

*March 2009*

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*Creating Opportunities for Success*

*Vision without action is merely a dream.*

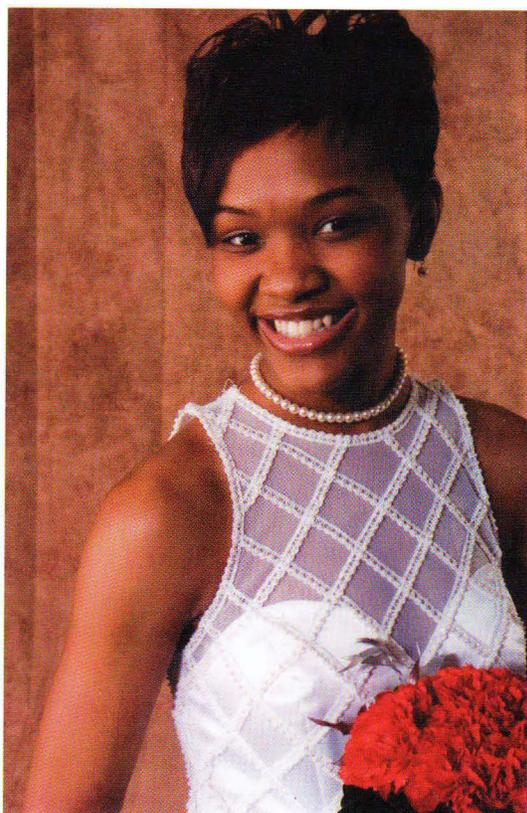


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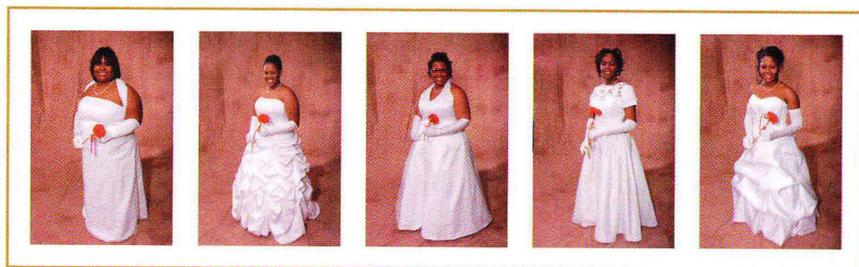
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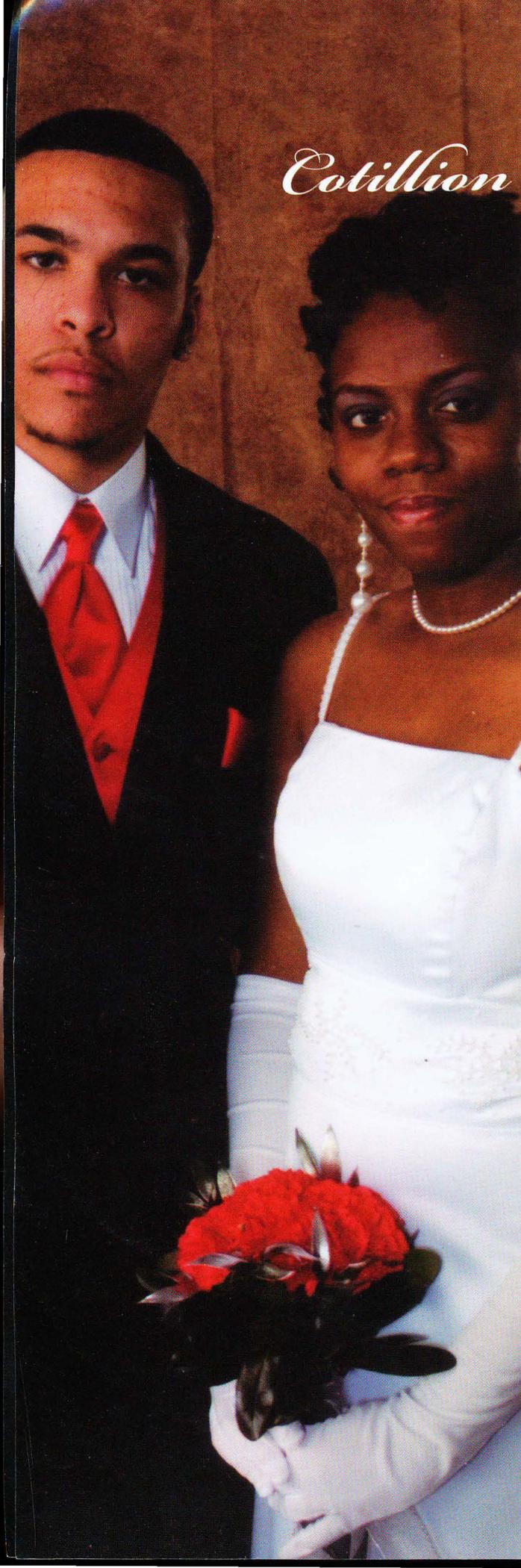


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# *Cotillion* 2009 *Participants*

## *DEBUTANTES*

## *ESCORTS*

Ariel Shaniece Adams.....	Marshon Pierre Morgan
Sierra Lanay Crabb.....	Lamar Quintrell Browning
Caneshia Lavone Frazier.....	Darren Martin Hicks, Jr.
Terri Louise Hardin.....	Roger Smith
Delores Anntoinette Lee.....	Akeemeon Rasheed Parks
Sheriah Larie Mason.....	Tresden Antonio Moore
Lexus D'Shea McMillion.....	Rory Michael Causley
Brittany DeAnn Neil.....	Terrell Scott Napper
Shakelah Racquel Odom.....	James Lloyd Carter Jr.
Mariah Anéce Redmon.....	Joseph Jordan Redmon

*“There is no limit to what you can imagine. And with commitment, with effort, what you can imagine you can become. Put your mind to work for you. Believe that you can do it. The world will tell you that you can't. Yet, in your belief you'll find the strength, you'll find the ability, to do it anyway.”*

*Ralph Marston*

## Letter from the president



# *Gamma Upsilon Psi Society*

Dear Cotillion Supporters and Friends:

Gamma Upsilon Psi Society is thankful for the support of family, friends, businesses, and the Champaign-Urbana community for the past 37 years. Your dedication and support are essential in making each Cotillion successful and profitable.

The first Cotillion Ball was sponsored by the members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated. In 1974, Kathryn Humphrey and Margaret Smith, founded Gamma Upsilon Psi Society to assist the fraternity with the Cotillion. In 1977, Gamma Upsilon Psi Society became the sole sponsor of the annual Cotillion ball.

The ten Debutantes that we present to you this evening have worked hard to earn their place as a Gamma Upsilon Psi Society Debutante. For the past 5 months, they have had meetings, workshops, rehearsals, and solicited donations via telephone, email, letters, and by knocking on doors. In addition to their responsibilities as a Debutante, these young ladies must also balance their other commitments which include strong academic performance, volunteer service, jobs, athletic teams, and church programs.

Beyond the pageantry and scholarships, the Cotillion also provides Personal Enhancement workshops that focus on positive self image, communication skills, as well as college preparatory information, including study skills and the perils of accumulating massive debt during the undergraduate years.

Former Debutantes are now entrepreneurs, teachers, doctors, lawyers, police officers, mothers, and yes, we even have a Miss America! The ten young women that we proudly present to you this year will also go on to make contributions to our community and our country. They are more than just pretty faces, neat white gloves, and gorgeous gowns. They are women of substance and strength with a long journey ahead of them. "A strong woman has faith that she is strong enough for the journey ... but a woman of strength has faith that it is in the journey that she will become strong..."

A large, stylized, gold-colored logo of the Gamma Upsilon Psi Society. The letters 'G', 'U', and 'Psi' are intertwined in a cursive, calligraphic font.

Sincerely,

*Jolynn C. Caroline*

Jolynn C. Caroline  
President, Gamma Upsilon Psi Society

# Young Women of STRENGTH



## *Debutante-Escort Choreographer:*

**LeShandra Allison Phillips Hayes** was born August 8, 1972 to Russell (deceased) and Irene Phillips. Shawn, as she is fondly known, grew up in the Champaign-Urbana area. Shawn attended Leal Elementary School, Urbana Middle School and graduated from Urbana High School. She attended Mr. John's School of Cosmetology in Urbana where she successfully completed her cosmetology certification but followed a different career path.

Shawn has always had a love for older people and for helping others. A story often told by her mother is how the Mt. Olive Choir sang at a local nursing home once a month and she would always count on being the first to arrive and the last to leave as Shawn wanted to help bring the patients down to the room where the choir would be singing, and help return them to their rooms when all was over.

Shawn grew up in the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, joined and was baptized at an early age. She sang in the Children's Choir, the Youth Choir, and now the Inspirational Choir where she is an assistant choir director. She also sings with her sister and mother, Noah Brown and Company and Worship and Spirit.

Shawn also serves in her church as a Sunday school teacher in the Youth Department, one of the youth leaders, is active in the Women of Worship Ministry, is one of the choreographers of the Praise Dancers (youth and adult), Hip Hop and Stepper Teams, a Vacation Bible School teacher, one of the Young Adult Ministry leaders, and serves on the Hour of Power team.

Shawn has been married to Sam Hayes for 10 years and is the mother of 3 biological children: Talandra, Devontrell and Sammie, the stepmother of 4: Clarissa, Brittney, Demario and Brishanna, and the grandmother of 3.

One of her favorite scriptures is Psalms 121. Shawn is employed by Lincare, Inc. as a Regional Customer Service Representative Trainer. Her hobbies are singing, cooking and talking.



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# Cotillion 2009 Production Staff

## *Debutante-Escort Choreographer:*

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**Johnny Lee Prowell III** was born on November 23, 1987 and raised in Danville, Illinois. He attended school in Champaign Unit 4 School District and is currently a 21 year old student at Parkland Community College in Champaign. Although named after his father, his mother gave him the nickname "Johan".

When Johan was two months old, he was diagnosed with meningitis which caused him to lose his hearing. Trying to adjust to being hearing impaired, Johan learned ASL (American Sign Language) and uses it to communicate.

According to his mother, Johan has been dancing since he was a small child and has always has loved dancing. He started choreographing routines in elementary school and had his first talent show with his sister and two cousins appearing as guests to show their support. Johan has done tap dance, praise dance, modern jazz, hip-hop, waltz and step dancing. He teaches dance to three groups in Champaign: House Arrest 2, National Dance Team, Inc. and Dream Team Chapter 2. The teams he is involved with are his heart!

Johan has appeared on WCIA Channel 3 News several times in the past two years. He has been frequently asked how he became a dancer when he can not hear. He answer is simple: "That's the gift I received from my mother and from GOD!" One thing that Johan knows for sure is that he is not, will not, and refuses to let anyone discourage him from using the gift he has been blessed with...the gift that sets him apart from other people, makes him different, unique and special in the arena of dance.

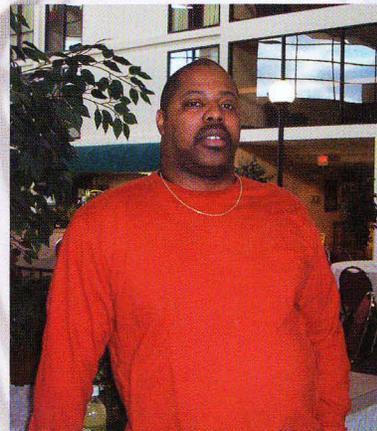
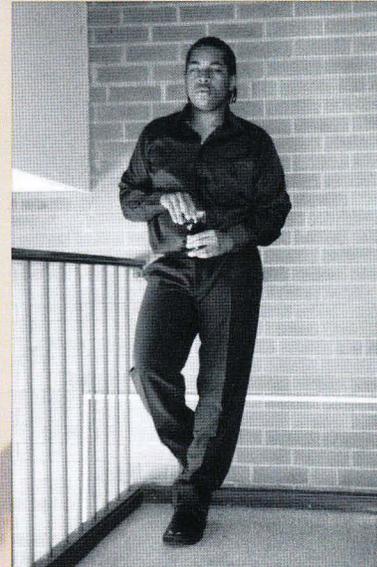
"I'm deaf and I want to be the first person to tell you that we can do anything, including DANCE!"

## *Escort Step Choreographer:*

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**Ralph Russell** is a fire fighter with the Champaign Fire Department. He is a graduate of Tugalo College and has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education. Ralph is a member of Canaan Evangelistic Church where he sings with the Victory Chorale. He is married to Angela and is the proud father of one son, Ralph II and two daughters, Raevyn and Rylie. As a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Ralph has choreographed many routines and performed in several step shows over the years. This is his eighth opportunity to serve as Escort Choreographer for Gamma Upsilon Psi Society and the Cotillion Ball.

*"Where there is no struggle, there is no strength." Oprah Winfrey*



# Cotillion 2008 Production Participants



## *Toastmaster:*

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**Terry A. Napper** (the “A” is still for amazing) has been employed with the After School Child Care Program for the Urbana School District 116 for almost 21 years. A Christian young man and lover of Jesus, he proudly serves as a Deacon, Director of Music and Sunday School Teacher at Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Terry is a mentor to young black men and loves to have fun. He has been married to Rhonda for 19 years and is the proud father of three sons, Terrell, Terrance and Teron. Terry has graciously and joyously served as Toastmaster for the Cotillion Ball for the past several years.

