekia plans to attend Tennessee State University after graduation where she will major in pediatric nursing. Her long range goal is to become a pediatrician. Lekia belongs to Mason Temple Church of God In Christ and is president and director of the youth choir, a member of the senior choir, a member of the usher board and Sunday School. She is employed at Wal-Mart as a cashier. Her escort tonight is Artie Calbert. Lekia is being presented by her father, Kenny and received by her mother, Darlene.

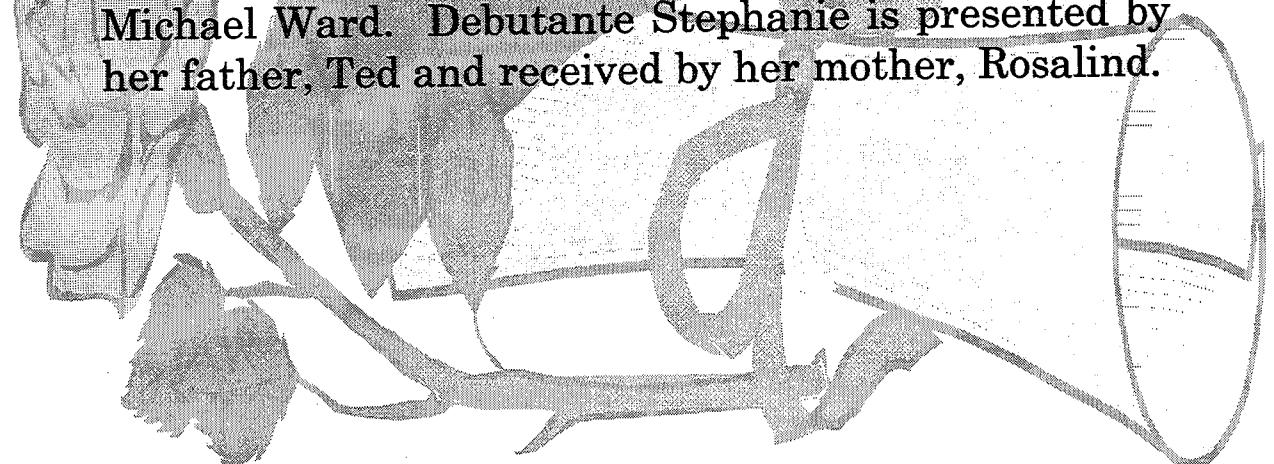




Stephanie Diane Hedrington



Debutante Stephanie Diane Hedrington is the daughter of Rosalind and Ted Hedrington. She attends Champaign Centennial High School. Stephanie is a member of the African American Club, the Drama Club, the Concert Choir and the track team. She is also involved in the Principal Scholars Program. Stephanie has not decided where she will attend college but knows that she would like to major in journalism or get education. She belongs to the Church of the Living God where she is a faithful member. Stephanie has received three varsity letters for running cross country, and four varsity letters for track. As a member of the track team, Stephanie made it to state competition and hold the school record in the 4 X 8 relay. Her escort tonight is Michael Ward. Debutante Stephanie is presented by her father, Ted and received by her mother, Rosalind.

