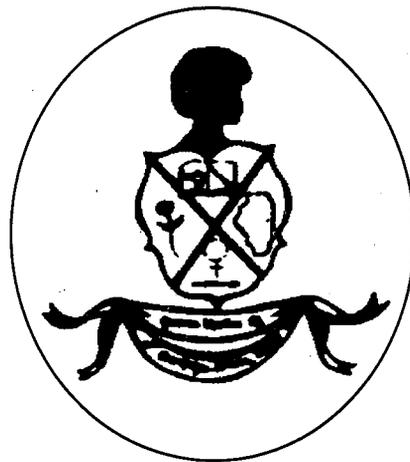


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*their*

*26th Annual*

*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

*"Standing on the Edge of  
Tomorrow"*

Cotillion Participants

- |                                    |                             |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <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>laPufus 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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*Vice-President*



*Gladys "Sandy" Phillips*  
*Secretary*



*Patricia McKinney Lewis*  
*President*



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*Henrine Luckett Casey*



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*Ruby Hunt*



*Pulchratia Kinney*



*Katrina Reynolds*



*Kim Roberson*

*Cotillion 1998*

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*Established 1974*



*Kathryn Humphrey*  
*Co-Founder*



*Margaret Smith*  
*Co-Founder*



*Jean Davis*  
*Emeritus*



*Marion Jones*  
*Emeritus*



*Carlarta Ratchford*  
*Inactive*

# Production Staff



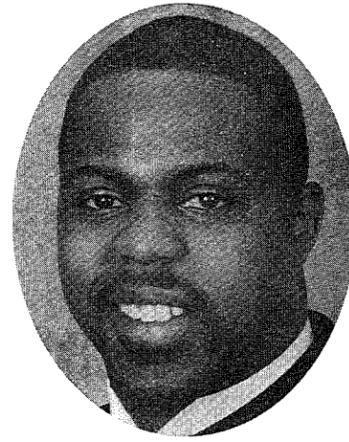
*Robyn Ivy*  
*Choreography Assistant*

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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*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*

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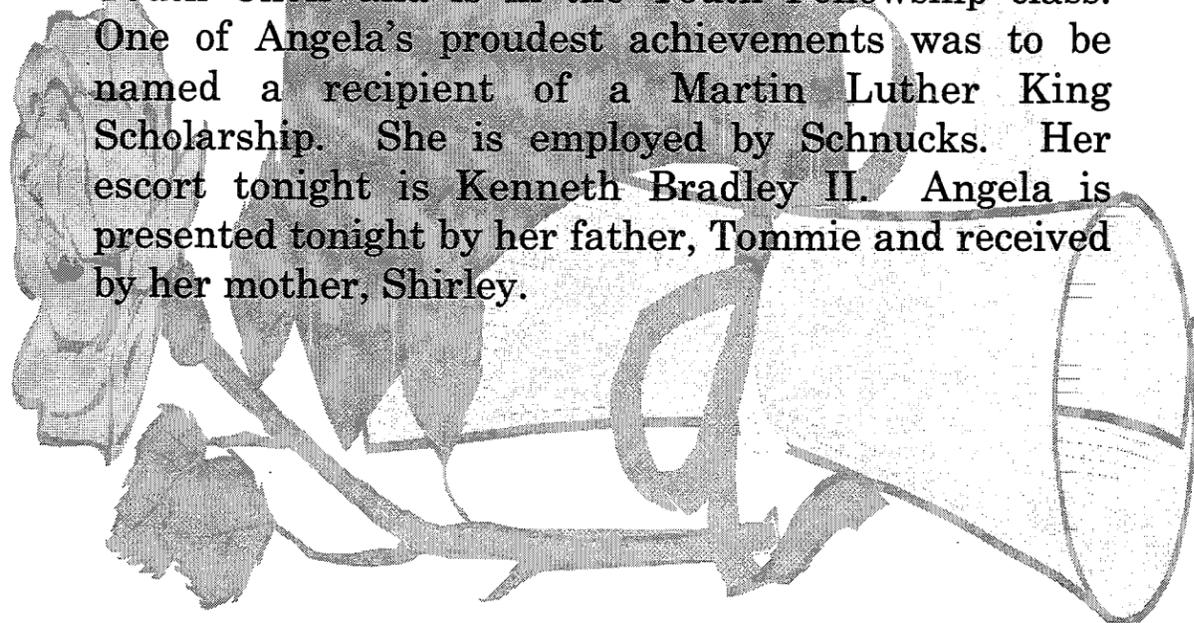
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*Angela Chera Burnette*



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*



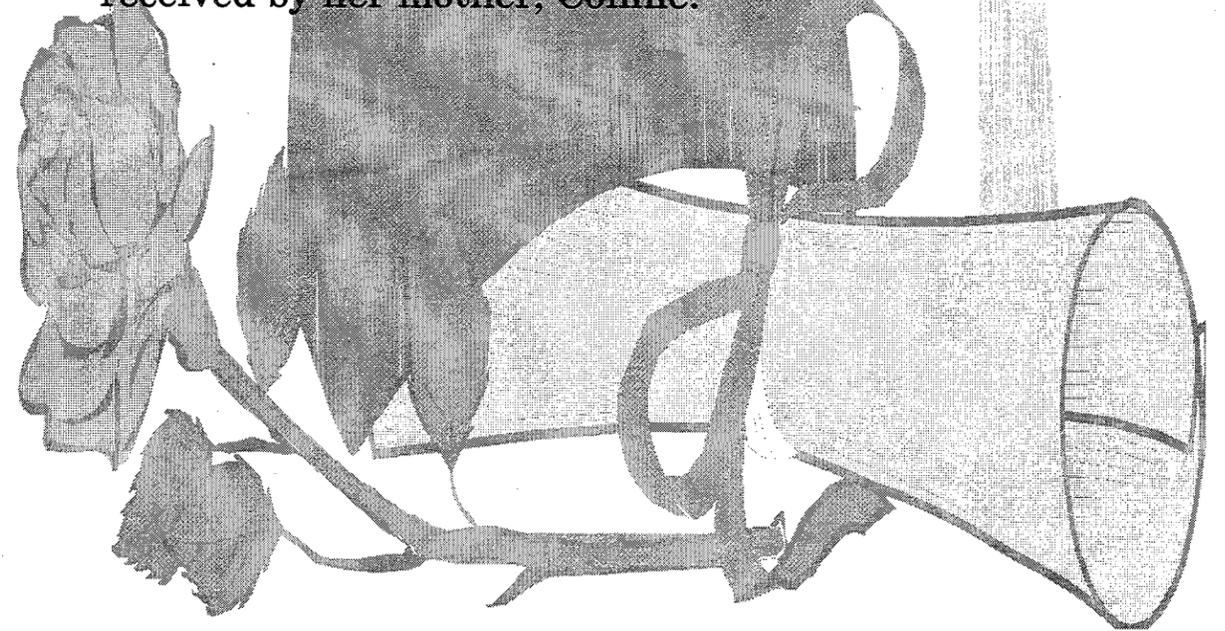
Debutante Sarah Roberta Butler is the granddaughter of Carlene and Walter Willis. She attends Urbana High School. Sarah is active in several extracurricular activities at the high school and in the community. She is a member of the African American Club, the Symphonic Band and is trained as a peer mediator at Urbana. She is also a member of the Upward Bound College Preparatory Program, Delteens 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.