## *Debutante Presenter:*

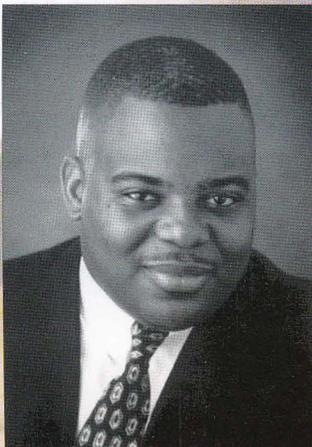
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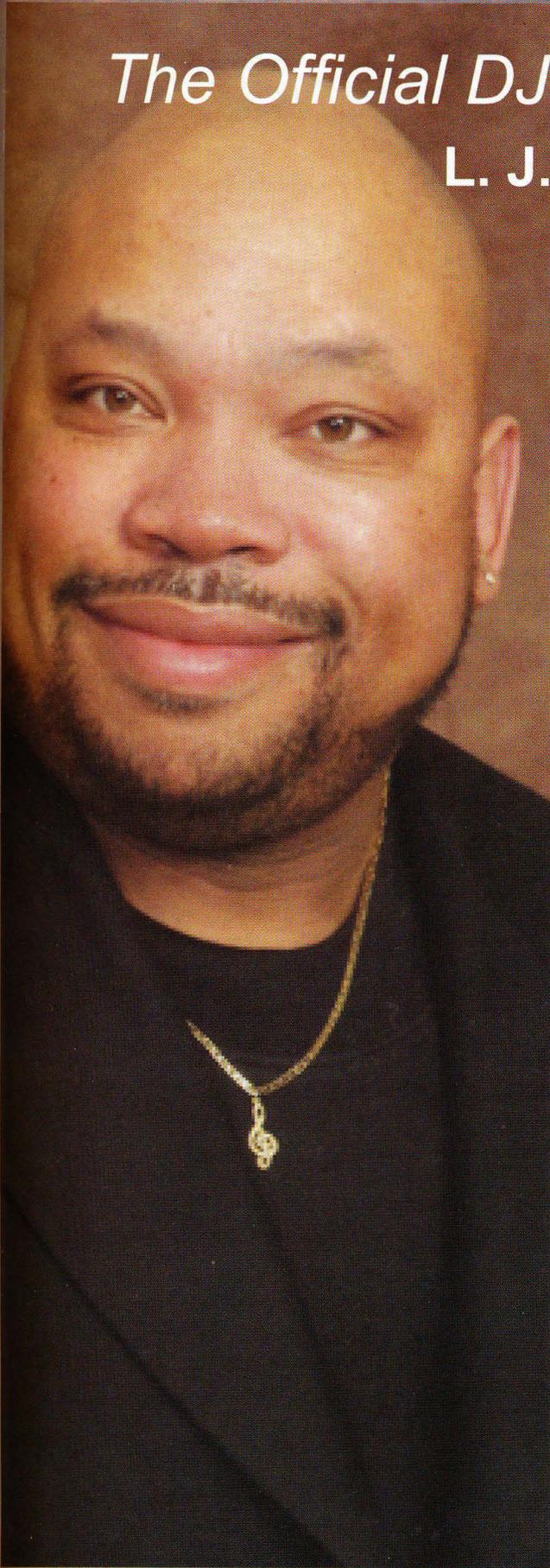
**Dr. Nina Patterson Caldwell** is the Vice President for Student Life, Dean of Students and Assistant Professor in the School of Education at Maryville University of St. Louis, Missouri. Her 20 year career span in higher education includes being an elementary school teacher and working at multiple universities and colleges including the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. Dr. Patterson Caldwell earned her Doctorate of Education in Organization and Leadership from the University of San Francisco, Masters of Science in Counseling from Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, Bachelors of Arts in Elementary Education from Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana, and her Masters in Business Administration from Maryville University, St. Louis, Missouri. Dr. Patterson Caldwell currently lives in St. Peters, Missouri with her husband Derrick; they have two children, Ashley and Cameron. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., an Urbana native and graduate from Urbana Sr. High and a proud debutante from the Class of 1981” It’s My Turn”.

## *Escort Presenter:*

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**Dr. William M. Patterson** is the Associate Director of the Bruce D. Nesbitt African American Culture Center and an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of African American Studies at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Patterson is also a Faculty Fellow in the Academy of Entrepreneurial Leadership as well as founder and co-director of the Youth Media Workshop, a collaborative initiative with WILL. A self described indigenous scholar, Dr. Patterson was nurtured and influenced by indigenous leaders such as John Lee Johnson, Bud Johnson, Reverend William B. Keaton, Walter Clifton, his sister Dr. Nina Patterson-Caldwell, and Fannie Taylor, his mother. He is a 2000 graduate of the Department of Educational Policy Studies at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. His research, course development, and instruction concentrate on engaging students of the post-civil rights era, i.e., the Hip Hop generations. Black Leadership Development, Service Learning from a Hip Hop Perspective, KRS: Hip Hop Artistry and Social Activism, C.R.E.A.M. (Cash, Rules, and Everything Around Me), and Hip Hop and Social Entrepreneurship are courses he has developed and taught. Dr. Patterson is married to Lori Gold Patterson and the father of three children, Maya, William Jordan, and Donovan.

A portrait of a man with a shaved head and a goatee, wearing a black turtleneck and a gold chain with a pendant. He is smiling slightly.

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## *D*ebutante Ariel Shaniece Adams

*Ariel Shaniece Adams* is the daughter of Antionette Hobbs & Anthony Adams; she has three siblings: Errione, Dontez and Adrianna. Ariel is a senior at Urbana High School and is involved in the Minority Enrichment and the One to One Mentor Program, is a member of the African American Club, Peer Jurors and Girls, Inc. She will attend Northern Illinois University and major in social work with a minor in business administration. Her career goal is to earn a doctorate degree and eventually own a crisis center. Ariel is a member of Glory Center International where she participates in the Teen Ignite Youth Group. Her hobbies include listening to music, hanging out with friends, dancing and talking on the telephone. Ariel is escorted by Marshon Morgan, received by her mother, Antionette and presented by her father, Dontez Hobbs.

*Expressions of the heart....*

Ariel,

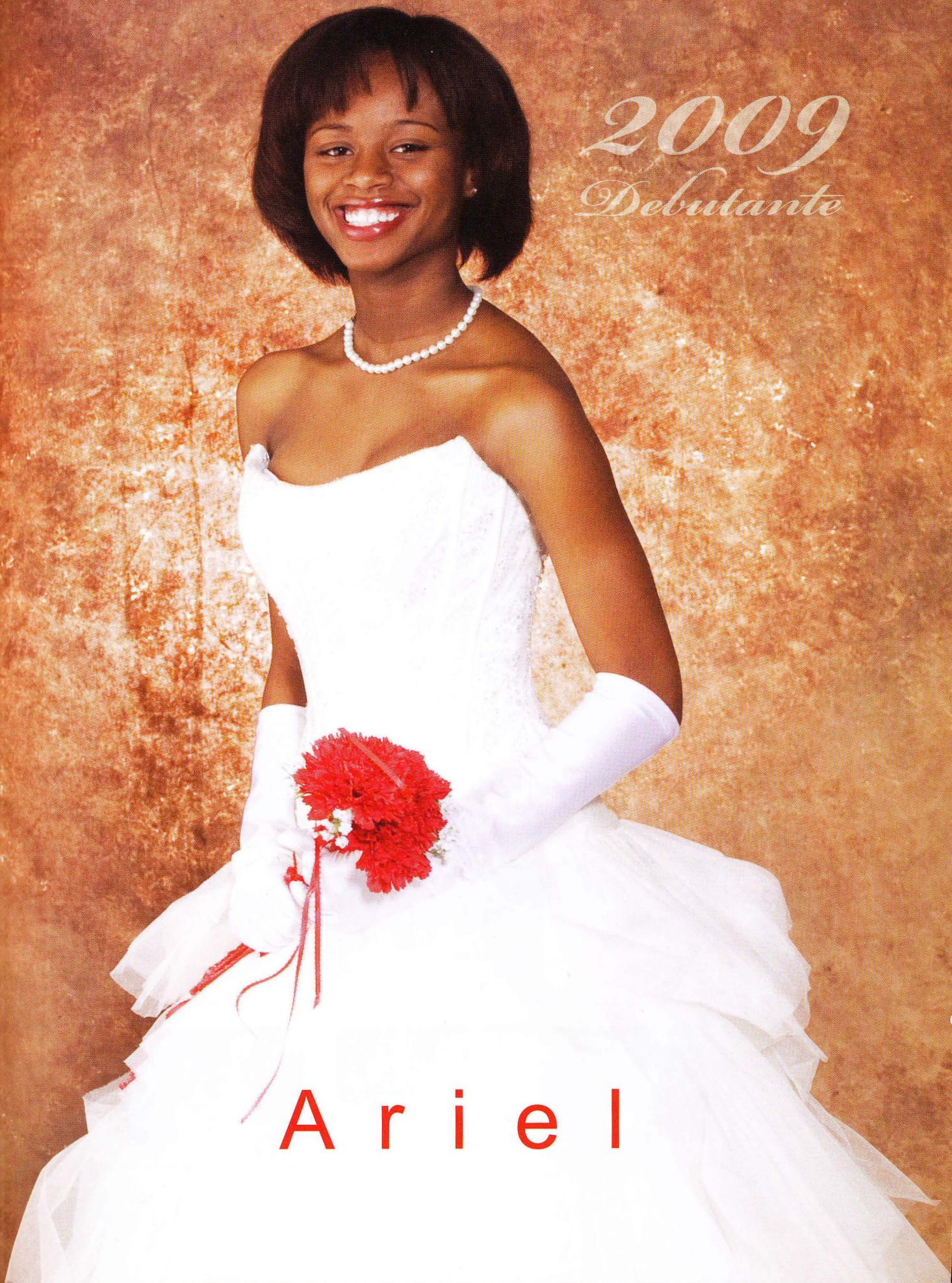
Thank you for enduring all of the obstacles in your teen years. WE are so proud of you! You have taught us about the REAL LOVE FOR CHRIST! Walk into your destiny! We love you!

Love,

Mom & Dad



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*Debutante*



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# Debutante Sierra Lanay Crabb

**Sierra Lanay Crabb** is the daughter of Cynthia Keaton –Williams; she has three siblings: Kanitra, Brandon and Davonte. Sierra is a senior at Champaign Central High School and is a member of the Central Pepettes, the African American Club, American Legion Auxiliary, Sankofa Pride Junior member, AVID (Achievement Via Individual Determination) Program and is a Girls State Recipient. She will attend Eastern Illinois University and major in elementary education. Sierra's career goal is to become an elementary school teacher. A member of Salem Baptist Church, Sierra serves on the Majestic Praise Team and sings in Salem's choir. Her hobbies include travel, dance, braiding hair, working with children and spending time with family & friends. Sierra is escorted by Lamar Browning, received by her mother, Cynthia, and presented by her grandfather, Alvin Murrell.

## *Expressions of the heart....*

I didn't give you Life but I gave you a Life of Love! Always remember Jeremiah 29:11:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

May today be a wonderful celebration of your achievements and a time to reflect on your accomplishments.

Love ya, "Cook"

Cynthia Williams





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*Debutante*

Sierra

# *D*ebutante Caneshia LaVone Frazier

*Caneshia LaVone Frazier* is the daughter of Yolonda Frazier & Joseph Redmond; she has four siblings: Ashley, Cameron, Gyshon and Brandon. Caneisha is a January graduate of Champaign Central High School where she was a member of the Central Pepettes and the AVID (Achievement Via Individual Determination) Program. She will attend Lane College and major in criminal justice. Caneisha's career goal is to become a law enforcement officer. Her hobbies include dancing, singing and making others happy. Caneisha is escorted by Darren Hicks, received by her grandmother, Diane Hunt and presented by her brother, Gyshon.