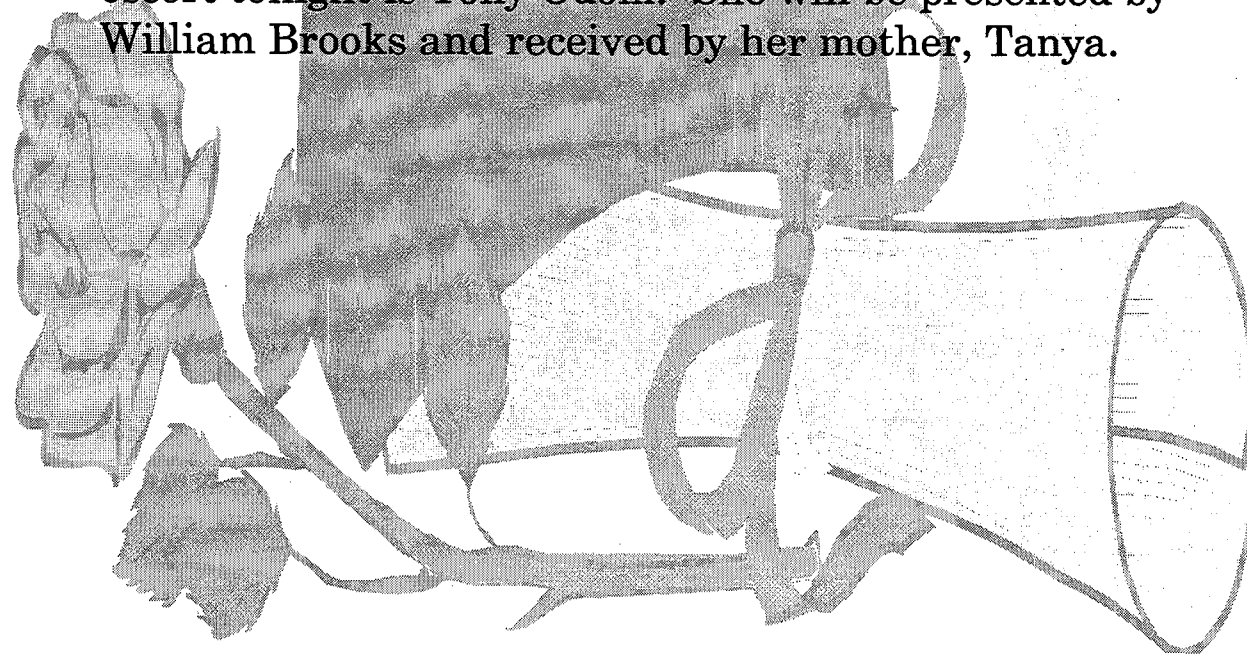


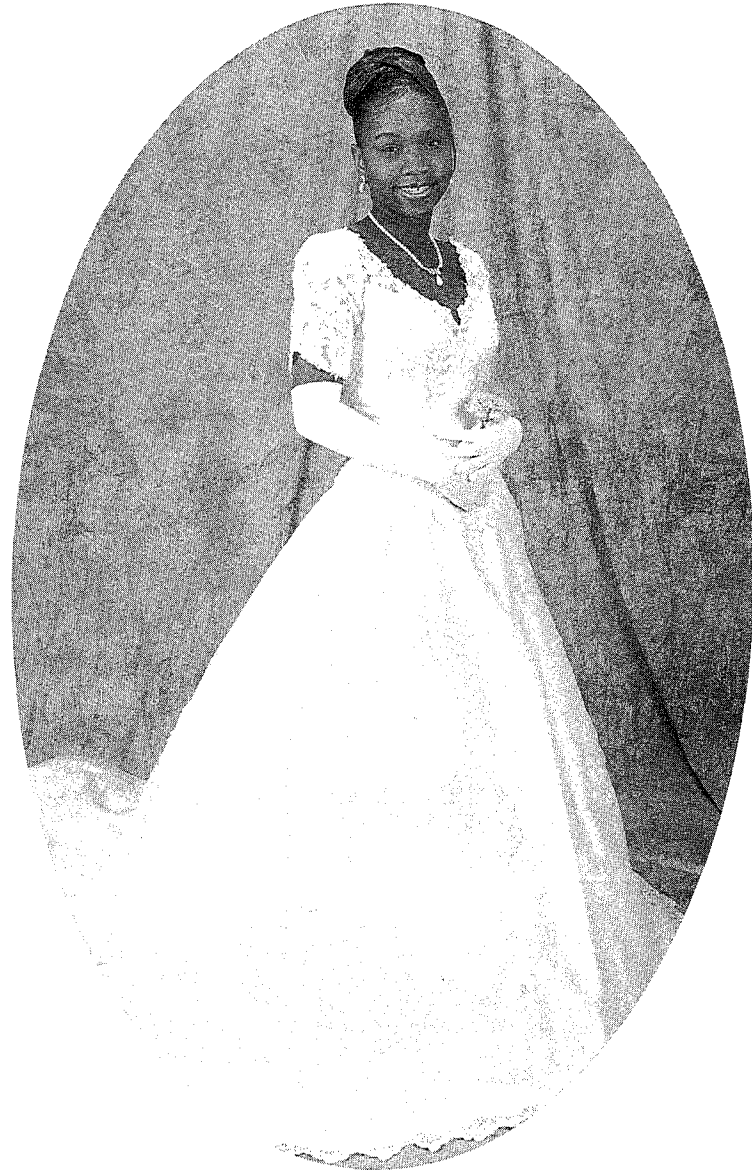


LaToyia Camille Holt



Debutante LaToyia Camille Holt is the daughter of Tanya L. Chillis and Marcus Robinson. LaToyia attended Champaign Centennial High School where she was a member of the Afro-American Club, the Drama Club, the Concert Choir and Delteens. She plans to attend the International College of Fashion Design of Chicago in the fall. Her major will be fashion or interior design. Debutante LaToyia is a member of the Church of the Living God where she sings in the choir. LaToyia's proudest accomplishment was to graduate high school at mid-semester. Her escort tonight is Tony Odom. She will be presented by William Brooks and received by her mother, Tanya.

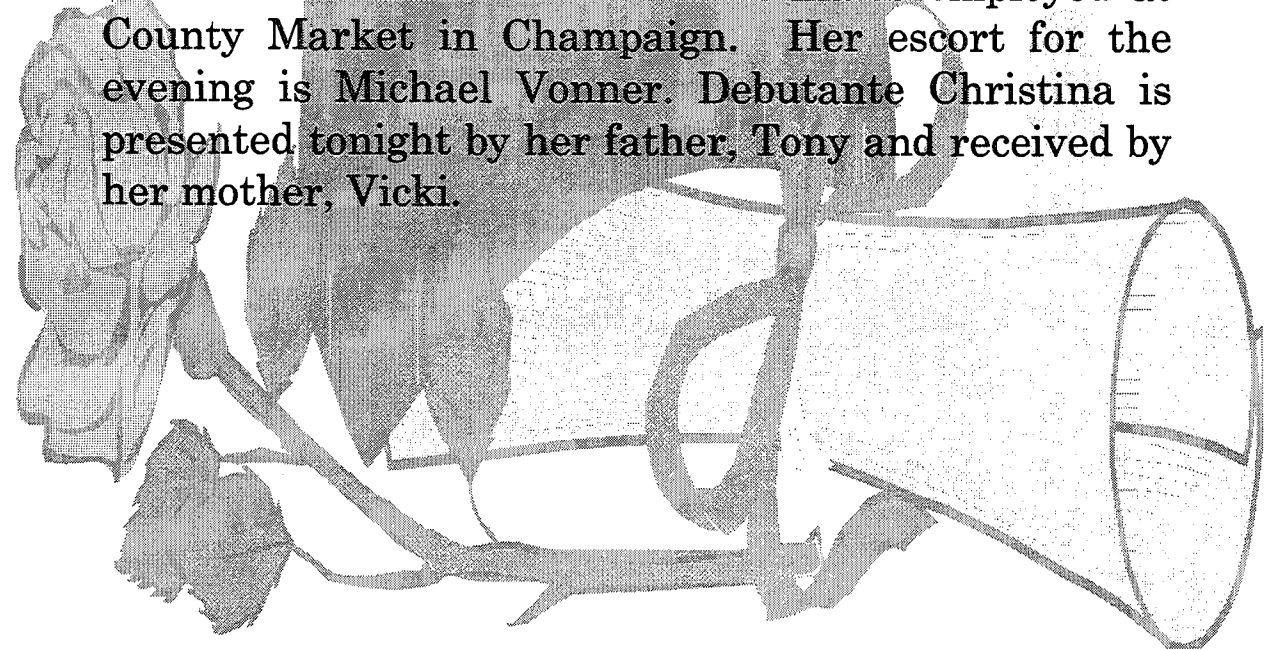




Christina Annette Hutchison



Debutante Christina Annette Hutchison is the daughter of Vicki and Tony Hutchison. Christina attends Champaign Central High School and is the member of the African American and Business Clubs there at the high school. She plans to attend Mississippi Valley State College upon graduation where she will major in biology or nursing. Debutante Christina is a member of Salem Baptist Church and is active in the junior usher board where she serves as chaplain of that ministry. One of Christina's proudest honors was to be listed in Who's Who Among High School Seniors for 1998. Christina is employed at County Market in Champaign. Her escort for the evening is Michael Vonner. Debutante Christina is presented tonight by her father, Tony and received by her mother, Vicki.