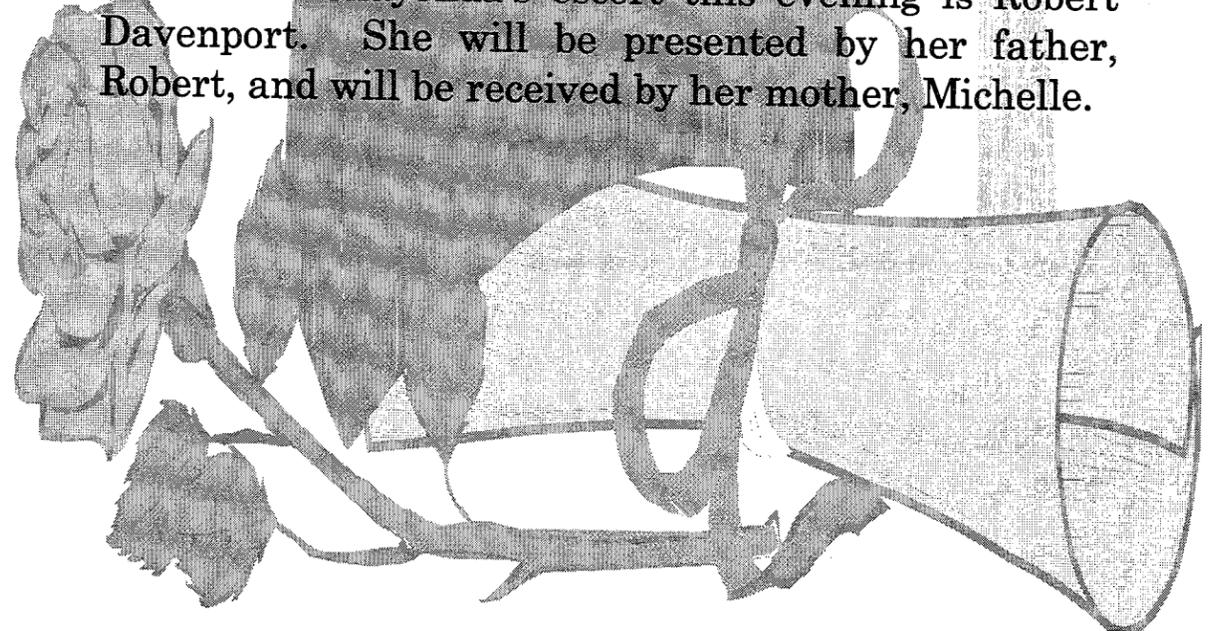




*Shayonda Nicole Davenport*



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.

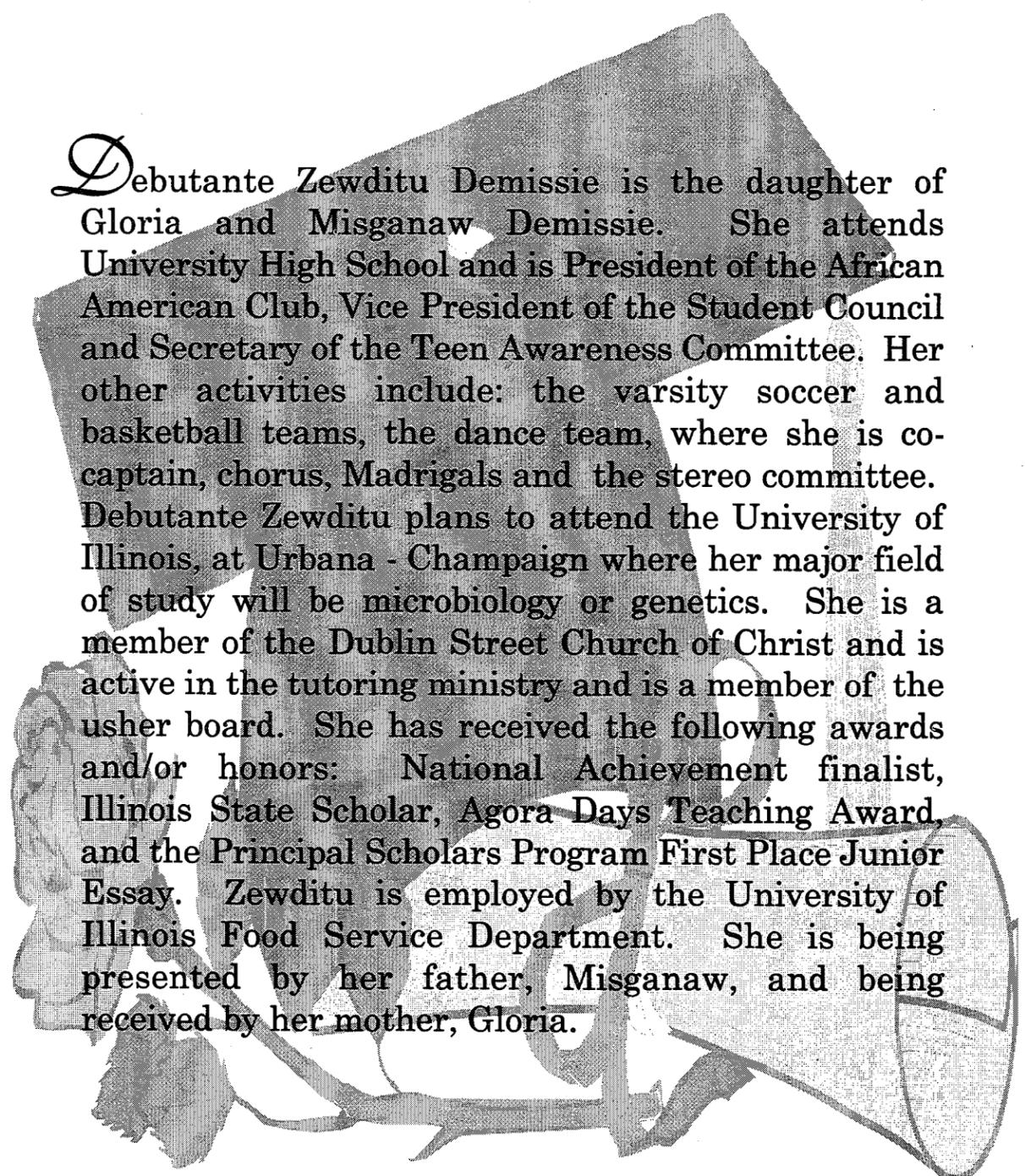




*Zewditu Demissie*



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.

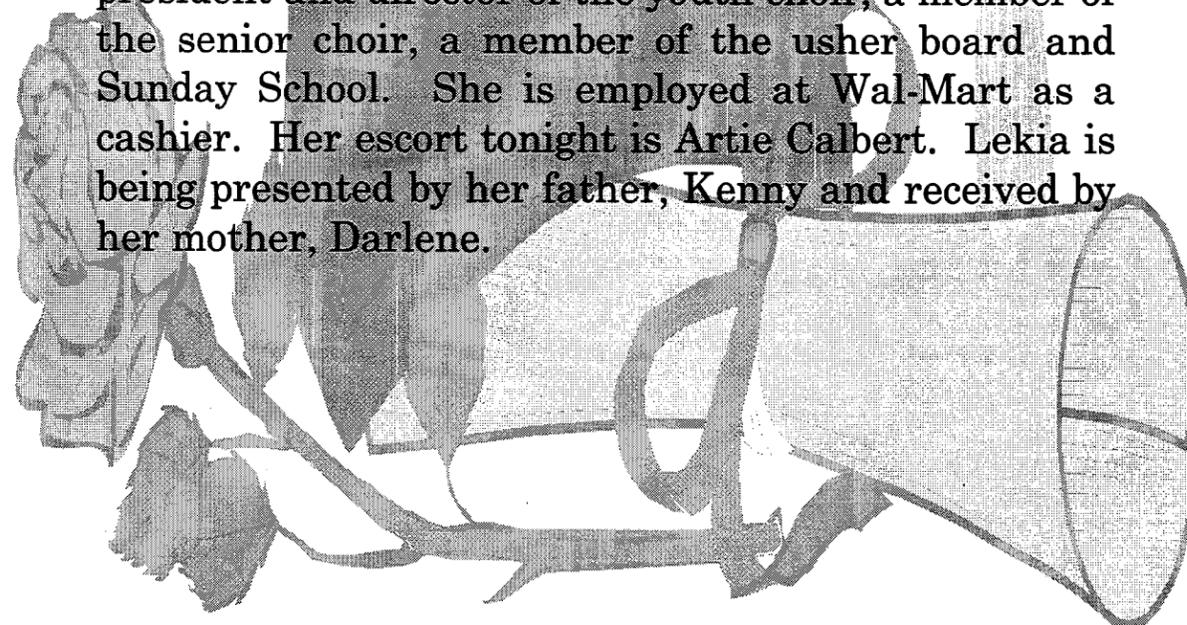




*Lekia Ashanté Terrea Hale*



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.