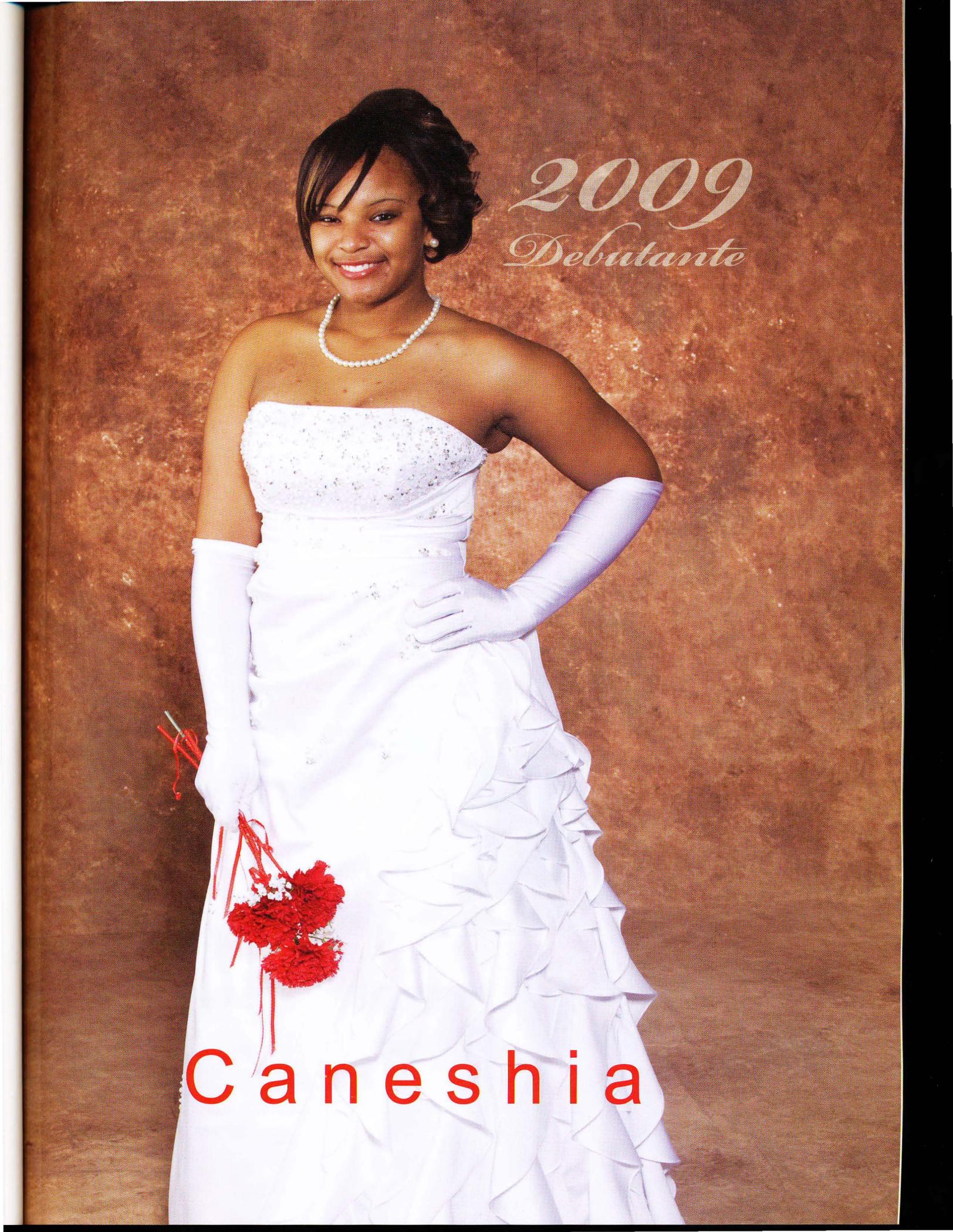
## *Expressions of the heart....*

Caneisha,

Never short change your potential to achieve success. Those who stand out from the crowd have learned that hard work and perseverance are the keys to success. Remember that growth is an individual project and the crowd will stand back to let a winner shine through!

Shine on Caneisha;  
we are proud of you!  
Your Family





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Caneshia

## *D*ebutante Terri Louise Hardin

*Terri Louise Hardin* is the daughter of Terry & Sheila Hardin ; she has two siblings: Teron and Sharonda. Terri is a senior at Champaign Central High School, is a Peer Juror and a member of the Art Club, Drama Club and French Club. She will attend Columbia College in Chicago and major in fine arts. Terri's career goal is to earn a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and teach art. She would also plans to obtain a Masters Degree in Fine Arts, sell her own art work and eventually become a restaurant and art gallery owner. Terri is a member of the Church of the Living God. Her hobbies are drawing, painting, beading and hanging out with friends. Terri is escorted by Roger Smith, received by her mother, Sheila, and presented by her father, Terry.

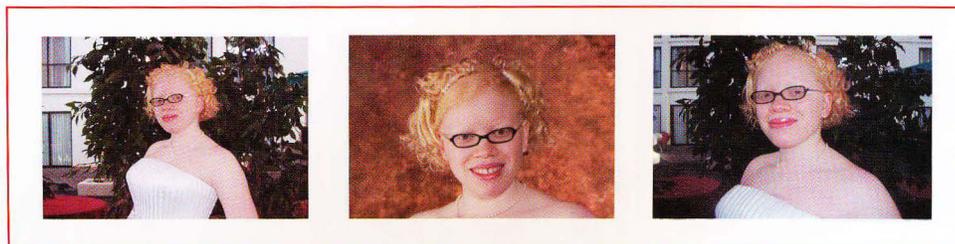
*Expressions of the heart....*

Terri,

May God bless you in all of your future endeavors. Congratulations!

Love,

Mom & Dad





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*Debutante*

Terri

# Debutante Delores Anntoinette Lee

*Delores Anntoinette Lee* is the daughter of Lisa Clark & Damion Lee; she has six siblings: Oleshia, Malik, Jamesa, Damion, Rachel and Magan. Delores is a graduating junior at Champaign Central High School and is a member of the Drama Club and the Principal Scholars Program. Her college plans are undecided. Delores is employed by Culver's and State Farm Insurance. She also volunteers at Nite Owl Daycare. She is a member of Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church and sings with the Voices of Praise. Her hobbies are singing, dancing, writing, shopping, talking on the telephone, texting, spending time with family and hanging with friends. Delores is escorted by Akeemeon Parks, received by her mother, Lisa, and presented by her Godfather, Reverend Darrin Smith.

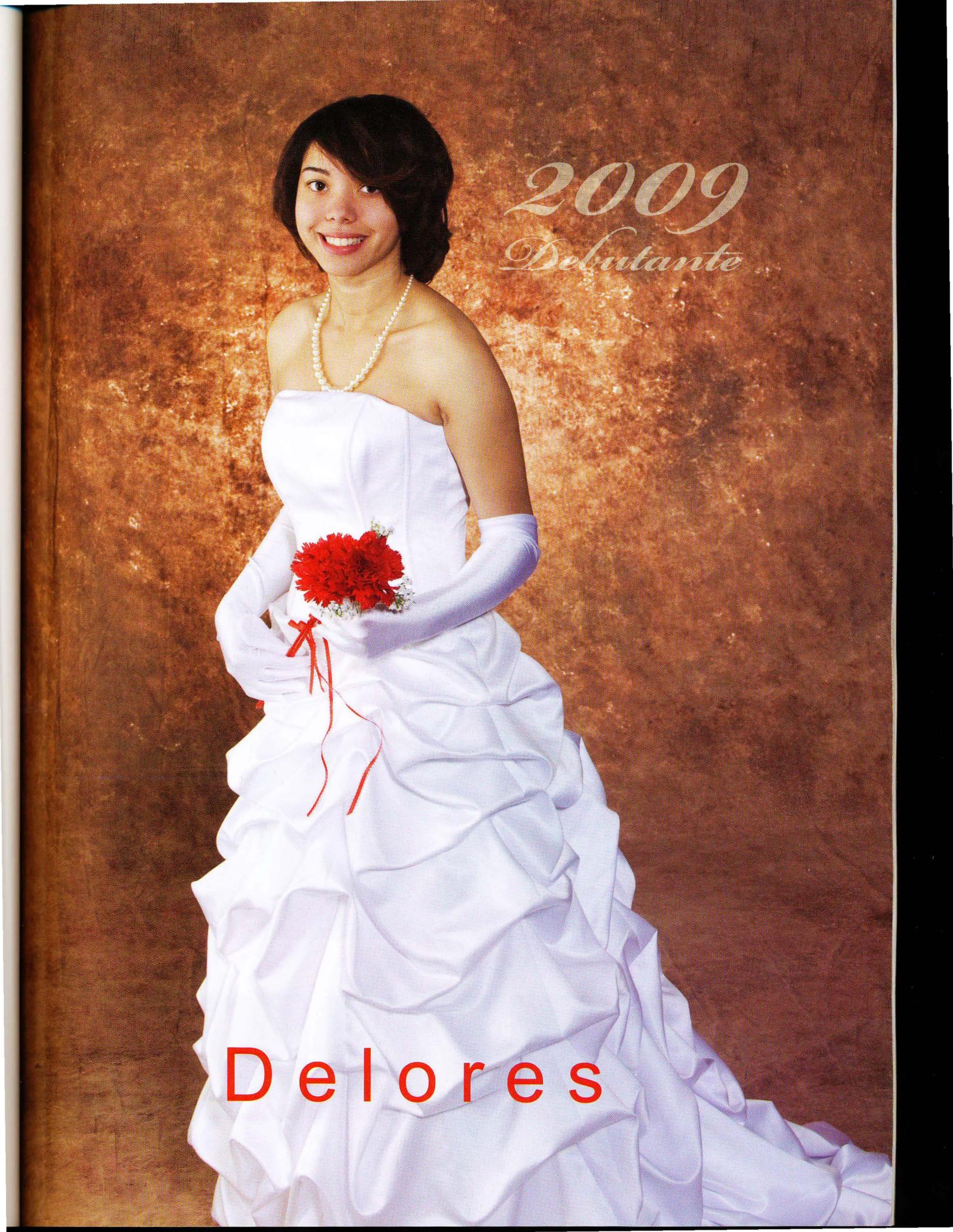
## *Expressions of the heart....*

Delores,

Yesterday, today and tomorrow you will always be my baby. I am so proud of you and your accomplishments. You are the first in the family to do it! Continue on your road to success. Put God first in all that you do.

Love, Mom



A young woman with dark hair, smiling, is wearing a white, strapless, ruffled wedding dress. She is holding a bouquet of red flowers and wearing a pearl necklace and long white gloves. The background is a textured, brownish-gold color.

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*Debutante*

Delores

# Debutante Sheriah Larie Mason

*Sheriah Larie Mason* is the daughter of Thomas & Lanitta Mason; she has three siblings: Kyia, Shanale and LaToyah. Sheriah is a senior at Champaign Central High School and is a member of the African American Club, National Honors Society, Sankofa, Spanish Club, and FCA. Her plans are to attend the University of Illinois and major in political science or pre-law. Sheriah career goal is to become a lawyer. She attends the Church of the Brethren. Her hobbies include playing basketball, listening to music, running track, singing and braiding hair. Sheriah is escorted by Tresden Moore, received by her mother, Lanitta, and presented by her brother, Kyia.

*Expressions of the heart....*

Sheriah,

I am so proud of you. You are truly one of a kind. You have a huge heart and are very intelligent. I know with God's help, you will be a great success at whatever you put your heart and mind to do.

Love, Mom



A young woman with dark hair styled in an updo is smiling and looking towards the camera. She is wearing a white, strapless, floor-length gown with a lace bodice and long white gloves. She is holding a bouquet of red flowers. The background is a textured, mottled brown color.

2009  
*Debutante*

Sheriah

# Debutante Lexus D'Shea McMillion

*Lexus D'Shea McMillion* is the daughter of Desiree & Lawrence McMillion; she has one brother, Lawrence McMillion II. Lexus is a senior at Urbana High School and is a Peer Mediator, a member of the Principal Scholars Program, Upward Bound Prep Academy, Rotary Club – Interact, STEP Up Program, African American Club, Varsity Girls Basketball (lettered 3 years), Varsity Girls Track (lettered 4 years), Swim (lettered 2 years) teams, Genuine Intelligent Respectful Ladies (GIRLZ), Step and Dance Team and the American Legion Auxiliary – Illini Girls State 2008. Lexus has received the following awards: National Student Leadership Award, Who's Who among American High School Students, Educator Scholarship Award, People to People Award, Mechanical/Science Engineering Training Award, Congressional Student leadership Award, Chicago Leadership Award, Summer Pre-College Abroad Scholarship – “The Sorbonne in Paris, France 2009”. She will attend Northern Illinois University and major in medicine. Her career goal is to become a pediatrician and develop medicine for children around the world. Lexus is a member of Canaan Baptist Church. Her hobbies include modeling for Staske Photography, shopping, reading, dancing, travel and assisting the elderly. Lexus is escorted by Rory Causley, received by her mother, Desiree, and presented by her father, Lawrence.



*Expressions of the heart....*

Lexus,

Perseverance is the investment; success is the return. “In everything you do, put God first and He will direct and crown your efforts with success.” Proverbs 3:6

We love you and may God continue to guide and bless you.

Love, Mom,  
Dad & Junior





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Lexus

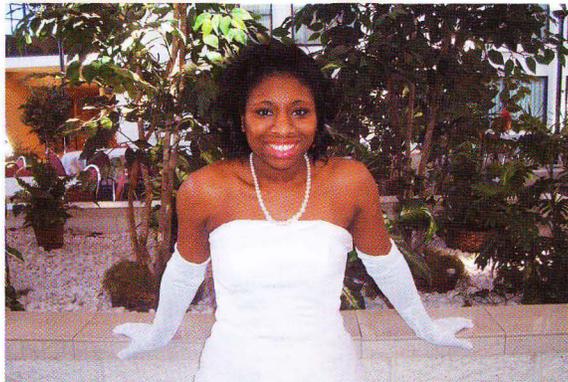
# *D*ebutante Brittany DeAnn Neil

*Brittany DeAnn Neil* is the daughter of Yolanda Neil & Robert James; she has three siblings: Aliyah, Braxton, Niyah. Brittany is a senior at Champaign Central High School and a member of the African American Club, AVID (Achievement Via Individual Determination) and Business Careers Programs. She plans to attend the Lakeview School of Nursing and become certified as a nurse. One of Brittany's career goals is to be a successful woman and be happy. Her hobbies are shopping, hanging out with cousins and friends, listening to country & pop music, watching the Disney Channel and text messaging. Brittany is escorted by Terrell Napper received by her mother, Yolanda, and presented by her father Robert.

## *Expressions of the heart...*

When you lay your head on your pillow at night, forget how far you still have to go. Look instead at how far you've already come. Stand tall against the winds of adversity. We are proud of you and we love you!

## Your Family



A young woman with dark, curly hair is smiling and looking towards the camera. She is wearing a white, strapless, floor-length wedding dress with a ruffled skirt and long white gloves. She is holding a large bouquet of red flowers. She is also wearing a pearl necklace. The background is a textured, brownish-gold color.