Janelle Louise Johnson



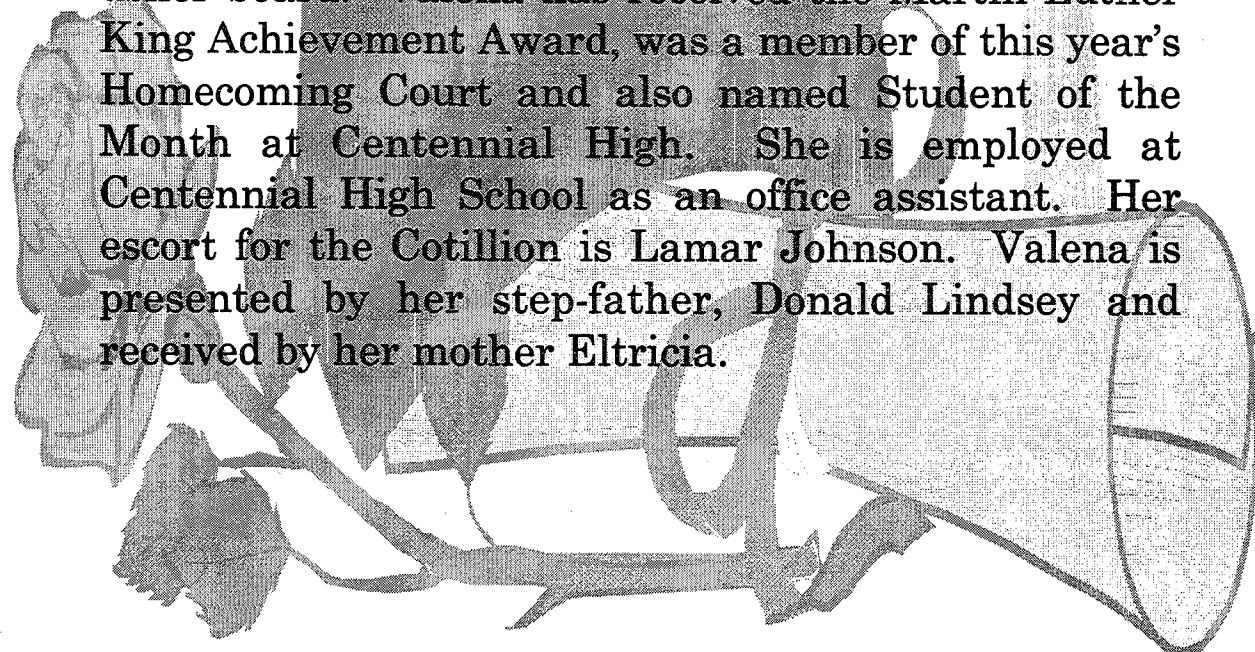
Debutante Janelle Louise Johnson is the daughter of Margo and Argie Johnson. Janelle attends Champaign Central High School. She is a member of the following clubs/organizations at Central: the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, the PTSA Advisory Board, Spanish Club, African American Club treasurer, and Delteens co-chair of Public Service. Janelle also is a member of the varsity track and field and the varsity basketball teams. Debutante Janelle plans to attend the University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign where she will major in architectural studies. She belongs to Caanan Baptist Church. Janelle has received many awards/honors for her academic and athletic achievements. She won the Big 12 Conference Scholar Athlete Award, she was elected Most Valuable Player in basketball in 1997, MVP in track in 1996-97, was named All Conference and All State in the long jump and the triple jump and has been recognized as the News Gazette Athlete of the Week. She has qualified and place nationally in the AAU Junior Olympic Track and field Games. Janelle has also received an academic letter for scholastic achievement in her sophomore, junior and senior years at Central High School. Debutante Janelle is employed by the National Center for Supercomputing Applications at the University of Illinois. Her escort for tonight is Jamal Johnson. Janelle is presented by her father, Argie and received by her mother, Margo.



Valena Georgette McMillion



Debutante Valena Georgette McMillion is the daughter of Eltricia McMillion Lindsey and George Harvey McMillion. Valena attends Champaign Centennial High School where she is active in the following clubs/organizations: cheerleading, student council, African American Club, R.E.A.C.H., Interact, Lancers, and Student of the Month. Debutante Valena plans to attend Tennessee State University after graduation from high school, and will major in accounting and business law. She belongs to Salem Baptist Church where she is president of the junior usher board. Valena has received the Martin Luther King Achievement Award, was a member of this year's Homecoming Court and also named Student of the Month at Centennial High. She is employed at Centennial High School as an office assistant. Her escort for the Cotillion is Lamar Johnson. Valena is presented by her step-father, Donald Lindsey and received by her mother Eltricia.





lã Rufus Ma-Shã Mitchell



Debutante lãRufus Ma-shã Mitchell is the daughter of Bertha Lee Meriwether and Ed Love Meriwether. She attends Champaign Central High School where she is a member of the Drama, Science and French Clubs, the Math and Speech Team and is head manager of the girls' basketball team. Debutante lãRufus plans to attend Illinois Wesleyan University, Spelman College in Atlanta, or Cornell University in New York. She wants to major in political science and pre-law. Her future goal is to become the President of the United States of America. lãRufus is a member of Canaan Missionary Baptist Church. She is active in the children's church and is secretary and treasurer of the Sunday school. lãRufus was selected Employee/Intern for the Summer of 1997 by the City of Champaign Legal Department and Personnel Services. She is presently employed with the City of Champaign Neighborhood Services and Legal Department. She was also listed in the Who's Who Among American High School Students for 1998 and won second place honors with the percussion ensemble at her school. Her escort tonight is Paulo S. Afonso. Debutante lãRufus is presented by her father, Ed and received by her mother, Bertha.