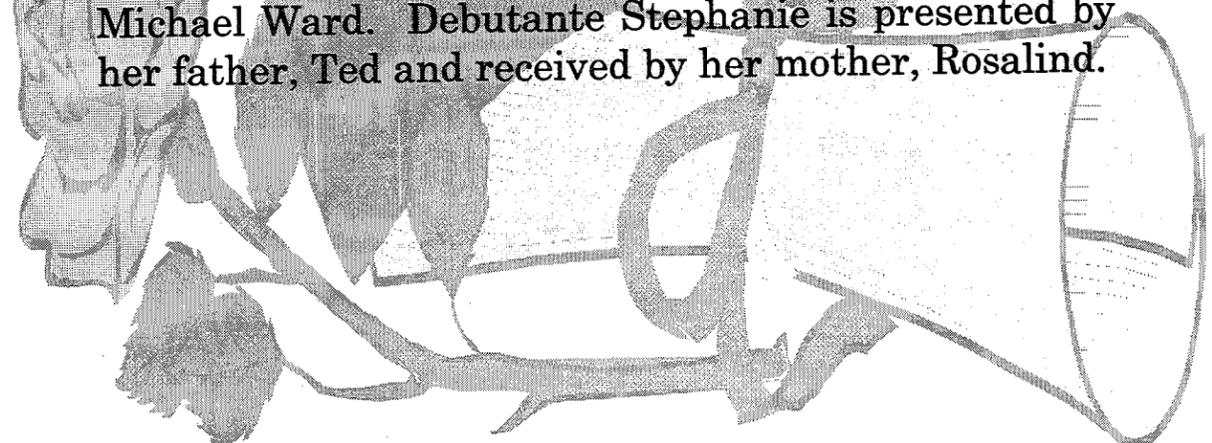




*Stephanie Diane Hedrington*



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.

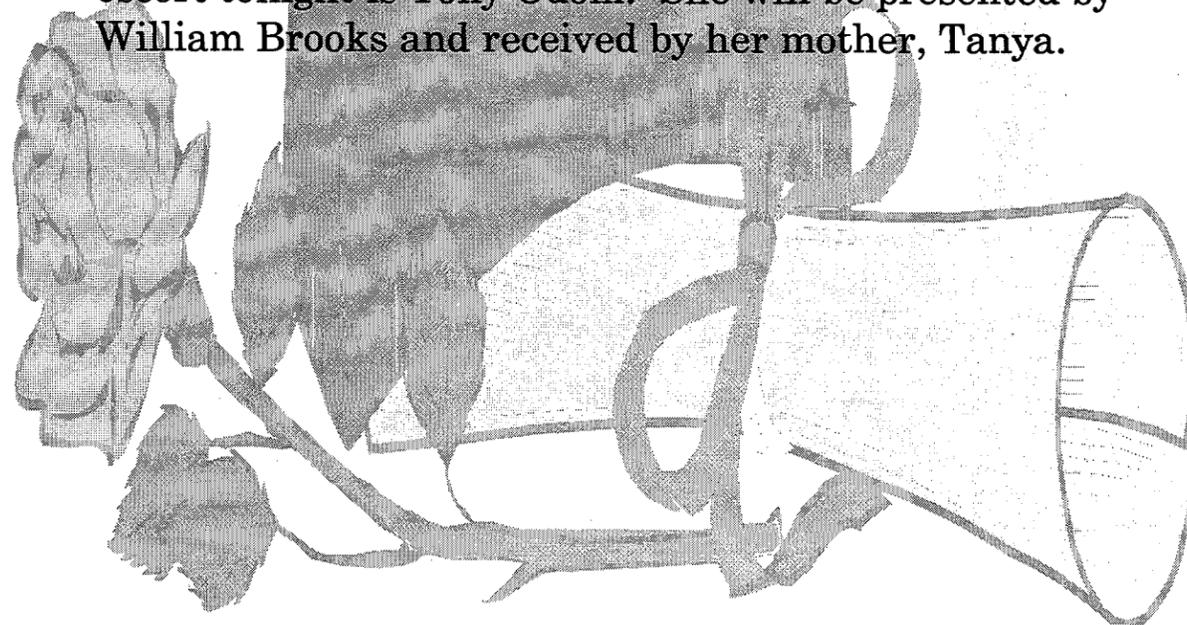




*LaToyia Camille Holt*



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.

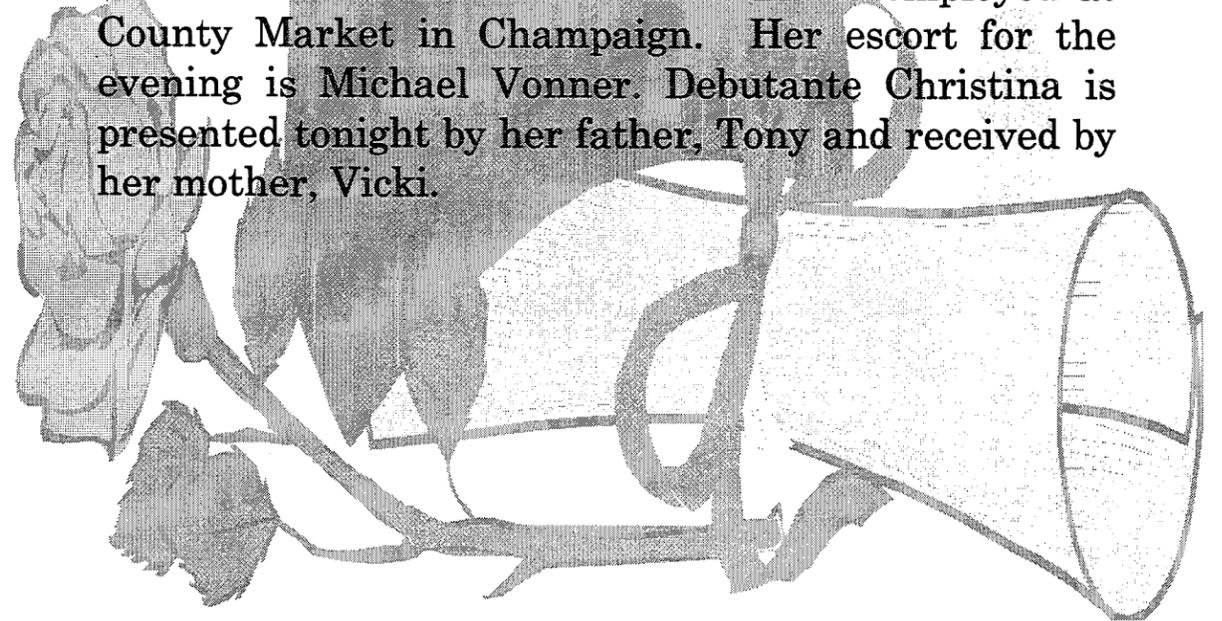




*Christina Annette Hutchison*



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*



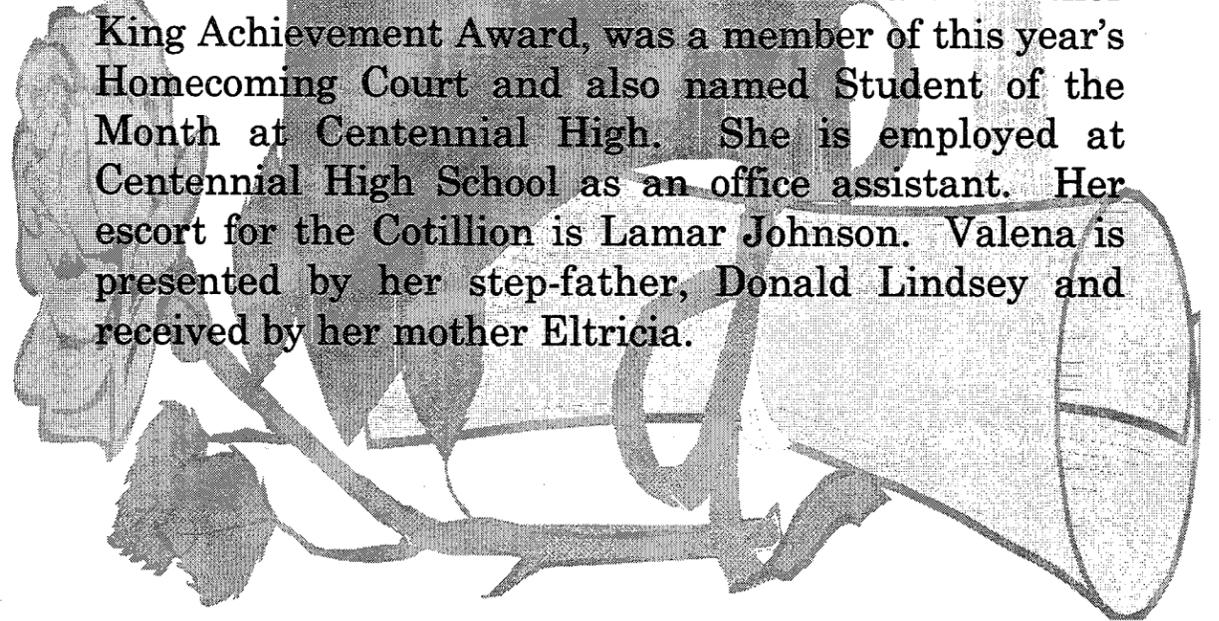
Debutante Janelle Louise Johnson is the daughter of Margo and Argie Johnson. Janelle attends Champaign Central High School. She is a member of the following clubs/organizations at Central: the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, the PTSA Advisory Board, Spanish Club, African American Club 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*