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**Brittany**

# *D*ebutante Shakelah Racquel Odom

*Shakelah Racquel Odom* is the daughter of Shawn Odom & Reginald Pruitt; she has five siblings: Antonio, Stephanie, Devonte, Diamontae and Reico. Shakelah is a senior at Champaign Central High School and a member of the softball team. She will attend Western Illinois University and major in nursing. Her career goal is to become a neonatal nurse. Shakelah is employed by The Windsor of Savoy. Her hobbies are writing poetry & lyrics, talking, texting, dancing and singing. Shakelah is escorted by James Carter, received by her mother, Shawn, and presented by her stepfather, Reico Carter.

*Expressions of the heart....*

Shakelah,

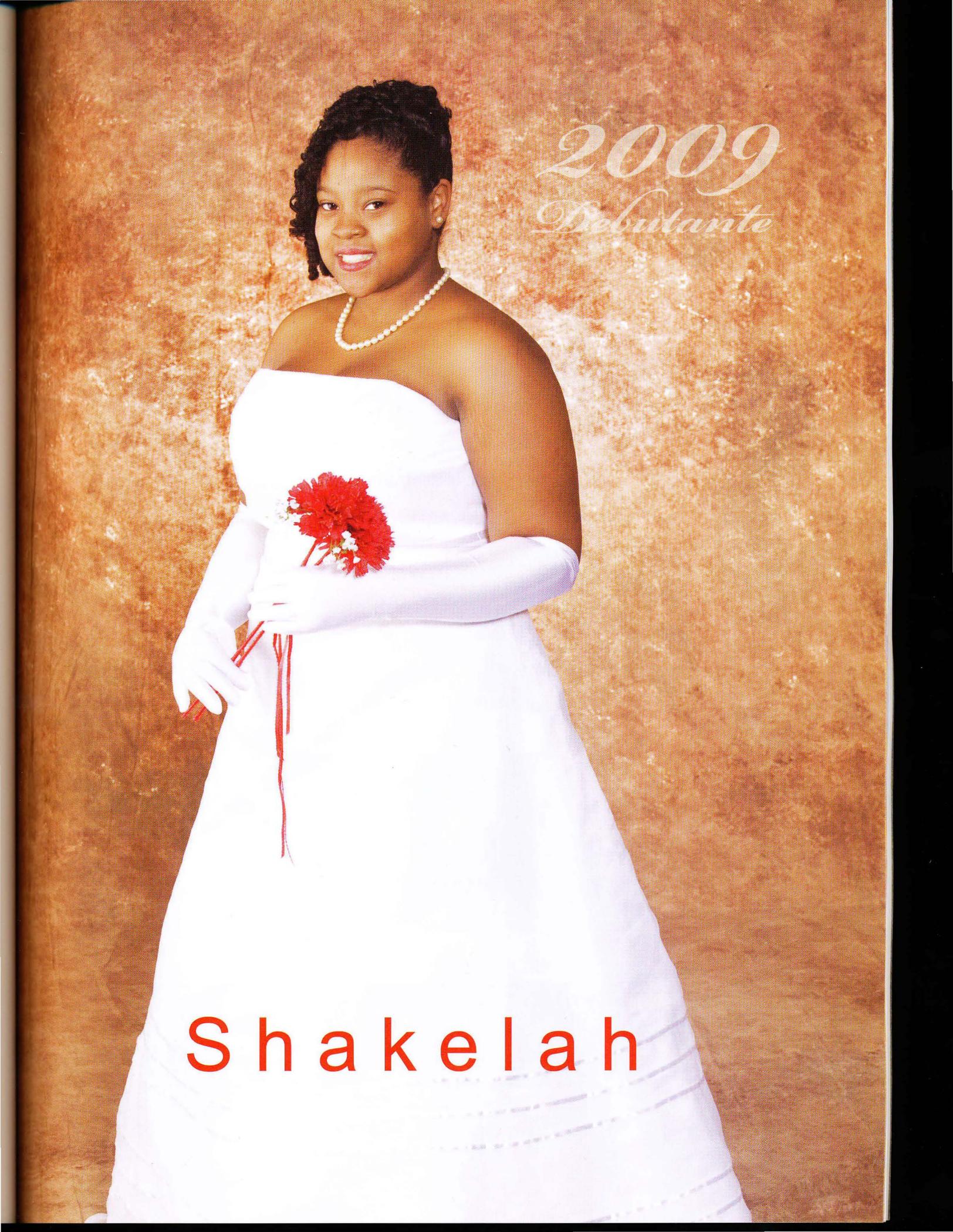
Congratulations! Shakelah, I am very proud of you and the young lady you have become. I wish you much success in all of your goals and dreams.

Love, Mom



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*Debutante*

Shakelah



## *D*ebutante Mariah Anece Redmon

*Mariah Anece Redmon* is the daughter of Yolanda Jackson & Joseph Redmon; she has two siblings: Joseph and Kyle. Mariah is a senior at Urbana High School and is a member of the Minority Enrichment Program and the African American Club. She plans to attend the University of Illinois at Chicago and major in accounting and/or business. Mariah's career goal is to become a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). Mariah is a member of the Church of the Living God. Her hobbies include shopping, dancing and stepping. Mariah is escorted by her brother, Joseph, received by her mother, Yolanda, and presented by her uncle, Tyrone Cooper.

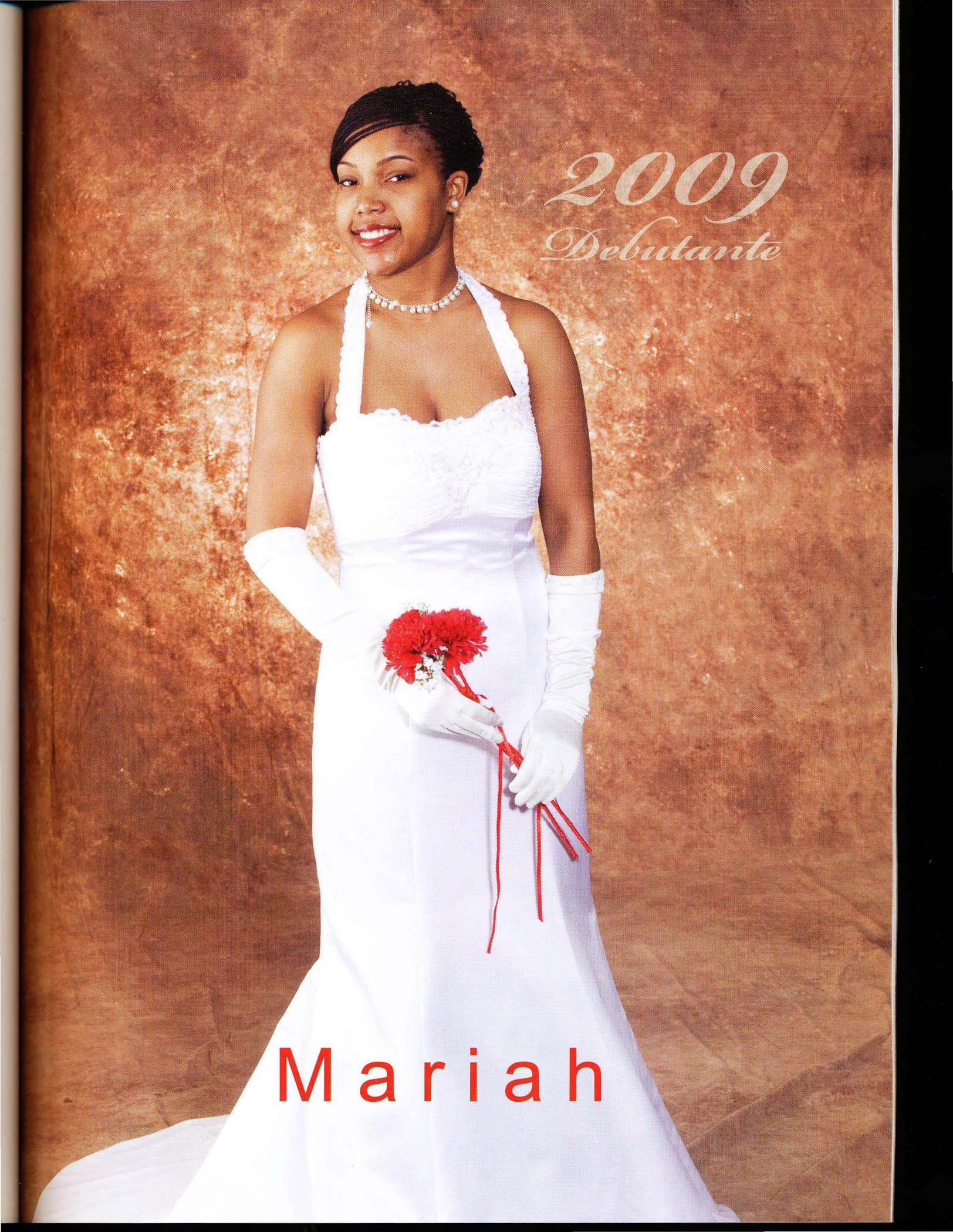
*Expressions of the heart....*

Mariah,

You have come a long way and I am very proud of you. I know you will excel in everything you put your mind to. Congratulations!

Love, Mom



A young woman with dark hair styled in a bun, wearing a white halter-neck wedding dress with a lace bodice and long white gloves. She is holding a bouquet of red flowers and looking towards the camera with a smile. The background is a textured, warm-toned wall.

2009  
*Debutante*

Mariah

*E*scort Marshon Pierre Morgan

*Marshon Pierre Morgan*, son of Deshon Harris & Jeffery Morgan, is a senior at Champaign Centennial High School. He will attend Howard University and major in Audio Engineering. Marshon's career goals are to become a music artist or a professional boxer. He attends church at Glory Center International and participates in the Ignite Teen Ministry. Marshon's hobbies are singing, dancing, boxing, going to church, hanging out with friends and listening to music. Marshon is the escort of Debutante Ariel Adams.



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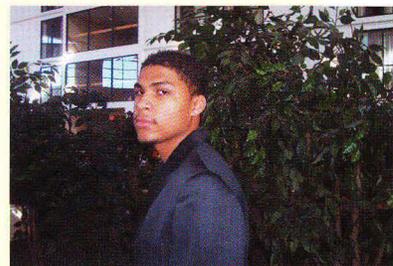
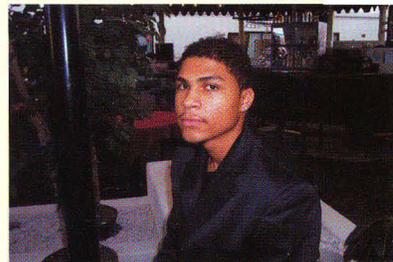
## *E*scort Lamar Quintrell Browning

*Lamar Quintrell Browning*, son of Tyra & Jon Browning, attends Champaign Central Academy and is a member of the track club. His college plans are undecided at this time; however, he would like to major in music performance. Lamar would like to become a gospel artist, teach music and give vocal/performance lessons. He attends Glory Center International and is involved in Ignite Teen Ministries, is a Praise & Worship leader and does sound & audio. His hobbies are playing basketball, singing and writing gospel music. Lamar is the escort of Debutante Sierra Crabb.



## Escort Darren Martin Hicks Jr.

*Darren Martin Hicks Jr.*, son of Martice Wright & Darren Hicks, Sr., is a senior at Champaign Central High School. Darren plans are to attend Chicago State University and major in Education. His career goal is to become a high school teacher. Darren's hobby is basketball. Darren is the escort of Debutante Caneisha Frazier.