Brittany Candace Nickerson



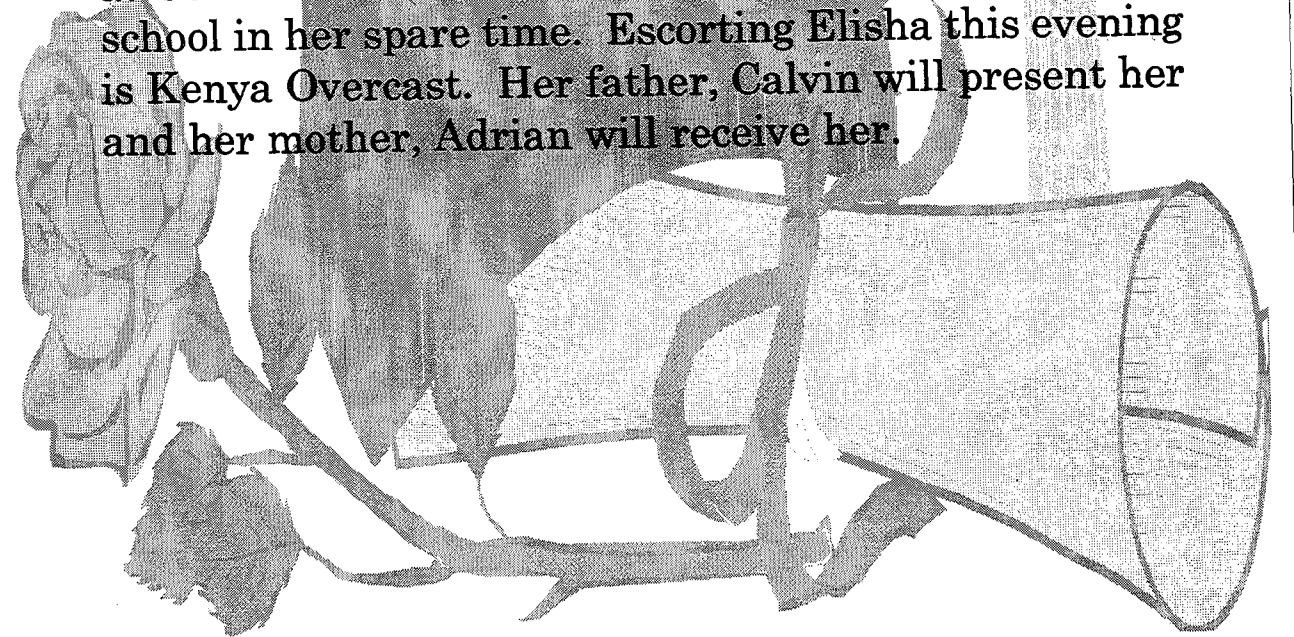
Debutante Brittany Candace Nickerson is the daughter of Charlene Moore and Robert Jones. Brittany is a mid-year graduate of Champaign Centennial High School where she was active in the African American Club, Future Physicians of America and Delteens. She has had her biography published in the 1994 - 95 edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, and a recipient of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Living the Dream" Scholarship. She plans to attend Illinois State University with a major in pre-med. Brittany is a member of the Champaign Christian Center. Brittany has received recognition for perfect attendance and an academic monogram at the high school. She won the Illinois Power Personal Best Award and a Delta Sigma Theta Inc. award for academic achievement and community service. An employee at Target and Consolidated, Market Response (CMR), Brittany has been selected to represent West Champaign in the 1998 Miss Junior America Pageant. Debutante Brittany is escorted by Keena Dion Jones. She will be presented by her father, Robert and received by her mother, Charlene.



Elisha Carmel Peacock



Debutante Elisha Carmel Peacock is the daughter of Adrian and Calvin Peacock. Elisha attends Champaign Centennial High School where she is active in the Afro-American Club, Sisters Inc., the Principal Scholars Program and Delteens. After graduation from high school, Elisha plans to attend Parkland Community College. She would like to pursue a degree in cosmetology or nursing. Debutante Elisha attends the Church of the Living God Pillar Ground of the Truth. She is proud to have been selected as a member of this year's Homecoming Court at Centennial. Elisha works in the library at her high school in her spare time. Escorting Elisha this evening is Kenya Overcast. Her father, Calvin will present her and her mother, Adrian will receive her.