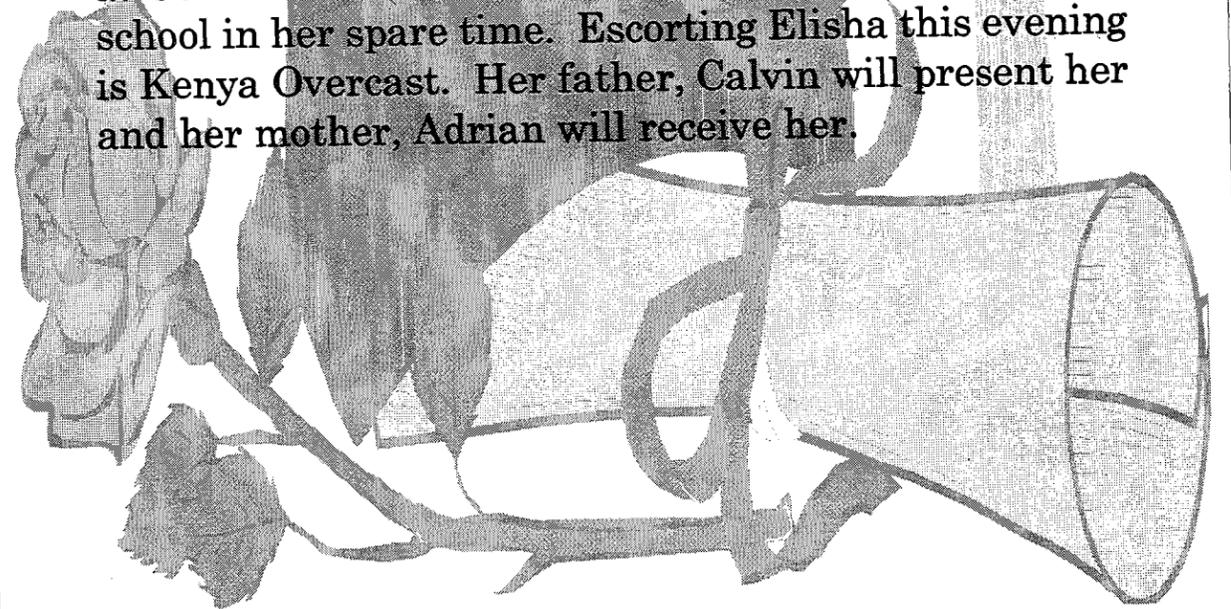
Debutante Brittany Candace Nickerson is the daughter of Charlene Moore and Robert Jones. Brittany is a mid-year graduate of Champaign Centennial High School where she was active in the African American Club, Future Physicians of America and Delteens. She has had her biography published in the 1994 - 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*



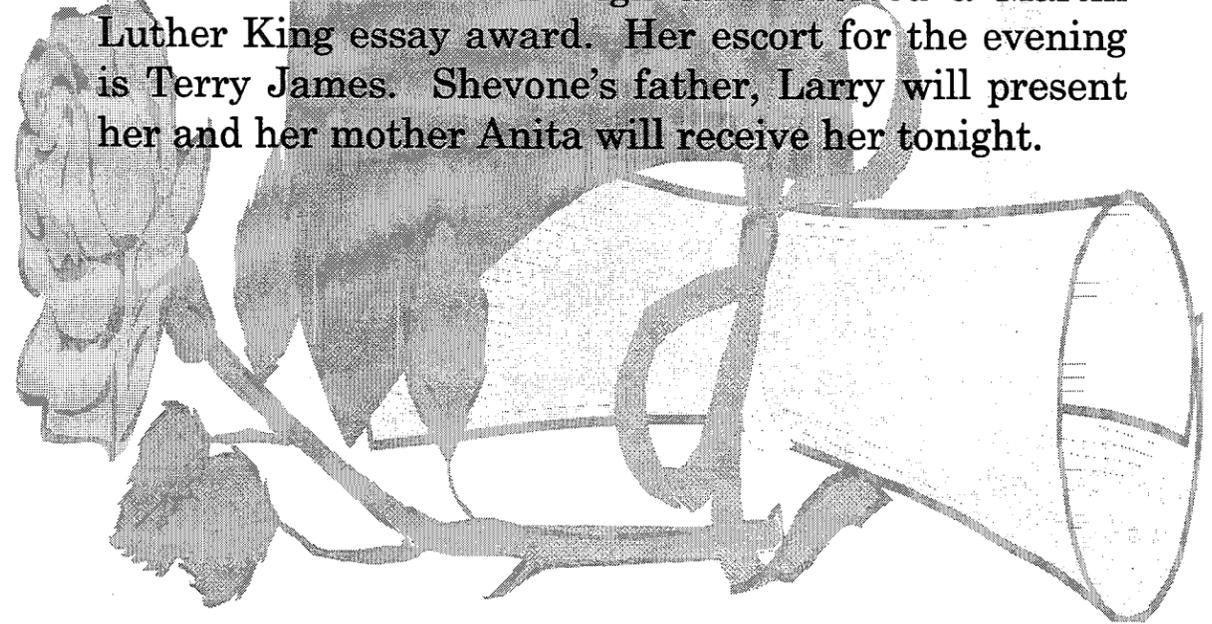
Debutante Terri Jeannine Russell is the daughter of Shirley and Tony Russell. Terri attends Champaign Central High School, participated in the Academy of Technology for 3 years, currently participating in the Common Ground peer mediator program, and the work program at Central High School. She plans 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.

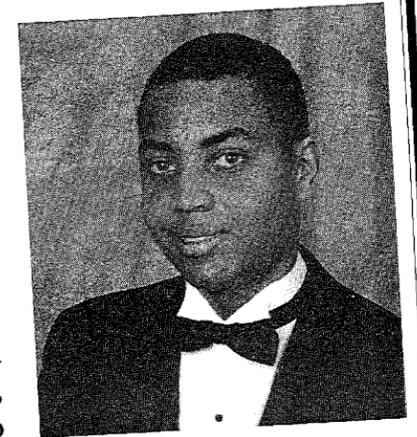


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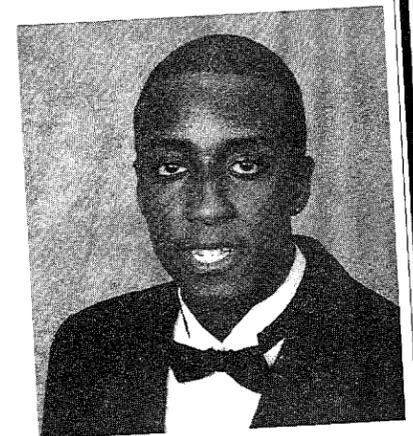
*Paulo Afonso*

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.



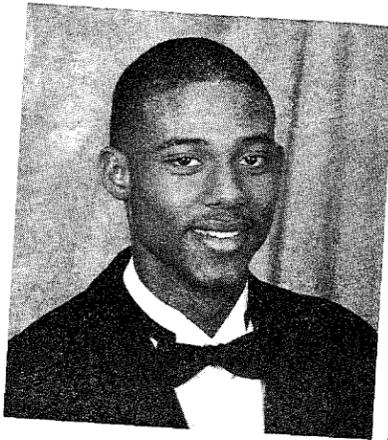
*Kenneth D. Bradley II*

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.