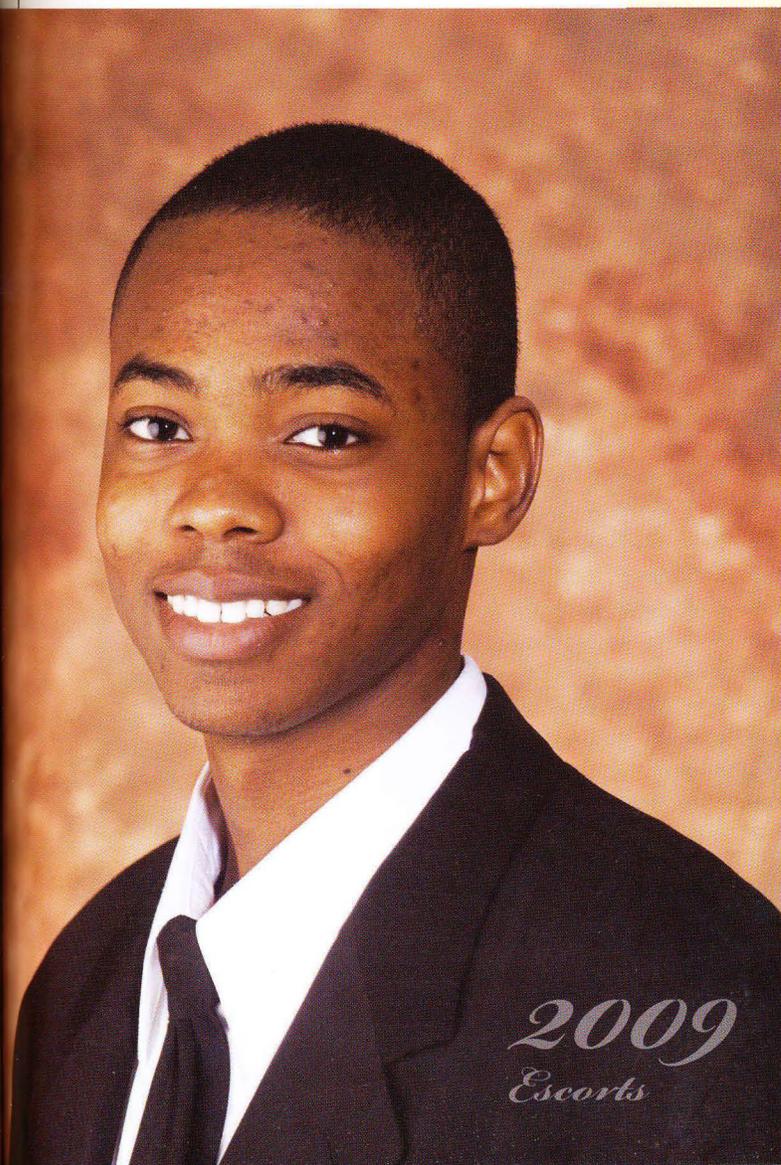
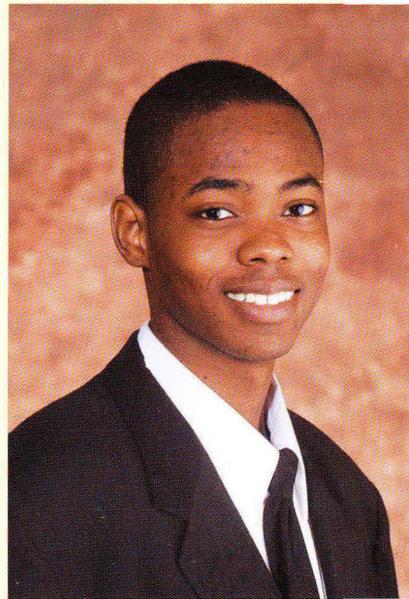


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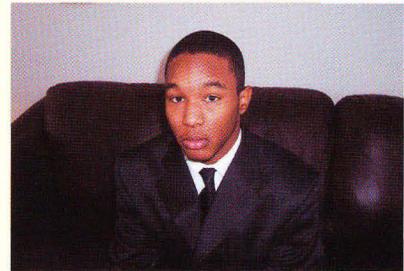
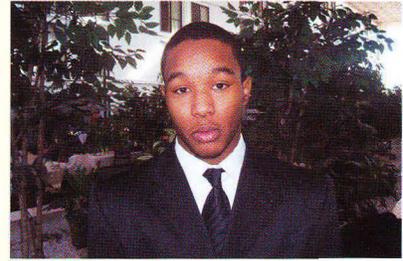
## *E*scort Roger Smith

*Roger Smith*, son of Arnetta Smith, is a senior at Champaign Central High School. He is a member of the cross country, and track & field teams and German Honor Society; he is president of the German Club and a Peer Juror. Roger will attend Truman College and major in Criminal Justice. Roger's career goal is to become a successful person in his field. His hobbies are running, watching television and sleeping. Roger the escort of Debutante Terri Hardin.



## *E*scort Akeemeon Rasheed Parks

*Akeemeon Rasheed Parks* is the son of Felicia and Reverend Rickey Parks. He is junior at Champaign Central High School and a member of Kappa League and the AVID (Achievement Via Individual Determination) Program. His plans are to attend University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff and major in animal science. Akeemeon's career goal is to become a veterinarian. He is a member of Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church, is a Junior Deacon and serves on the Tape Ministry. Akee's hobbies are football, track, watching television, and eating. He is the escort of Debutante Delores Lee.



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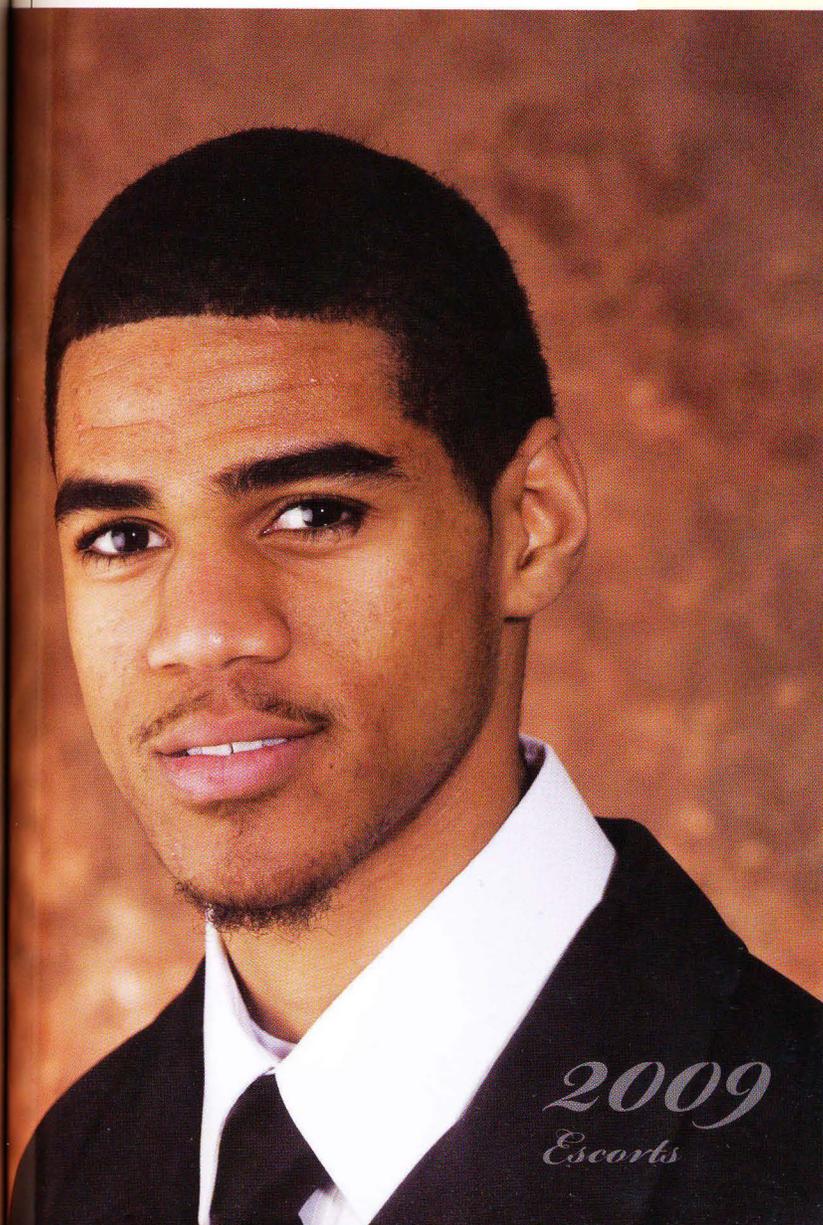
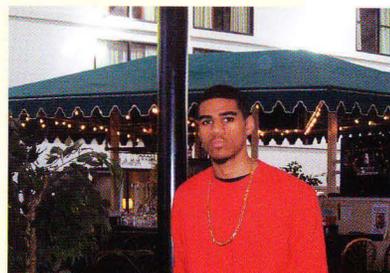
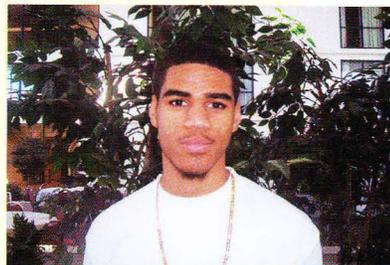
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# *E*scort Tresden Antonio Moore

*Tresden Antonio Moore* is the son of Eva & Edgar Brummett and is a graduate of Champaign Centennial High School. He is currently attending Parkland Community College and majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Tresden's career goal is to design and build cars. He is a member of Canaan Baptist Church. Tresden's hobbies are basketball and poetry. He is the escort of Debutante Sheriah Mason.



# Escort Rory Michael Causley

*Rory Michael Causley*, is the son of Lisa Causley & Michael Williams and the grandson of Eldress Hattie Paulk. He is a senior at Champaign Central High School and a member of the African American Club and STEP Program. Rory plans to enlist in the Navy upon graduation. His career goal is to be a successful business owner and community activist. Rory is a member of Grove Street Church of God In Christ. His hobbies include playing basketball and football, reading and volunteering. Rory is the escort of Debutante Lexus McMillion.



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## *E*scort Terrell Scott Napper

*Terrell Scott Napper*, son of Rhonda & Terry

Napper, is a senior at Champaign Centennial High School and a member of the African American Club. Terrell plans to attend the Art Institute of Chicago and major in Culinary Arts. His career goal is to own a five-star restaurant. Terrell is a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church where he sings in the choir, attends Sunday school and Hour of Power. His hobbies are shopping, church, making money, hanging out with friends, playing Guitar Hero and getting on his parents nerves. Terrell is the escort of Debutante Brittany Neil.



## Escort James Lloyd Carter Jr.

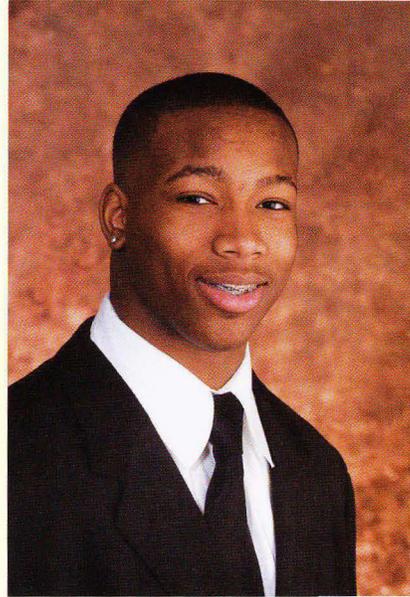
*James Lloyd Carter Jr.*, son of Charlissa Hart & James Carter, is a senior at Champaign Central High School. He is a member of the African American Club, football and track & field teams and participates in school talent shows. James will attend Rend Lake Community College and major in physical therapy. His career goals are to become a singer, physical therapist, run track, NFL player and more. Glory Center International is his church home where he serves on the Ignite Praise Team. His hobbies are writing poems, dancing, working out, singing and relaxing. James is the escort of Debutante Shakelah Odom.



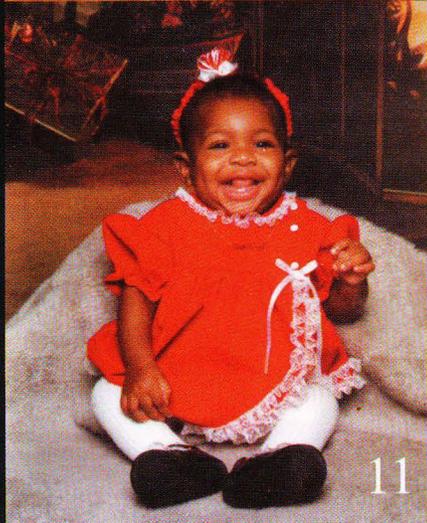
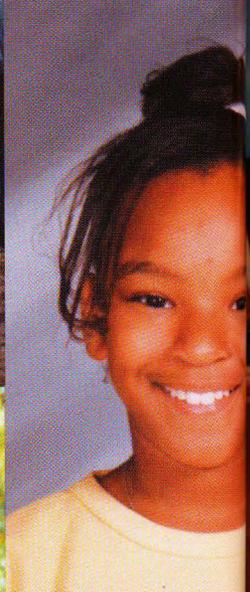
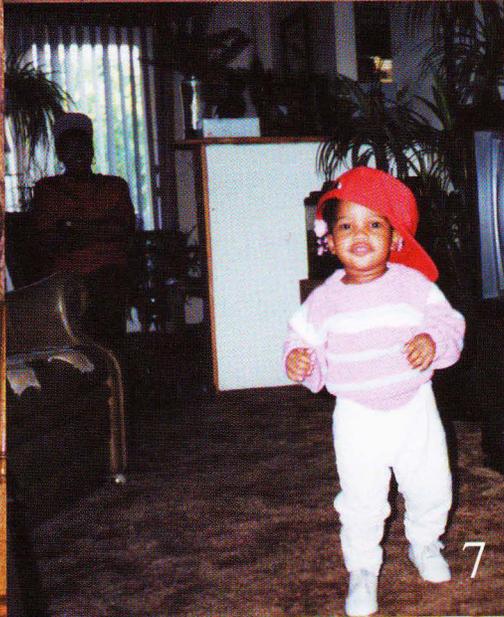
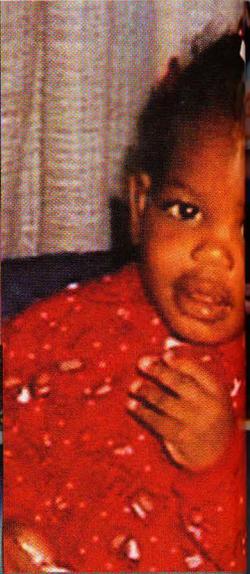
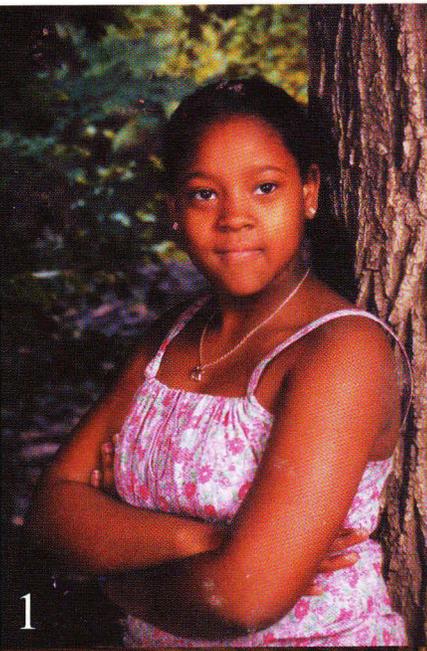
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## Escort Joseph Jordan Redmon

*Joseph Jordan Redmon* is the son of Yolanda Jackson & Joseph Redmon and is a sophomore at Urbana High School. He is a member of the football, track and wrestling teams. Joseph's plans are to attend the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana and major in Film. He has a career goal of playing professional football. Joseph is a member of Church of the Living God. His hobbies are sports (football, wrestling) and video gaming. Joseph is the escort of Debutante Mariah Redmon.