Terri Jeannine Russell



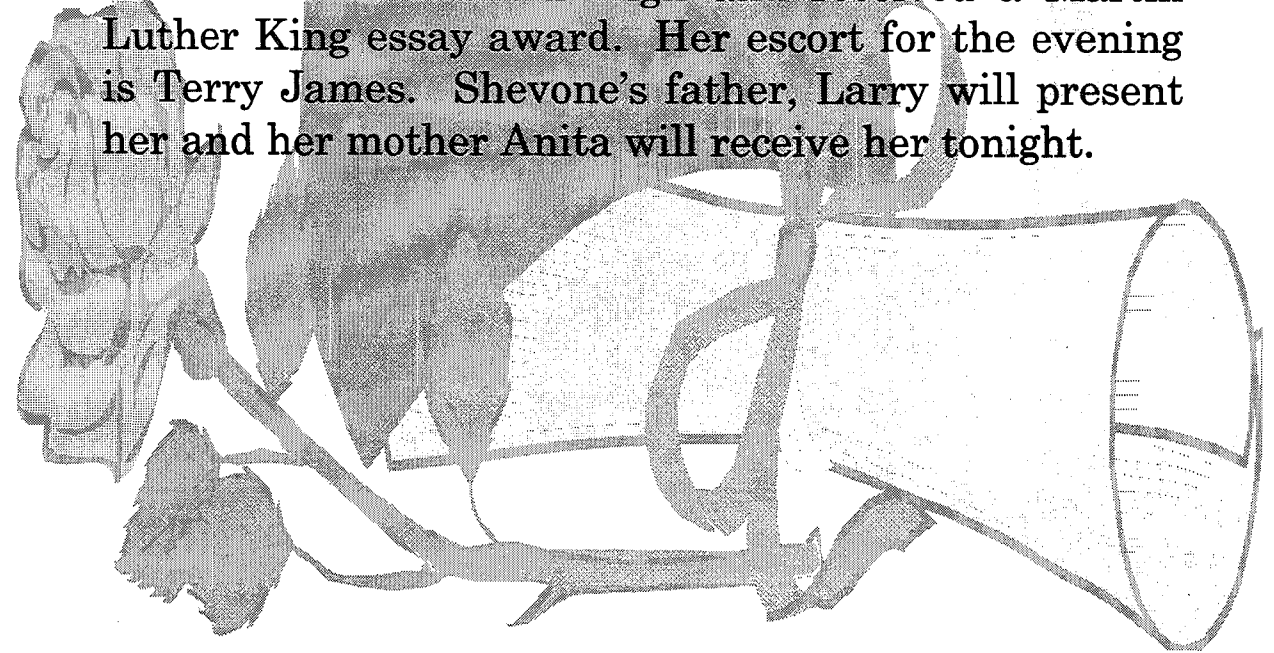
Debutante Terri Jeannine Russell is the daughter of Shirley and Tony Russell. Terri attends Champaign Central High School, participated in the Academy of Technology for 3 years, currently participating in the Common Ground peer mediator program, and the work program at Central High School. She plans to attend Tifton Community College in Tifton, Georgia or Parkland College, Champaign, Illinois after graduation where she will major in religion or psychology. Terri is a member of the Tabernacle of Praise Church. She is head of the Youth Department, has received special recognition for being a faithful youth Bible study teacher, is an assistant to the Praise Team and also directs the youth choir. Terri has received special recognition with a "Beyond the Call of Duty" award for her dedication in the adult choir. Debutante Terri is employed at Jefferson Middle School as an office aide. Her escort for the evening is John Thomas. Terri is presented by her father, Tony and received by her mother, Shirley



Shevone Monique Taylor



Debutante Shevone Monique Taylor is the daughter of Anita and Larry Taylor. Shevone attends Rantoul Township High School. She is vice-president of the Cultural Interest Club, the Spanish Club, the Drama and Creative Writing Clubs, and a student council representative at Rantoul High School. She has also participated in the Principal's Scholars Program. Debutante Shevone plans to attend Parkland Community College upon graduation from high school. Her major will be clinical psychology or child development. Shevone has been recognized for perfect attendance at Rantoul High and received a Martin Luther King essay award. Her escort for the evening is Terry James. Shevone's father, Larry will present her and her mother Anita will receive her tonight.

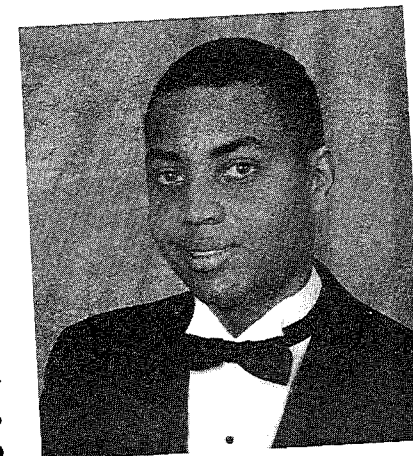


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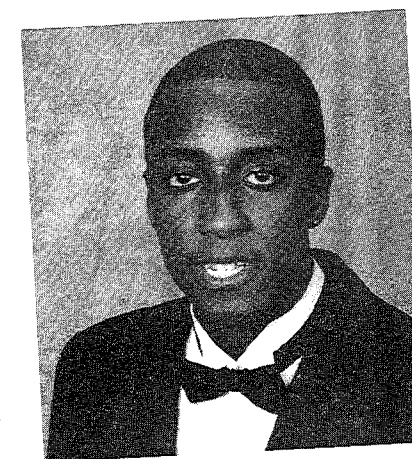
Paulo Afonso

Escort Paulo Afonso is the nephew of Merle Bowen Caunt. Paulo attends Champaign Central High School where he is a member of the National Honor Society, the Soccer Club and the C Club. Escort Paulo plans to attend Illinois State University after graduation and major in pre-medicine. He is a member of St. Matthew Church. Paulo has received the Excellent Academic Achievement Award While Participating in a Sport, an academic letter for scholastic achievement, and a varsity letter in soccer. Tonight Paulo is escorting Debutante LaRufus Mitchell.



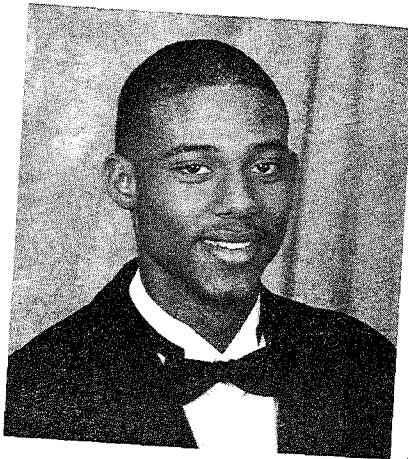
Kenneth D. Bradley II

Escort Kenneth Valmore Bradley II is the son of Sarah and Kenneth Bradley Sr. He attends Urbana High School where he is a member of the Concert Choir, the Student Senate and the African American Club. Kenneth is also a member of the varsity basketball team and is a trained peer mediator for the Conflict Mediation Program at Urbana High. Kenneth is undecided as to where he will attend college however, he plans to major in electrical engineering or education. Escort Kenneth attends the Church of the Living God in Champaign. Kenneth received the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Citizenship Award this year, has received two varsity letters in basketball, and has received an award for Good Citizenship this school year. He is escorting Debutante Angela Burnette tonight.