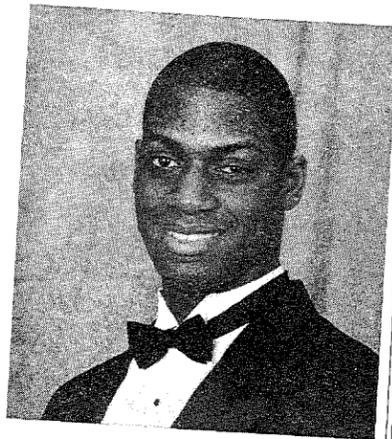
*Vincent Brock*

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.



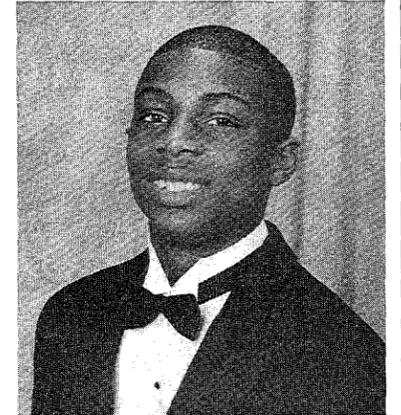
*Artie Calbert, Jr.*

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.



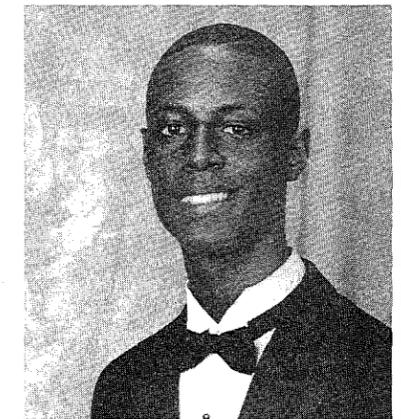
*Robert Davenport*

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.



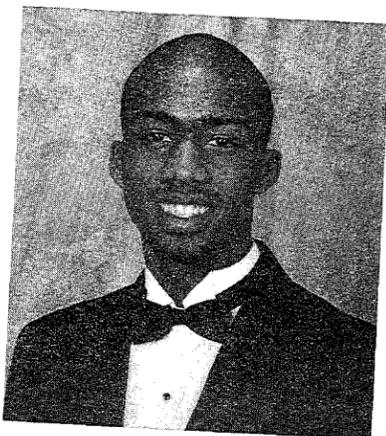
*C.J. Harmon*

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.



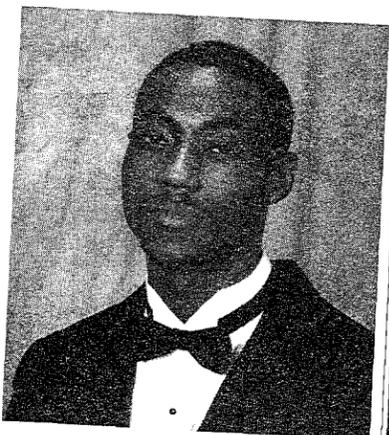
*Alexander Harris*

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.



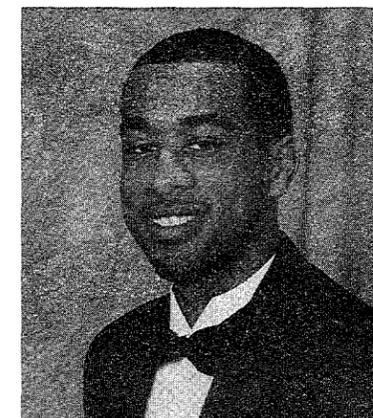
*Terry James*

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.



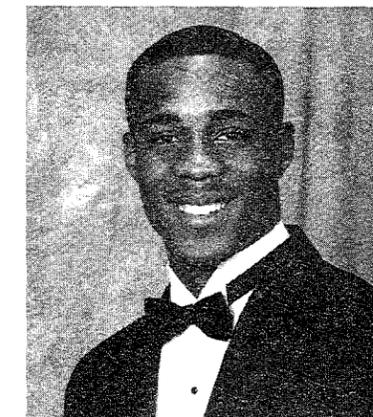
*Jamal Johnson*

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.



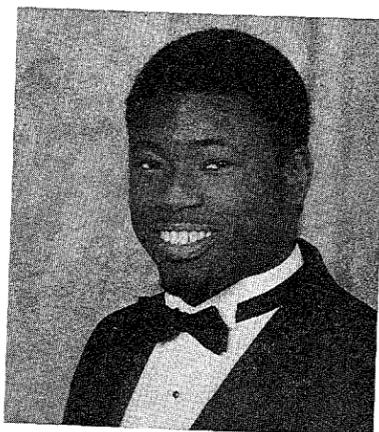
*Lamar Johnson*

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.



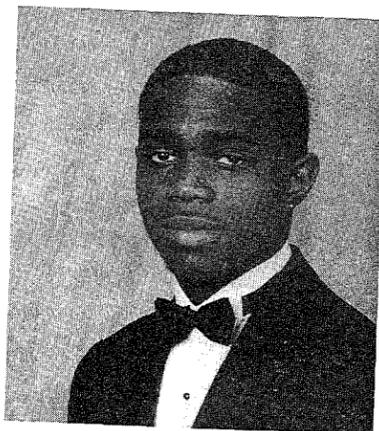
*Keena Jones*

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.



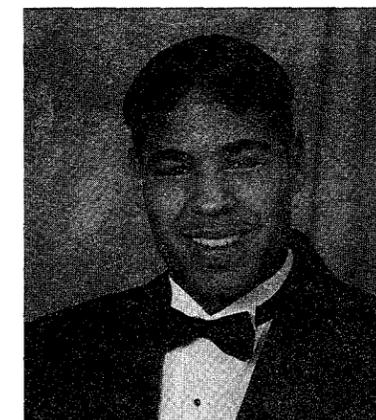
*Antonio Odom*

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.



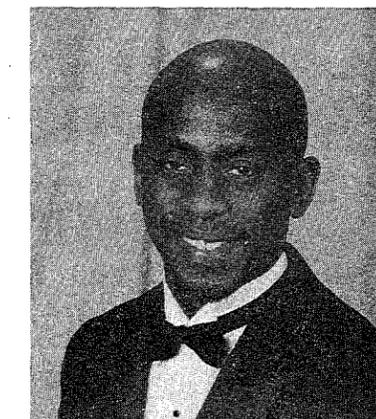
*Kenya Overcast*

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.



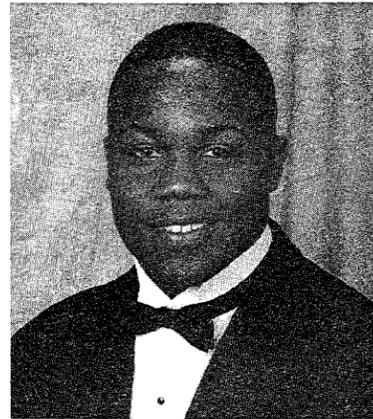
*John Thomas*

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.



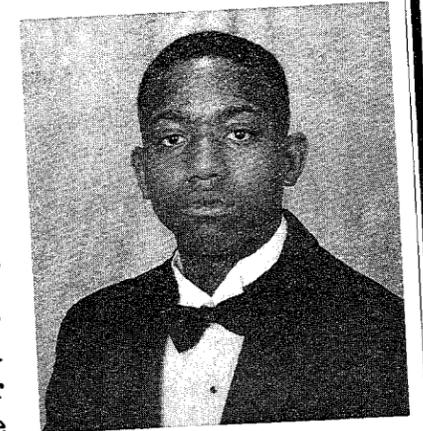
*Michael Ward*

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.



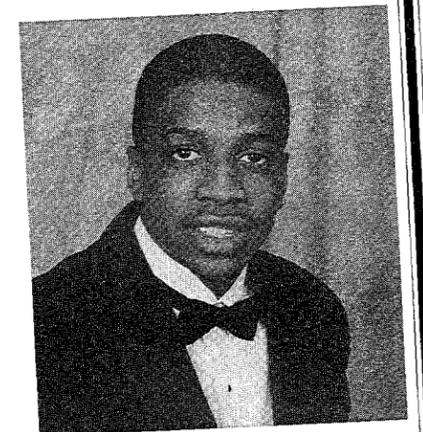
*Shawndrell Wilkerson*

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.