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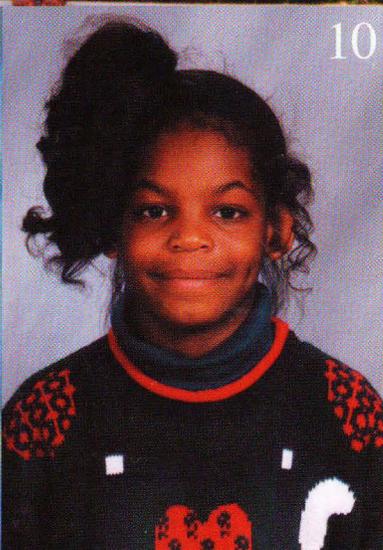
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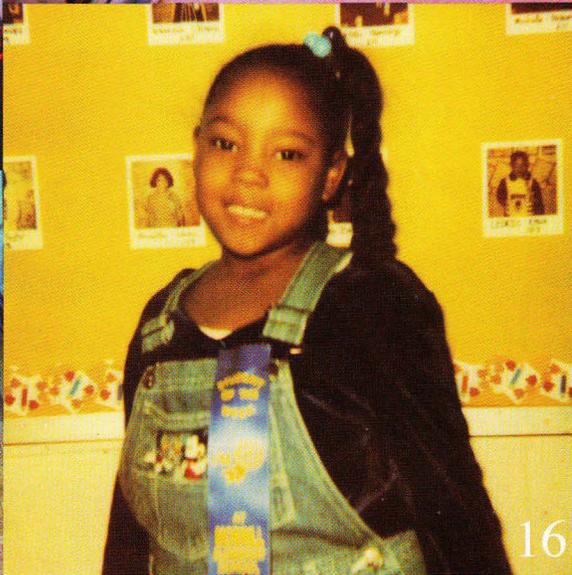
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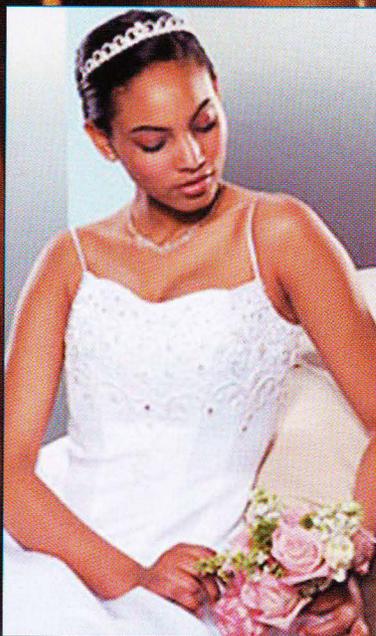
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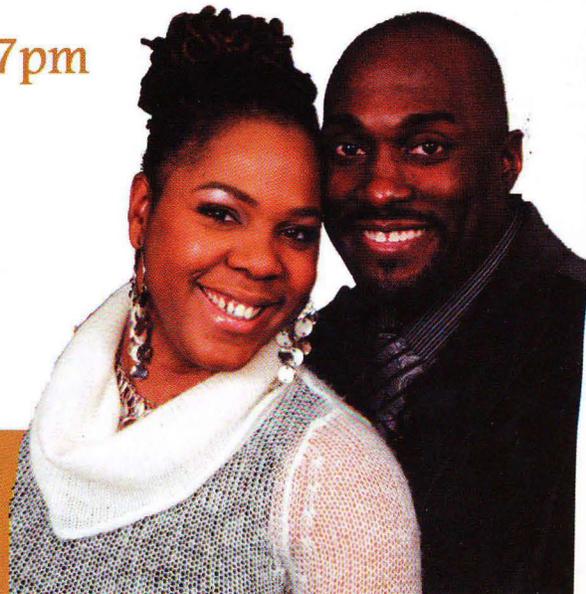
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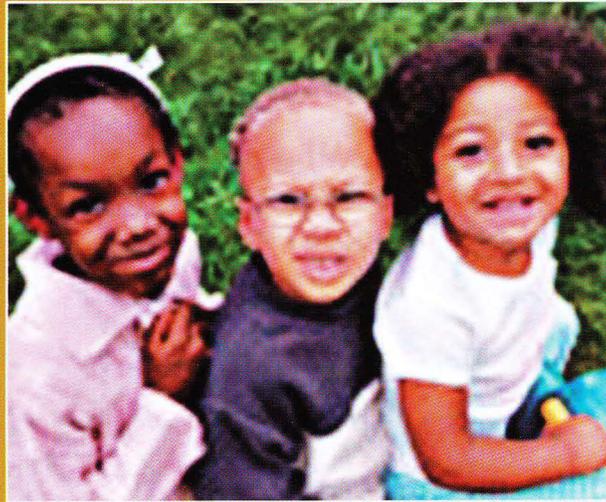


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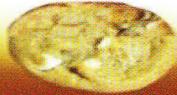


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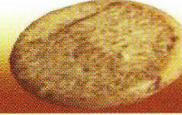
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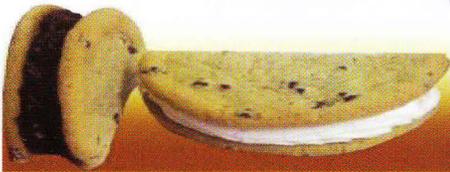
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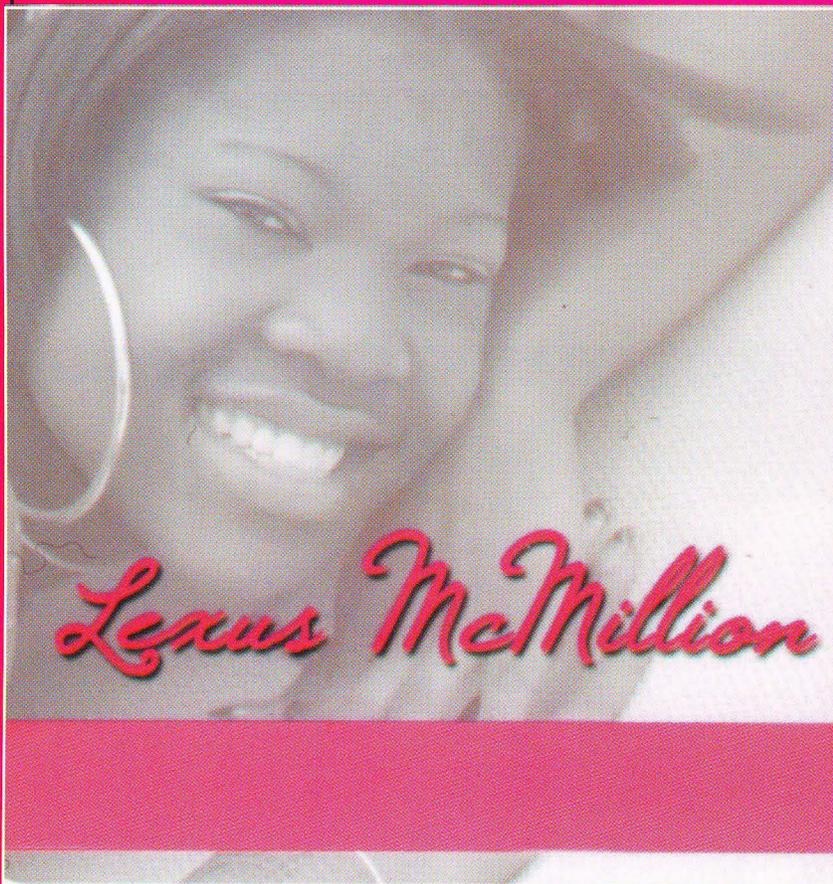
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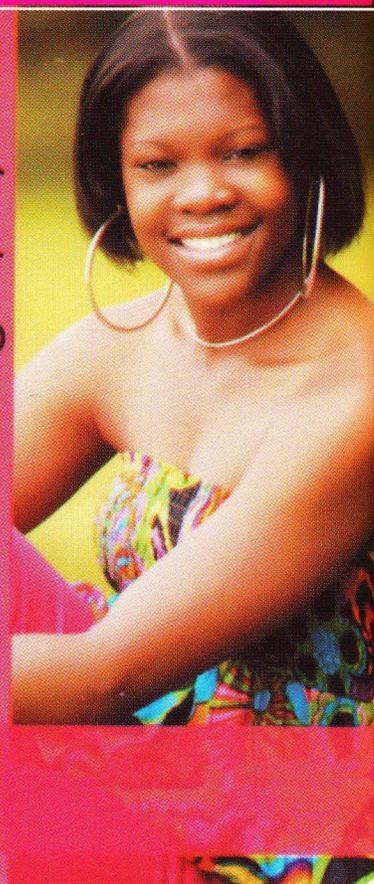
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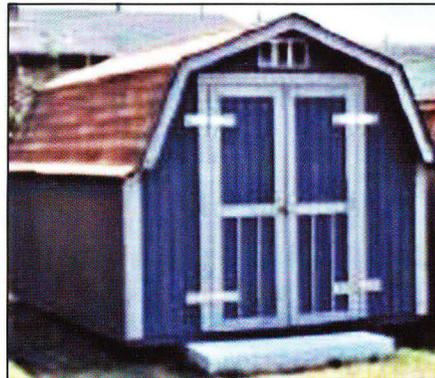
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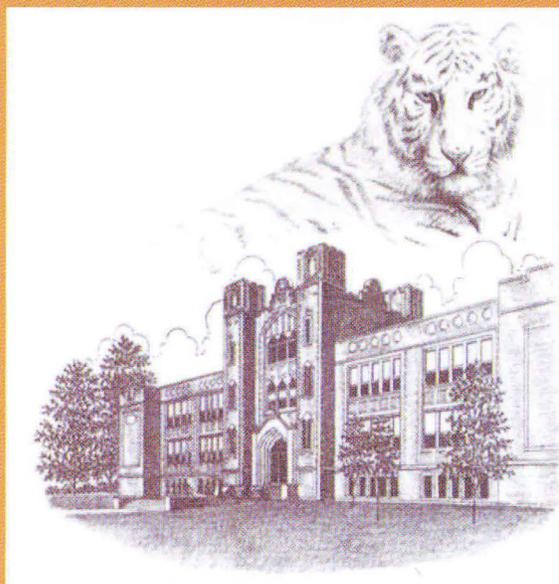
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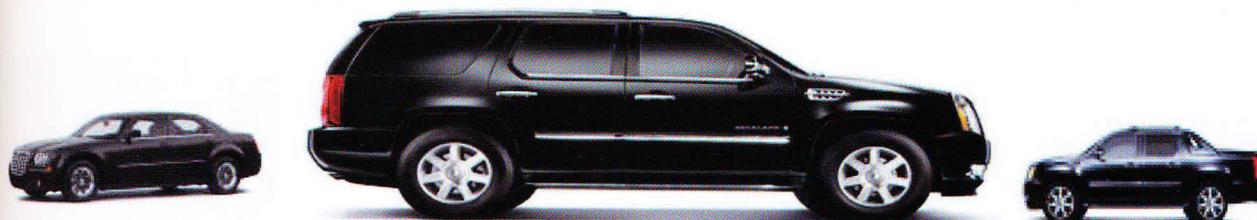
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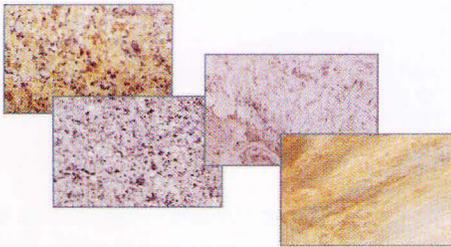
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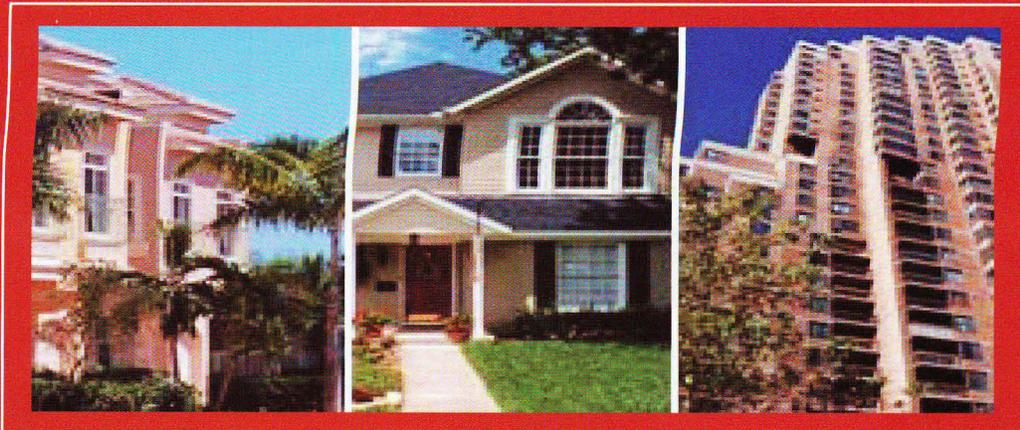
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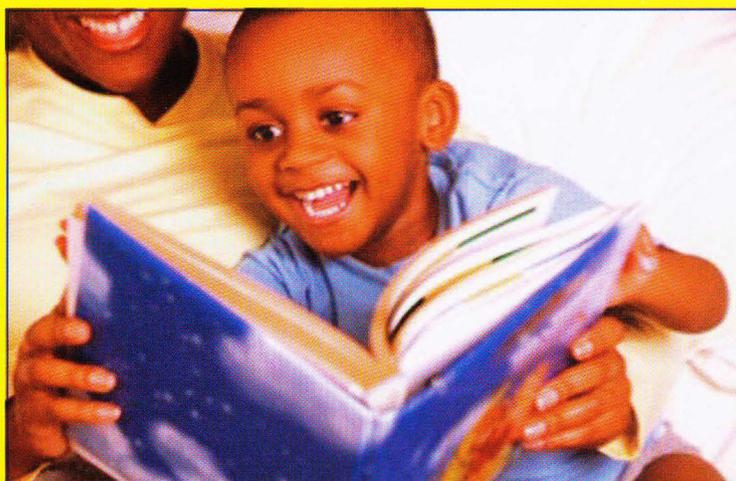
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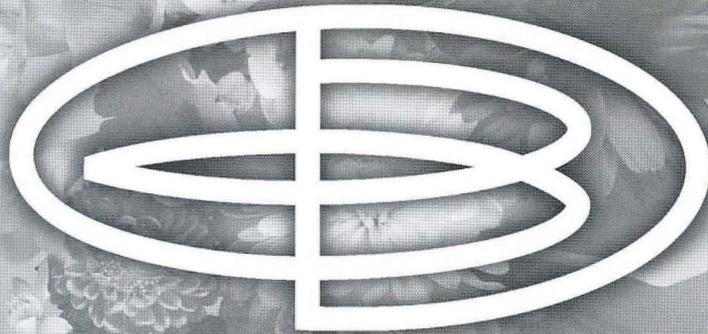
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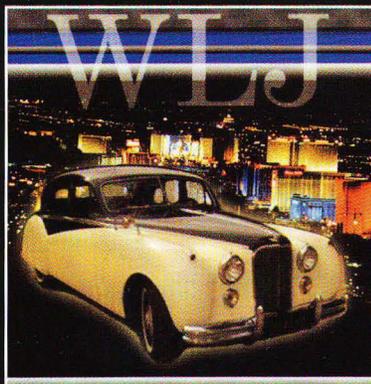
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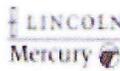
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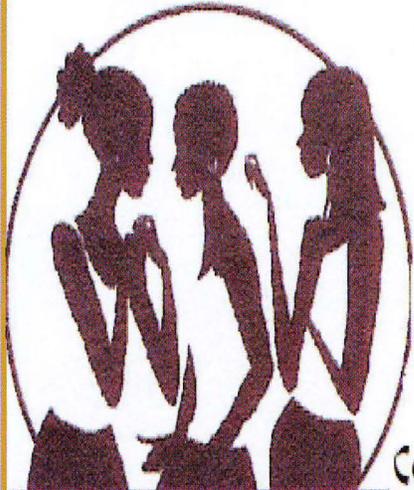
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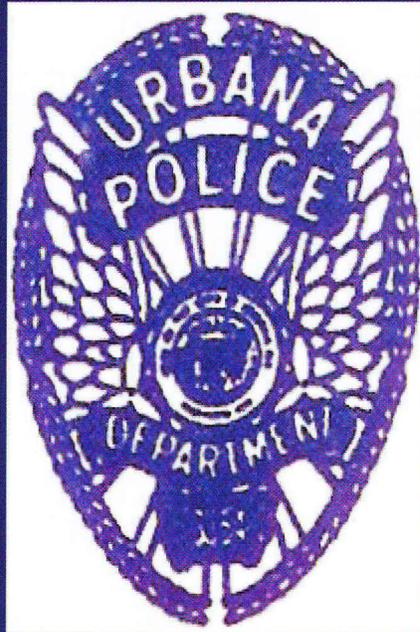