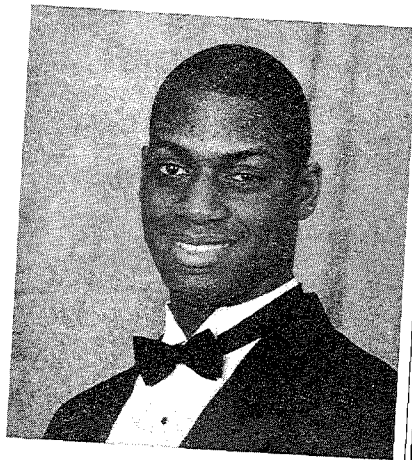
Vincent Brock

Escort Vincent Eugene Brock is the son of Linda Brock. Vincent attends Urbana High School. He is president of the Concert Choir and treasurer of the African American Club at Urbana. Vincent is also a starting member of the Urbana High School basketball team, and he is a trained peer mediator for the Conflict Mediation Center. Escort Vincent plans to attend Illinois State University after graduation where he will major in sports medicine. He is a member of the Church of the Living God and regularly attends the teen class at Sunday school. Vincent has received the Perfect Attendance Award at Urbana High for two straight years, 1996 & 1997. He was honored as the News Gazette Athlete of the Week this year and as co-captain of the basketball team, Vincent has earned two varsity letters. He was also recognized for having the most steals and assists on the team in 1997. Tonight, Vincent is escorting Debutante Sarah Butler.



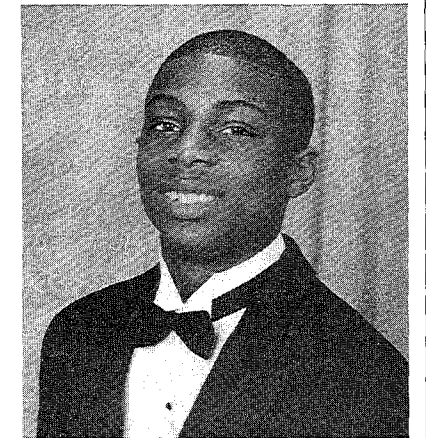
Artie Calbert, Jr.

Escort Artie Eugene Calbert, Jr. is the son of Denise Calbert. Artie attends Rantoul Township High School where he is a member of the Student Council, the Spanish Honor Society and is a trained peer mediator. Artie is a member of the Scholastic Bowl team, the track, wrestling and football teams, the school chorus and is also president of his class. He plans to attend Northwestern or the University of Illinois after graduation. Artie will pursue an engineering or law degree. He is a member of the Greater New Light Baptist Church in Rantoul and is active in the Youth Choir and the Usher ministries of the church. Artie has received awards for excellence in math, science, theater and physical education. His proudest achievements is being ranked first in his class. Artie is escorting Debutante Lekia Hale tonight.



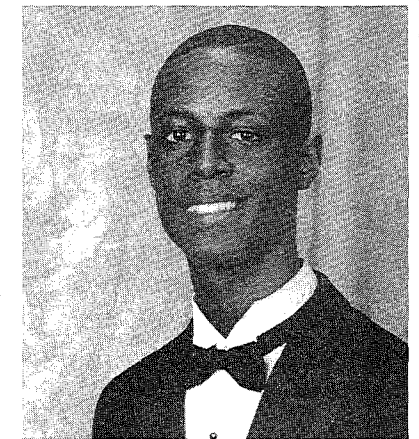
Robert Davenport

Escort Robert Antonio Davenport is the son of Michelle and Robert Davenport. Robert attends Champaign Central High School where he is a member of the African American Club and the basketball team. Escort Robert plans to attend North Carolina University upon graduation. He will pursue a degree in architecture or law. Robert is a member of the Church of the Living God. He has received awards for his performance in basketball. Tonight Robert is escorting his sister, Debutante Shayonda Davenport.



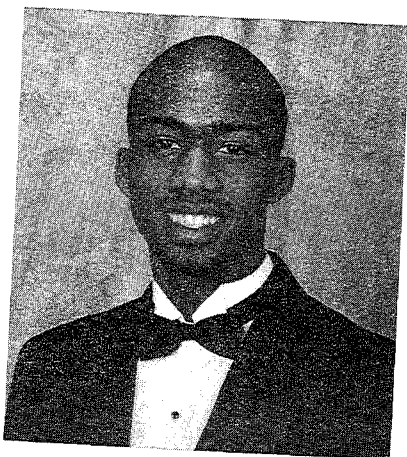
C.J. Harmon

Escort Willie Carl Harmon, Jr. is the son of the late Sheryl Harmon and Carl Harmon. C.J. attends Champaign Centennial High School where he is a member of Brothers Inc., the African American Club and the Principal Scholars Program. Escort C.J. plans to attend Columbia University, New York University or UCLA after graduation. His major field of study will be film arts and/or cinematography where his ultimate goal is to become a motion picture film director. C.J. is a member of the Dublin Street Church of God in Christ. C.J. says that he is active in any ministry of the church where he is needed. Tonight C.J. is escorting Debutante Corisna Carter.



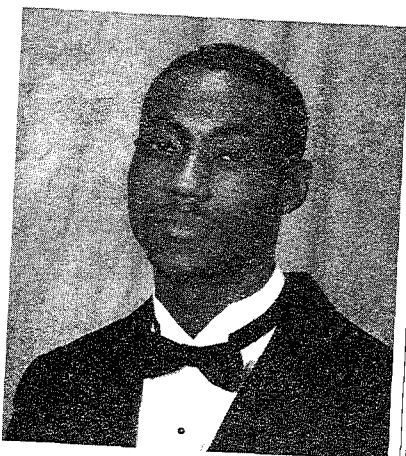
Alexander Harris

Escort Alexander Samuel Harris is the son of Florence and Elder Anthony Harris. Alex attends Urbana High School where he is a member of the basketball and soccer teams. Alex also is involved in the Principal Scholar's Program and sings in the Honors Choir. He plans to attend Fresno State University in California to pursue a degree in television broadcasting. Escort Alex is a member of the Church of the Living God and is active in the teen class at Sunday school and regularly attends Bible classes. Alex has earned three varsity letters in soccer and one in basketball and track. Gamma Upsilon Psi Society would like to thank Alex for being one of our alternate escorts this year.