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*Debutante Angela Burnette*



*Congratulations to our daughter Angela!*

*"Train up a child in the way he should go:  
and when he is old, he will not depart from it."  
(Prov. 22:6)*

May God continue to bless you to succeed and make all of  
your dreams come true.

Your loving parents,  
Tommie and Shirley Burnette

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*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.  
(Phil. 4:13)*

*Love ya little sis.*

*From Sonyta & Charles*



**Congratulations  
Angela Burnette!**

From James Kuklinski

*Congratulations Angela!*

*"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."  
Philipians 4:13*

*May God bless you in all your future accomplishments.*

*Love,*

*Uncle Richard, Aunt Christine and Granma Mary*

**CONGRATULATIONS**



*If you be good and obedient you  
should eat the good of the land.  
(Isaiah 1:19)*

*To Angela:*

*In quietness and  
confidence shall be  
your strength.  
God bless you.*

*Yours  
Rev. Harold Davis Family*

*To Angie:*

*With Love From*

*C.C., Angela,  
Jashanna, Serinna,  
and Johynn'a Evans*

*God Bless You.*

*Congratulations Angie*

*From  
Anna Merritt*

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**SAM GOVE**

May God richly  
bless you during  
this time.

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**CONGRATULATIONS  
DEBUTANTE ANGELA**

WE WISH YOU MUCH SUCCESS IN ALL YOU  
DO. REMEMBER TO **ALWAYS TRUST  
IN THE LORD** AND BELIEVE IN  
YOURSELF.

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& ANTHONY

*Good luck and may God  
bless!*

*The Bruetts  
Carton, Sheena  
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God bless and keep  
you!

Congratulations,  
The Caroline Family

*Who can find a virtuous woman?  
For her price is far above rubies.  
(Prov. 31:10)*

Angie, we congratulate you on  
your entrance into womanhood.

God bless!

Love,  
Terralyn &

Ngozi

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*Debutante Sarah Butler*

*Congratulations  
Debutante Sarah R. Butler*



*You are a bright & intelligent young lady. We are proud to have you join our family. May you achieve all your goals and be successful in life. Remember - "You can Bend but don't Break."*

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and  
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*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and  
lean not to your own understanding. In all  
your ways acknowledge Him and He will  
direct your path.*

*(Proverbs 3:5-6)*

*"For the mind is a precious organ  
to develop."*

*Kathryn B. Humphrey*

Sarah,

Think positive and keep focused on the things above and you will be alright. Good luck; God bless you.

Bruce, Delores, BJ, Walt and Brea



**Sarah,**

**Congratulations for your hard work, success and determination to reach your goals -**

**God be with you always.**

**Charles M. Nolan  
and  
Julie A. Thomas**

*"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye."*

*(Psalm 32:8)*

Best Wishes  
Christine T. Moore

**Sarah - Congratulations!**

May your life be as beautiful as it was in the mind of God when He first thought of you.

**Jimmie & Ella Bolton**

*Many are called - - Few are chosen.*

*Best wishes to you Sarah!!*

*Love,  
Bill, Elonda & Kyle*

**SARAH,**

**"TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL THINE HEART,  
AND LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING.  
IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM AND  
HE SHALL DIRECT YOUR PATH."**

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SARAH...

CONGRATULATIONS AND CONTINUED  
SUCCESS!

MAY GOD GRANT YOU THE SERENITY TO  
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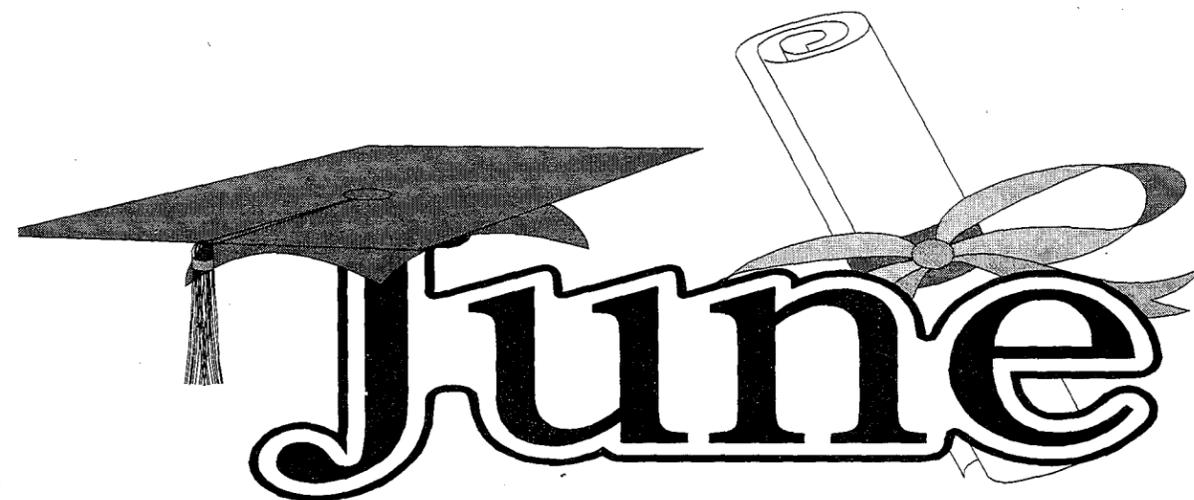
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Best wishes to you Sarah!  
Love, Bill, Elonda & Kyle

*Debutante Sarah Butler*

To Sarah Butler

Best Wishes  
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**May God forever bless and keep you in all your future endeavors**

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Sarah,  
All the best to you. God bless you.

Robert Harold, Donna Tanner-Harold and Family

*Always remember do not let anyone steal your joy. Stay sweet and may God keep you always.*

*Brenda Jackson*

**Congratulations Sarah,**  
Your crown has been bought and paid for. All you must do is put it on your head.

**Haymond Anderson**

**SARAH,**  
IT'S BEEN SAID THAT NO ONE CAN REALLY MOTIVATE ANYONE ELSE; ALL YOU CAN DO IS INSTILL A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND HOPE IT CATCHES ON.

**GRANDMA R. BURNETT**

Best of luck to a sweet and talented young lady.

Do yo' thing, girl.

Diane Hines  
&  
Valerie Watson

*Sarah,*

*I have watched you grow from a young girl, now to a young lady. Always remember to put God first in whatever you do.*

*Love you  
Aunt Red*

**Hold up my go-ings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not. (Psalm 17)**

**Dolores Hendricks**

**Congratulations!**

**God Bless You.**

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**&**

**Donté Lotts**

*To Lovely Sarah!*

*All of life's best be yours now and always is our wish!*

*Mr. & Mrs. Edward J. Cole, Jr.*

*Best wishes,  
Study to shew thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth.  
(II Timothy 2:15)*

*God Bless!*

*Love,  
Susie, Doris, and  
Grace Gipson*

**God Bless You,  
Sarah Butler**

**Irene Phillips**

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*Your Mom*

*For you created my inmost being;  
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womb. I praise you because I am fearfully  
and wonderfully made; your works are  
wonderful, I know that full well.*

*Psalm 139:13-14*



**Be**  
Be understanding to your enemies.  
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Be strong enough to face the world  
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Be weak enough to know you cannot do  
everything alone.  
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know everything.  
Be foolish enough to believe in miracles.  
Be willing to share your joys.  
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have missed.  
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the mists of uncertainty.  
Be the first to congratulate an opponent  
who succeeds.  
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fails.  
Be sure where your next step will fall, so  
that you will not stumble.  
Be sure of your final destination, in case  
you are going the wrong way.  
Be loving to those who love you.  
Be loving to those who do not love you,  
and they may change.  
Above all, be yourself.

*Love, Your Dad  
Raymond Carter*

**TO MY OLDEST GRANDDAUGHTER CORISNA,**

*I have stayed around a long time to see you come to this point in your life. You are part of the reason I am still hanging on. I may not be there in body but I am here with you in my heart. I am so proud of you. Even though I may not be able to express it to you, just know that I am proud. I love you and wish you all the success in the world.*

*Love, Felix Gordon*



*And God is able to make all grace  
abound to you, so that in all things at  
all times, having all that you need, you  
will abound in every good work.*

*2 Corinthians 9:8*

# C O R I S N A

*"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"*

*-Psalm 27:1*



Corisna,

We are so proud of you. Keep up the good work and may God bless you!