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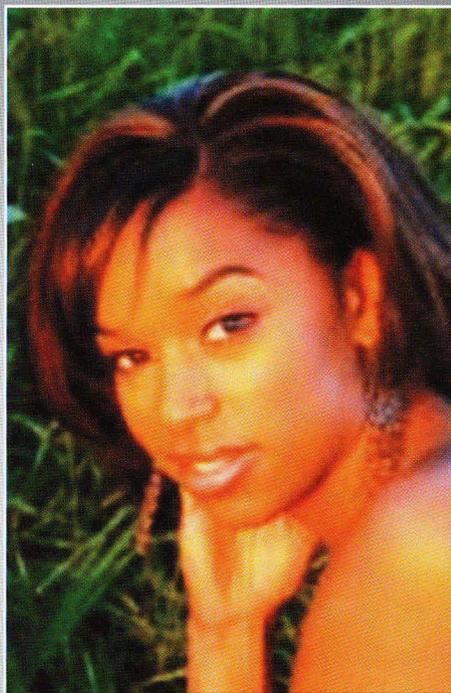
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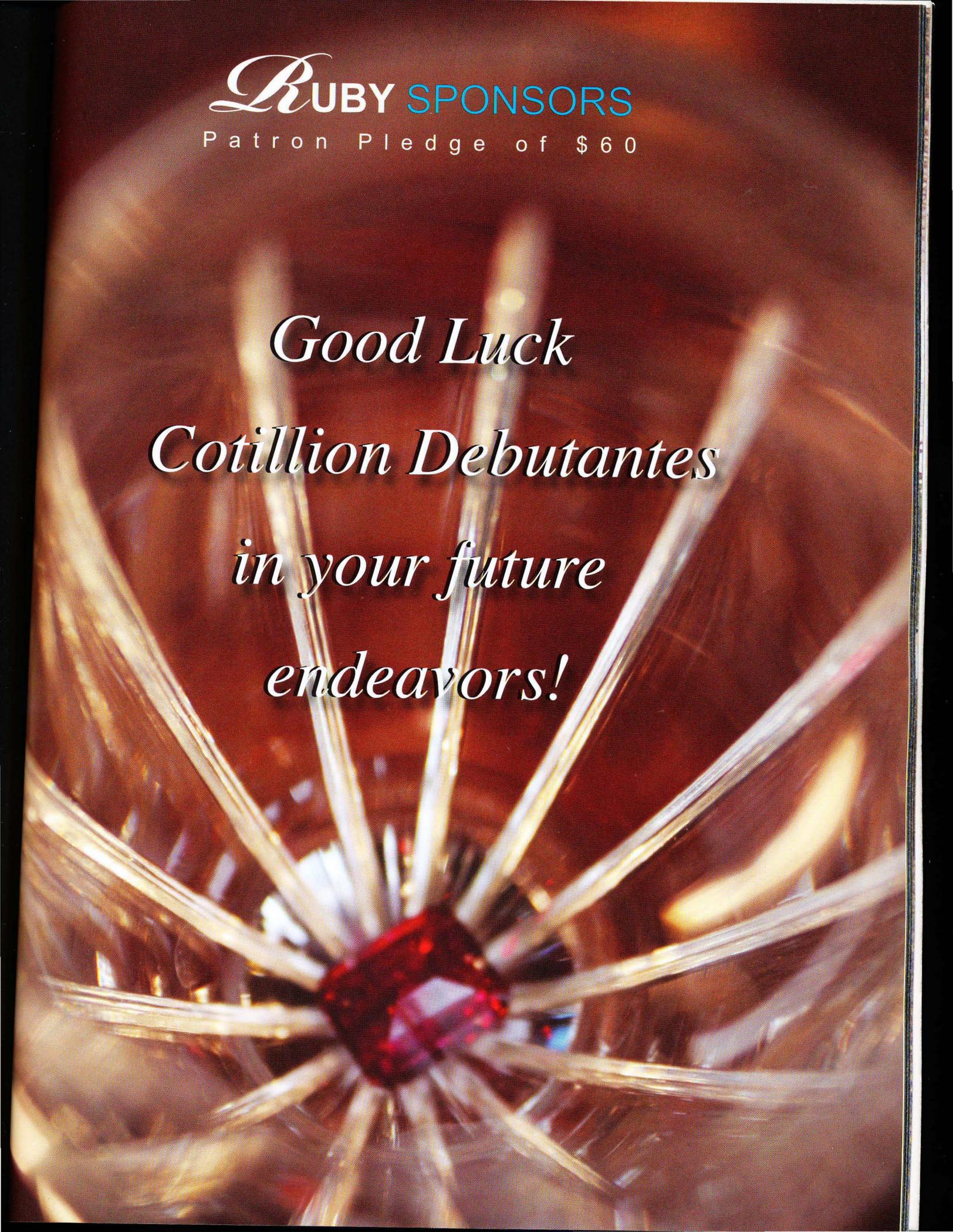
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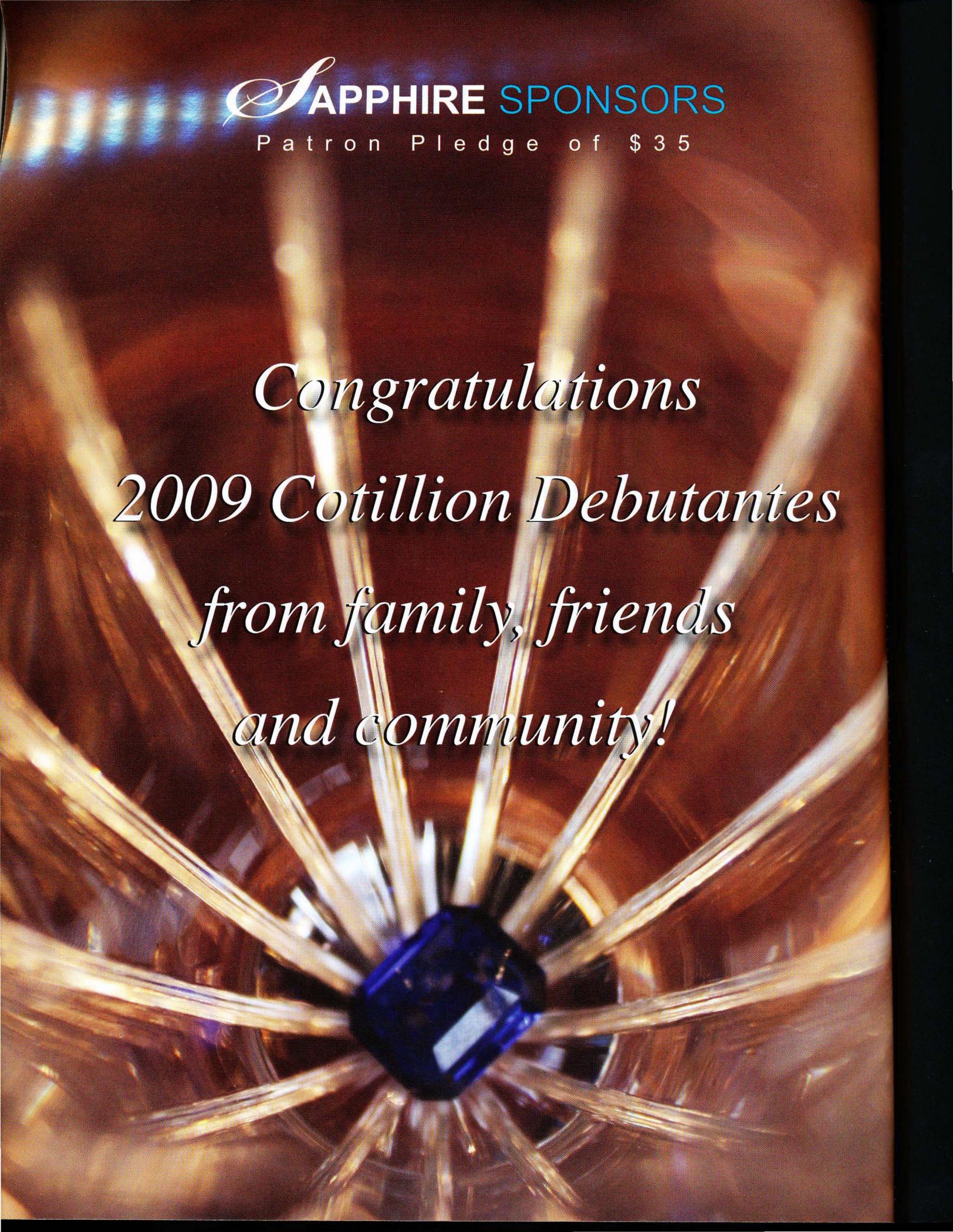
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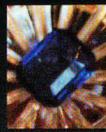
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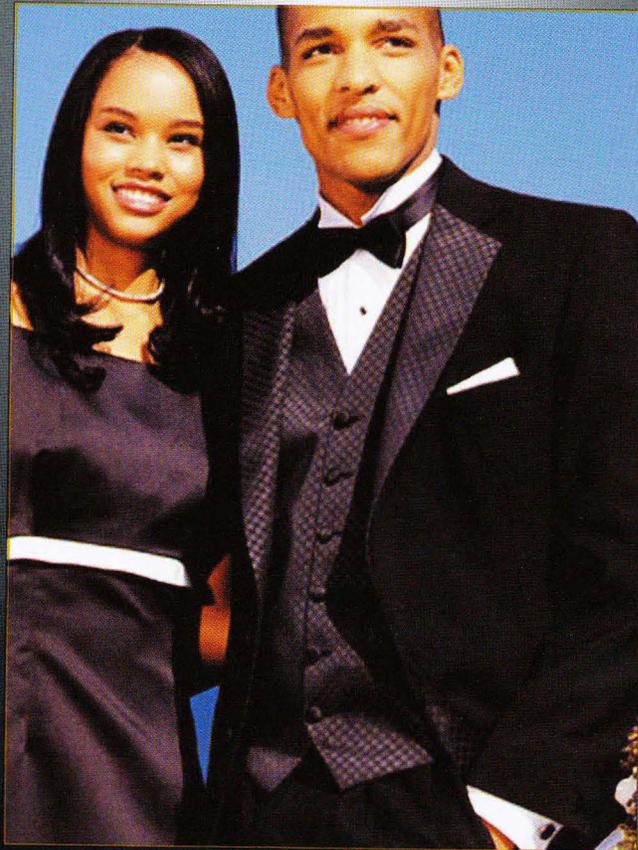
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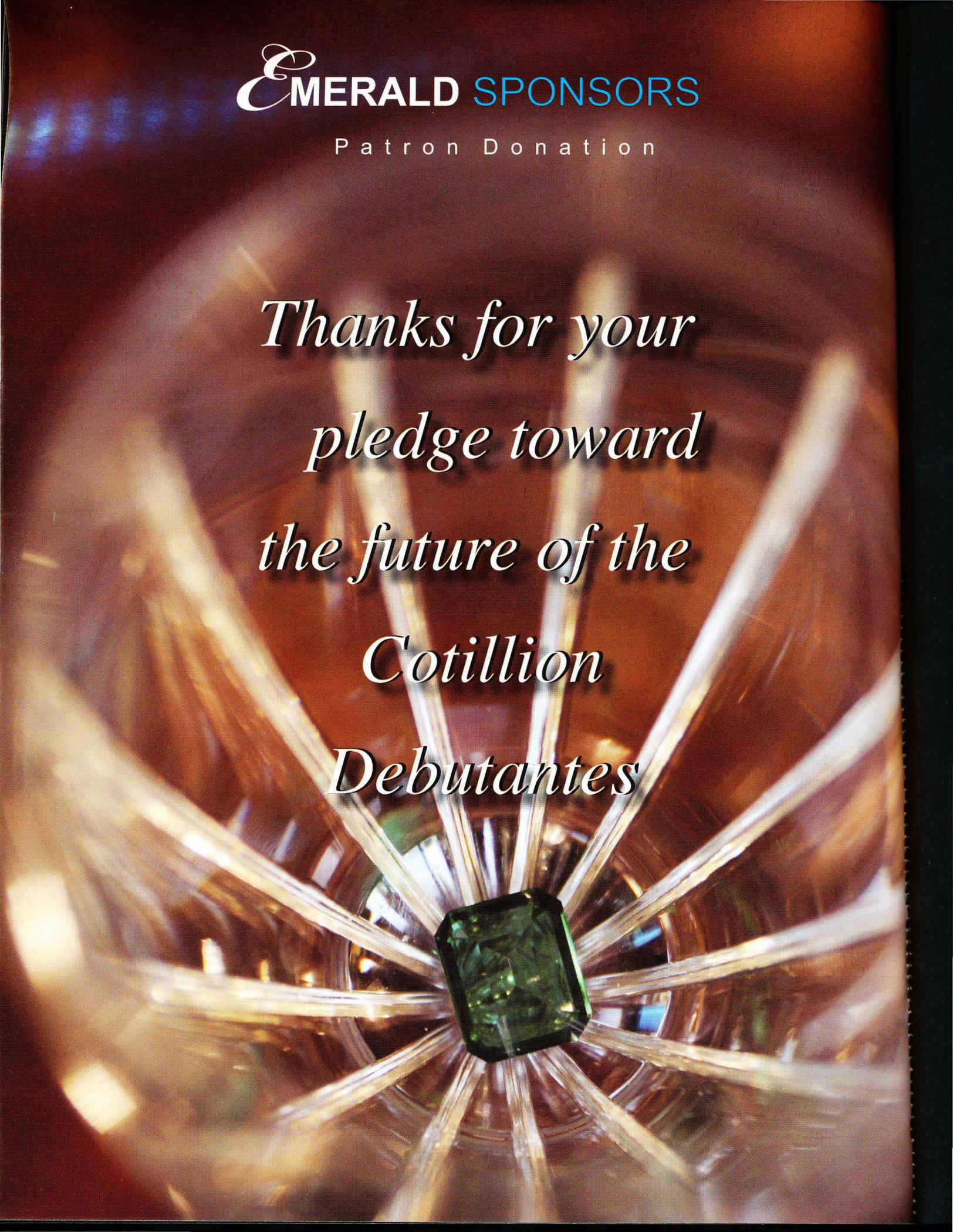
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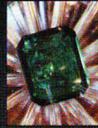