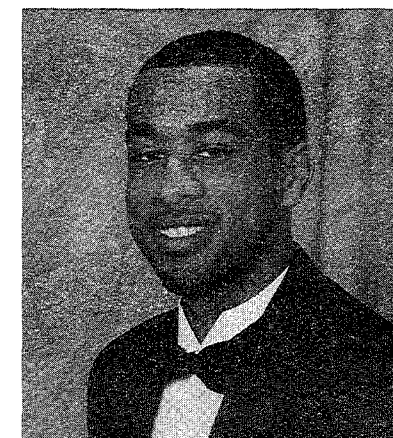
Terry James

Escort Terry Lee James is the son of Christine and Butch Sanders. He attends Rantoul Township High School. Terry plans to attend Parkland Community College upon graduation from high school where he hopes to pursue a career in law. A member of New Life Church of Faith, Danville, Illinois, he plays the drums as well as sings in the choir. He is active in the following sports, football, basketball, and track and field. He also plays the piano and is learning how to play the guitar. Terry is escorting Debutante Shevone Taylor tonight.



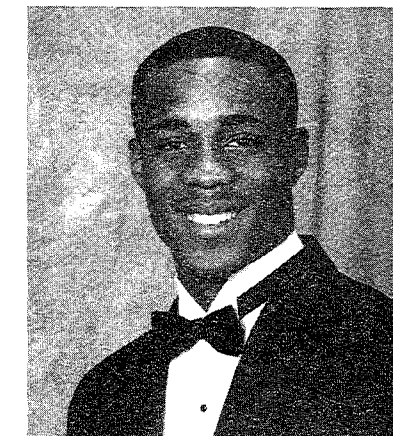
Jamal Johnson

Escort Jamal Johnson is the son of Rose and Carl Johnson. He graduated from Edwardsville High School in Edwardsville, Illinois in 1995. Jamal currently attends Parkland College and plans to transfer to Illinois State University where his major will be public relations or mass communications. Jamal is a member of St. Paul Baptist Church in East St. Louise, Illinois. Tonight Jamal escorts Debutante Janelle Johnson.



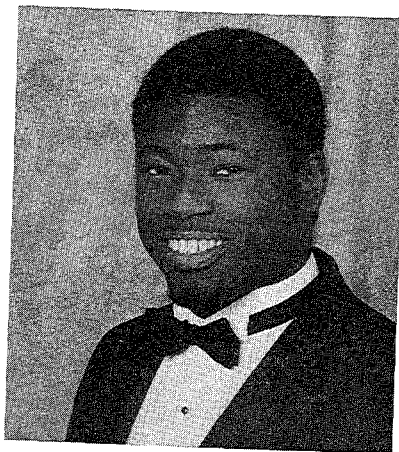
Lamar Johnson

Escort Lamar Montell Johnson is the son of Teresa and Theotis Johnson. Lamar attends Champaign Centennial High School where he is a member of the basketball, football and track teams, the African American Club and Brother Inc. He plans to attend North Carolina University or Howard University after graduation. Lamar would like to major in architecture or law. Escort Lamar is a member of Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church and sings in the choir. He has received honors and awards in basketball, track and baseball at Centennial. Lamar is employed by GKC Theaters. He is escorting Debutante Valena McMillion tonight.



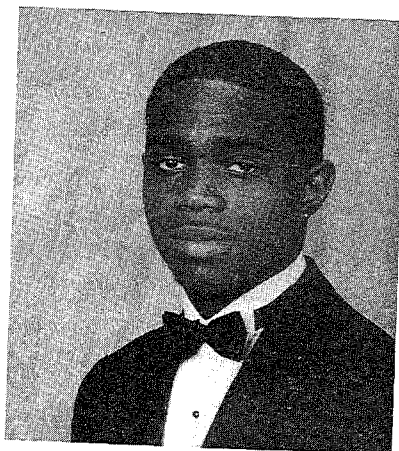
Keena Jones

Escort Keena Dion Jones is the son of Jennifer Jones. Dion attends Urbana High School where he is a member of the Concert Choir, Student Senate and the football and basketball teams. Dion is still undecided as to where he will attend college however, he plans to major in communication or sports medicine. Escort Dion was named All Conference Big 12 and has earned a varsity letter for two years in football. He was on the Champaign □ Urbana area Honorable Mention list for two years for his achievements in football. Dion has also earned a varsity letter for the past two years in basketball. Escort Dion likes to play dominoes in his spare time. Tonight Dion is escorting Debutante Brittany Nickerson.



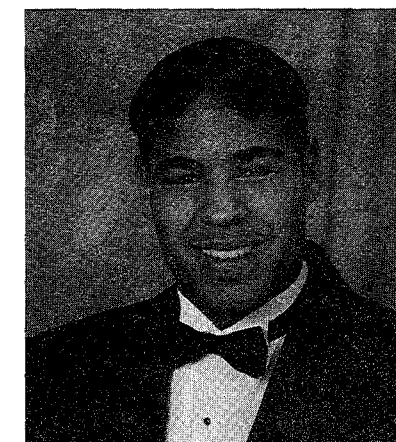
Antonio Odom

Escort Antonio James Odom is the son of Ovita Smith Odom and Dennis Davis. Antonio attends Champaign Centennial High School. He is a member of the African American Club, Brothers, Inc., Future Teachers of America and the basketball and track teams at Centennial High. Antonio plans to attend Georgetown University after graduation where he will major in business administration. He is a member of Alpha and Omega Church. Antonio's activities at the church include: the adult choir, the teen choir and the Brotherhood. This year Antonio was honored as the most improved student at his high school. He is employed at Douglass Center in Champaign. Tonight Antonio is the escort of Debutante LaToyia Holt.