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Corisna,

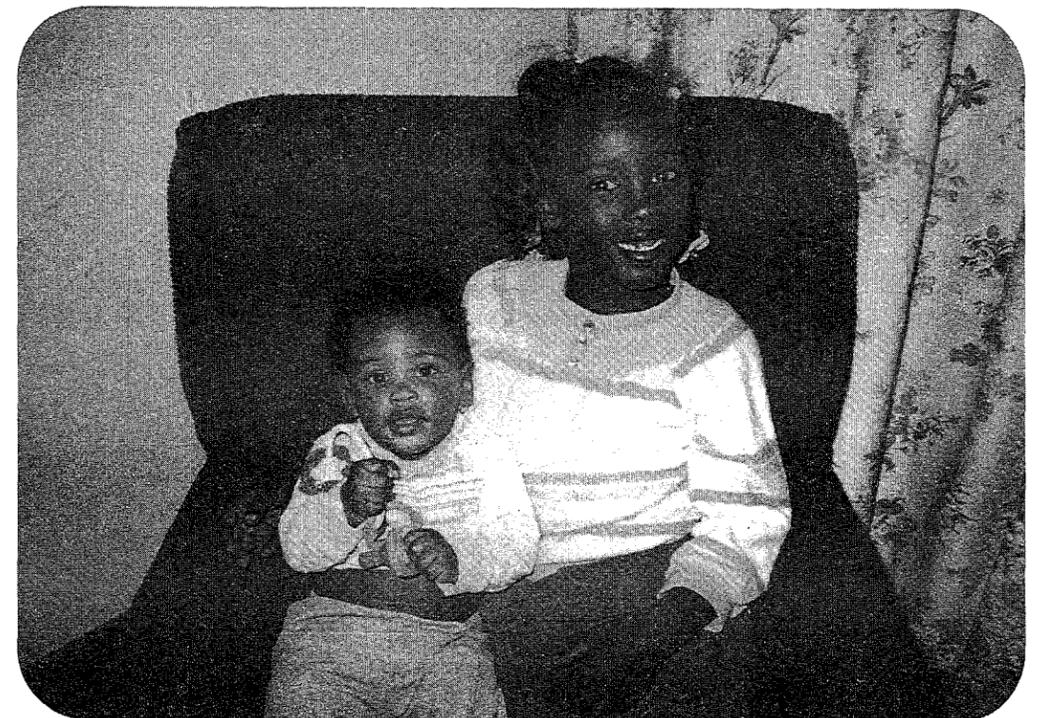
Through all of our good times and bad times you have been the best sister anyone could every have. When I have needed you, you were always there and I thank you for that. I love you with all my heart and wish you the best ever.

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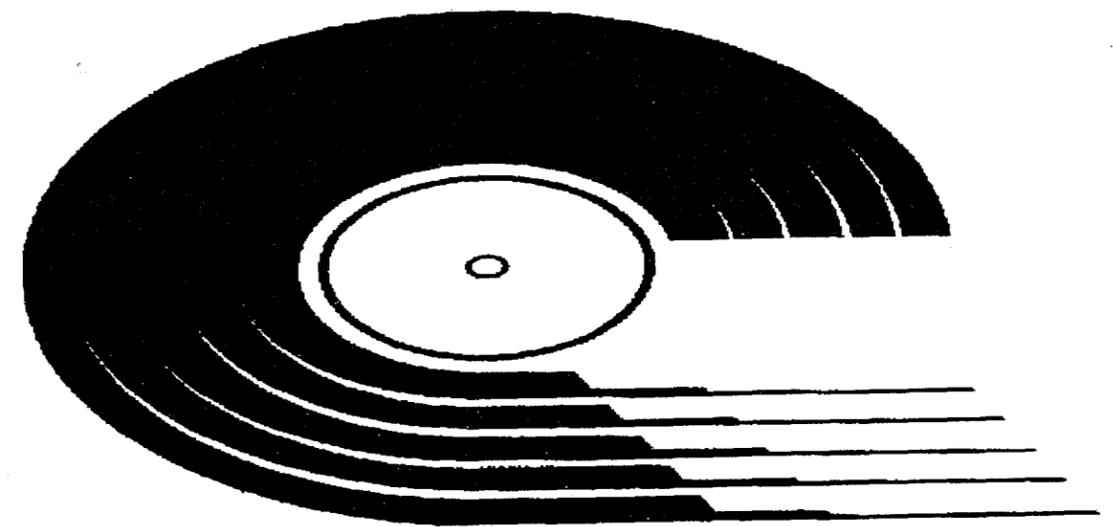
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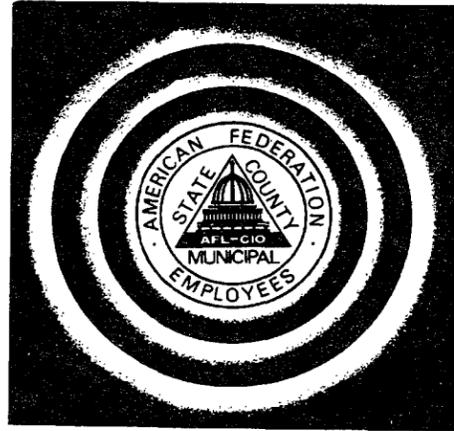
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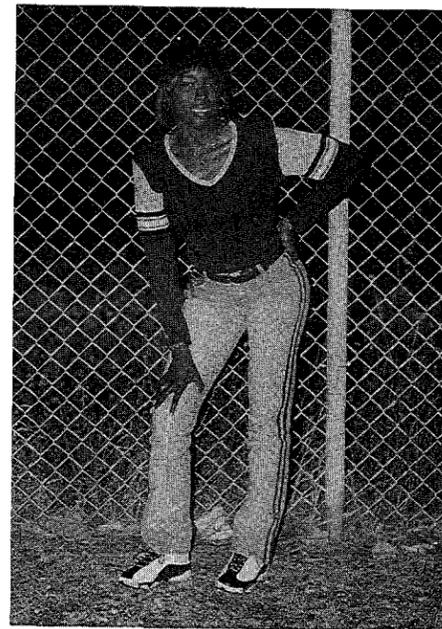


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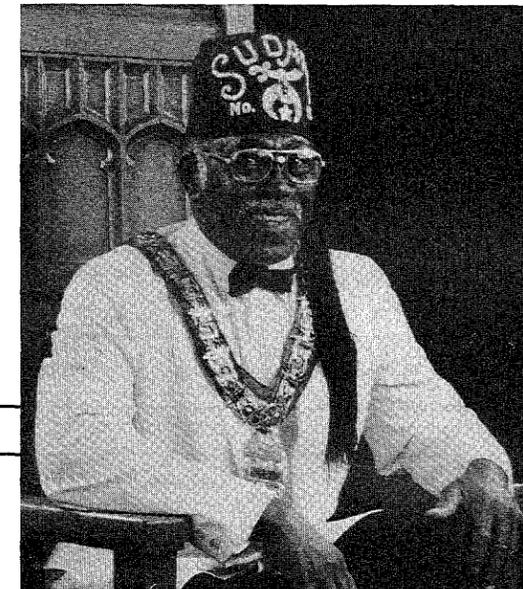
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*Bill Dewis*

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GOOD LUCK CORISNA

Marsha, Joe, and Destiny

My family and I are very blessed to have our niece, Corisna Carter as a chosen candidate for your scholarship. We know that through the grace of God, she will go to college with her head held high knowing that she has people that she can count on. Corisna has achieved greatness through her books, as well as spiritually and mentally. We are very proud of her achievements and wish her a blessed first year into a whole new world.

P.S. Corisna, I am where you are going and all I can say is - - Pray! - Love Chalika



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*Loving you always  
Auntie Debbie &  
Your Uncle George*

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**Roger Clark  
and  
Gaye Wong**

May God bless you and  
keep you always

(P.S. Always aim high.)

Valerie Allen  
&  
Bill McElrath

*Wish you the best  
success in your future.*

*John Clayborn*

*Debutante Corisna Carter*

*Always trust in God  
and you will never  
fail!*

*Carroll, LaJoya & Garry*

*Corisna,  
Keep up the good  
work. I'm very proud  
of you. Remember,  
"Quitters never win,  
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luck. We make it by our atti-  
tude and actions. We make it  
by keeping our eyes open for  
opportunities, then following  
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make it.*

*Dennis Bigham*

**Congratulations  
Corisna!**

**Love  
Aunt Stephanie**

**CONGRATULATIONS  
CORISNA CARTER**

May God bless you in al  
your future endeavors  
in college and beyond.