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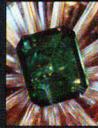
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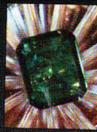
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Jaclyn Pruitt  
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*“Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. It comes to us at midnight very clean. It’s perfect when it arrives, and it puts itself in our hands and hopes we’ve learned something from yesterday.”*

*Unknown*

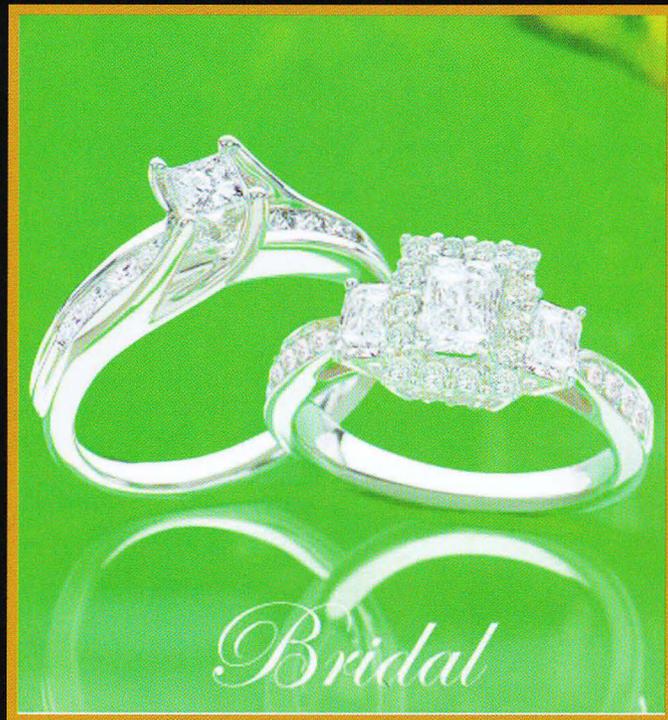
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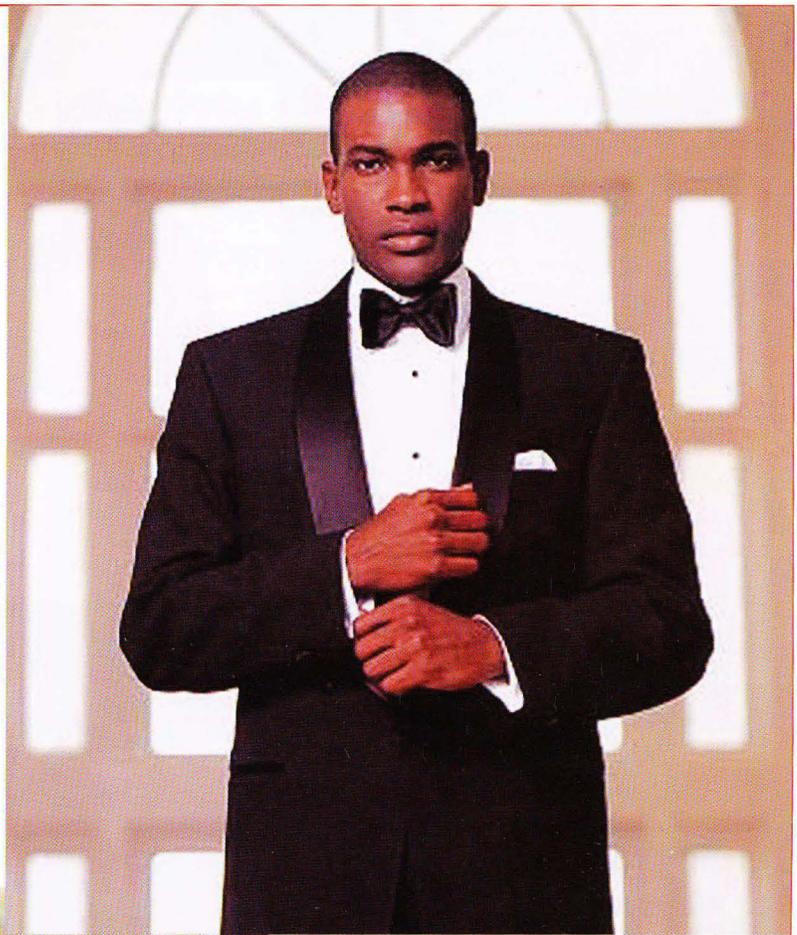
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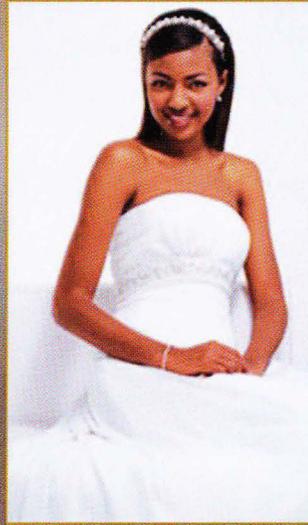


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## A Strong Woman vs. A Woman of Strength

A strong woman works out every day to keep her body in shape...but

A woman of strength kneels in prayer to keep her soul in shape...

A strong woman isn't afraid of anything...but

A woman of strength shows courage in the midst of her fear...

A strong woman won't let anyone get the best of her...but

A woman of strength gives the best of her to everyone...

A strong woman makes mistakes and avoids the same in the future...

A woman of strength realizes life's mistakes can also be

God's blessings and capitalizes on them...

A strong woman walks sure footedly...but

A woman of strength knows God will catch her when she falls...

A strong woman wears the look of confidence on her face...but

A woman of strength wears grace...

A strong woman has faith that she is strong enough for the journey...but

A woman of strength has faith that it is in the journey that she will become strong!

~ Author Unknown ~

*Autographs*

*Congratulations*  
*2009 Debutantes...*

**Gamma Upsilon Psi Society**



Seated (left to right): Vernita Curry-Taylor, Muriel Bondurant, Ruthie Hillsman, Dorothy Greene,  
Karla Shelby, Carmelita Thomas

Standing: Jolynne Caroline, Katrina Kindle, Dionne Webster, Ivy Williams, Shaundra Summerville,  
Cynthia Sanders

Officers: President – Jolynne Caroline  
Vice President – Karla Shelby  
Treasurer – Annie Clay  
Recording Secretary – Dionne Webster

Not Pictured: Henrine Casey, Gayle Jeffries, Patricia Lewis, Jonte Rollins, Yavonnda Smith,  
Michelle Turner, Ruby Hunt, Barbara Cook, Annie Clay

# CONGRATULATIONS 2009 DEBUTANTES

## CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS

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*The first Cotillion Ball* in the Champaign-Urbana area was sponsored by the men of Phi Beta Sigma, Inc. A group of interested women from the community began assisting the Sigmas in 1972 and two years later adopted the name of Gamma Upsilon Psi Society. Since 1977, Gamma Upsilon Psi Society has been the sole sponsor of the Cotillion and has awarded thousands of dollars in scholarships to over four hundred (400) debutantes.

*The purpose of Gamma Upsilon Psi Society* is to promote and encourage young ladies who are graduating from high school and seeking to further their education through the sponsorship of an Annual Cotillion Ball. Participating young ladies are provided scholarships to aid in their attendance to an institution of higher learning.

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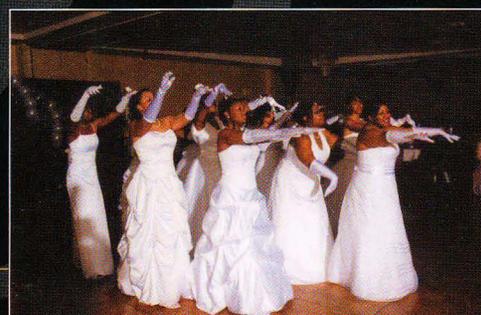
### THE CREST SYMBOL

- A carnation, which symbolizes purity
- A book which symbolizes knowledge
- The universal symbol for womanhood
- A map of our city and state (Champaign-Urbana, Illinois)



### Potential debutantes are interviewed and selected by the following criteria:

- Scholastic achievement
- Exemplary behavior at school and in the community
- Letters of recommendation
- Poise, personality and positive attitude



### Author Unknown

*Watch your words, for they become actions.*

*Watch your actions, for they become habits.*

*Watch your habits, for they become character.*

*Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny.*

Shaundra  
Summerville