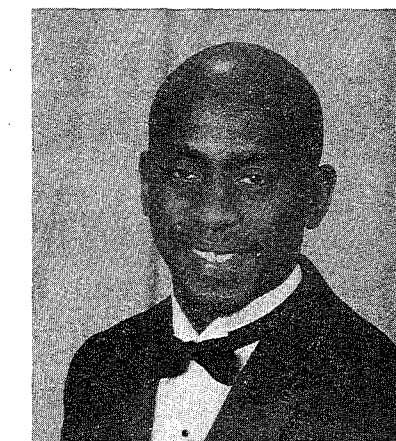
Kenya Overcast

Escort Kenya Overcast is the son of Rhonda and Ted Hedrington. Kenya attends Centennial High School where he is a member of the African American Club and Brothers Inc. Escort Kenya plans to attend the University of Illinois Chicago or Eastern Illinois University upon graduation from high school. He will major in computer graphics or computer technology. Kenya is a member of the Church of the Living God and is active in the audio ministry. Tonight Kenya is escorting Debutante Elisha Peacock.



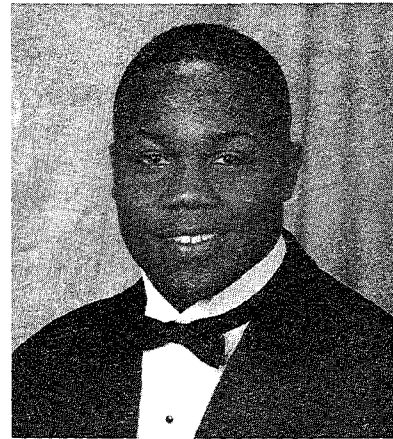
John Thomas

Escort John W. Thomas is the son of Barbara and Exl Thomas. John is a graduate of Urbana High School. While at Urbana, John was a member of the basketball and track teams and the choir. Escort John attends Parkland College where his major is occupational therapy. He is a member of Greater Holy Temple Church and is the head percussionist for the church. John has received the following awards and/or recognition for his achievements: Most Improved player in basketball at Urbana High School, Youth of the Year and Most Outstanding Drummer at his church. He was also given an award for being a musician for the University of Illinois Black Chorus. John is employed by PlastiPak in Champaign. Tonight, he is escorting Debutante Terri Russell



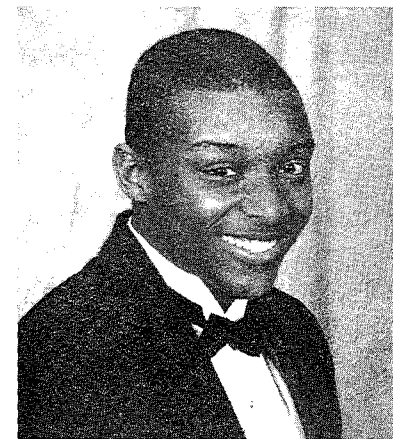
Michael Vonner

Escort Michael Anthony Vonner is the son of Brenda and Jackie Vonner. Michael attends Champaign Central High School. He is a member of the varsity football team, the track team and Brothers Inc. at Central. Escort Michael plans to attend the University of Illinois after graduation and will major in computer technology. Michael's ultimate goal is to play in the National Football League. He is a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church. Michael is employed by TJ Maxx. Tonight, Michael is escorting Debutante Christina Hutchinson.



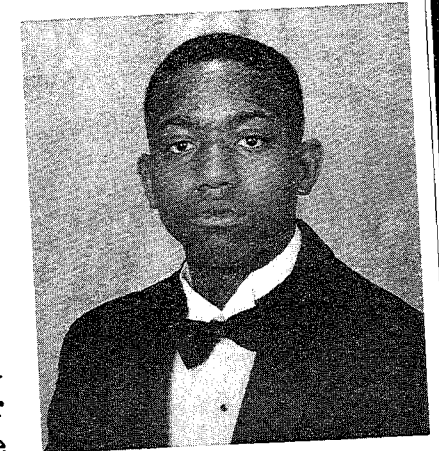
Michael Ward

Escort Michael Leon Ward is the son of Marion Ward and Kennice Holder. Michael attends Champaign Centennial High School where he is a member of the football and baseball teams, the African American Club, the Gospel Choir, Brothers Inc., and Spectrum. Escort Michael plans to join the United States Navy upon graduation from high school. Michael has received the following award and honors at Centennial: He was named Student of the Month in his junior year and was on the honor roll as a freshman and a junior. Michael is employed at Burger King. Tonight, Michael escorts Debutante Stephanie Hedrington.



Shawndrell Wilkerson

Escort Shawndrell Latonio Wilkerson is the son of Donna and Johnnie Wilkerson. Shawndrell attends Champaign Centennial High School where he is a member of Brothers Inc. and a member of the choir for four years. Escort Shawndrell is undecided where he will attend college at this time however, he plans to major in graphic design or computer programming. He is a member of Liberty Temple Church of God in Christ. Among Shawndrell's honors and recognitions is being named in the Who's Who Among American High School Students for three consecutive years, winner of the Paul Mabon Poetry Contest for two straight years, and attending the Black Writer's Conference in 1996-97. Whawndrell is escorting Debutante Zewditu Demissie.



Karlos Winston

Escort Karlos Shawn Winston is the son of Stephany Howard and Sonny Walker. Karlos attends Urbana High School where he is a member of the varsity basketball team, the African American Club and the Enriched Concert Choir. His college choice is undecided at this time however, Karlos would like to pursue a degree in engineering or sports management. Escort Karlos attends the Church of the Living God, is active in the teen Sunday School class and attends Bible study. Karlos is proud to be co-captain of the varsity basketball team at Urbana and has earned two varsity letters. He has also been received an award for having the most steals and assists on the team. Gamma Upsilon Psi would like to thank Karlos for being one of the alternate escorts for this evening.