Love always,  
Your cousins in Chicago  
James, Ciara & Cherie  
Strong

**Matthew 6:33 - But  
seek ye first the king-  
dom of God, and His  
righteousness and all  
these things shall be  
added unto you.**

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Corisna!***

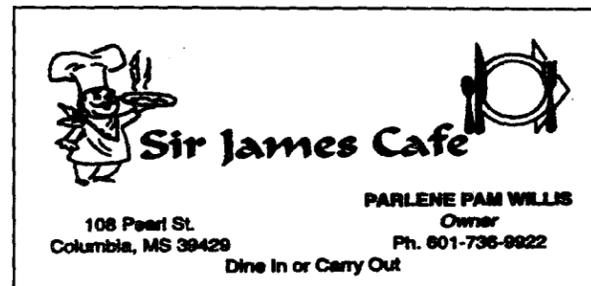
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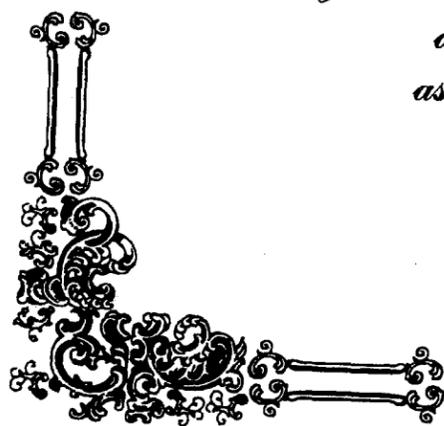
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and you will go as far  
as you would like in life.*

*Love,  
Mom and Dad*



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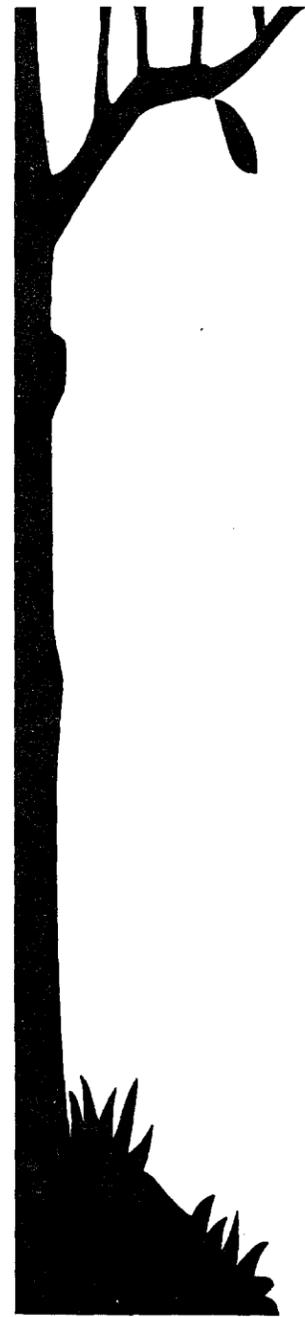
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Love, cuz Terrance Farmer

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your future plans in college.

Love, Uncle Alivn, Aunt Lisa,  
cousin Quinisha, James III and  
Janisha Pettis.

Best wishes on you quest  
In life, keep God on your side  
and he will keep blessing  
you!

Aunt, Juanita Long

Wishing you the best in the  
future, keep God with you  
and everything else will  
come.

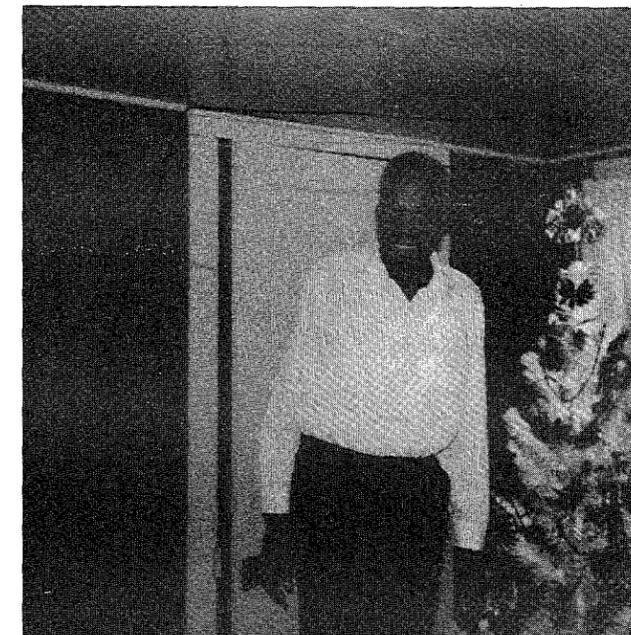
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Hi girl friend, we love you!  
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will go high and far, where  
ever you are headed and  
pray always. We are  
praying with you.

Aunt, Henritta Wright  
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Of the way.**



**Love Grandad  
Samuel A. Pettis, Wynne, AR**



**Ecclesiastes 12:1**

**Remember now thy creator in the days  
of thy youth, while the evil days come not,  
nor the years draw high, when thou shalt say, I  
have not pleasure in them;  
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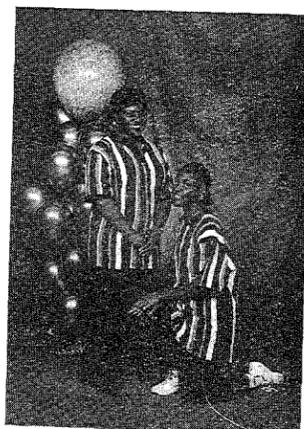
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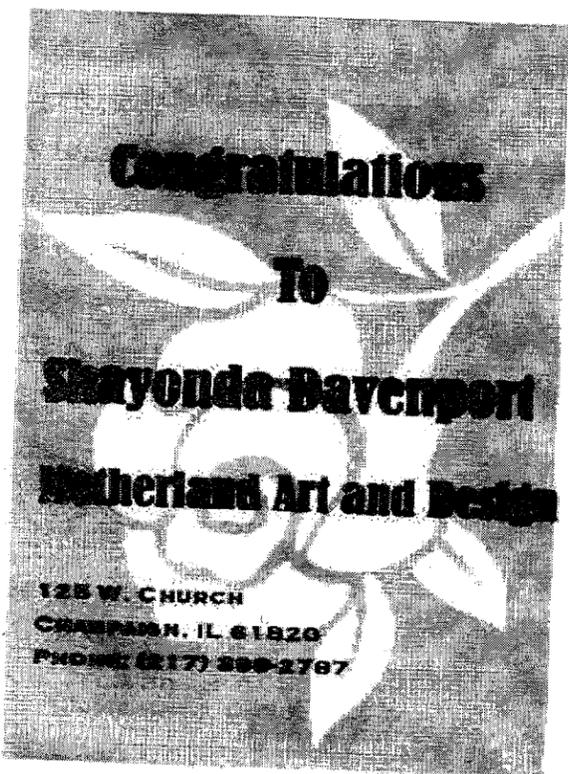
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year! You have a very  
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of you. Always look  
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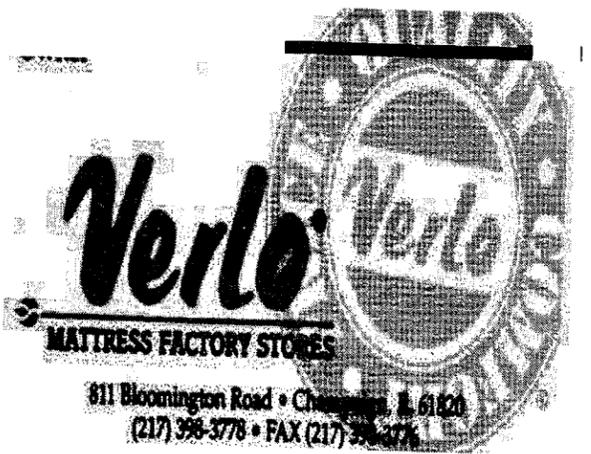
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Philippians 4:13*

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*Love,  
Mom and Dad*

*Zewditu*

*We are very proud of you! We have watched you grow from a baby to a young lady. Keep striving for the best and have faith in yourself. May God always bless you.*

### *Psalm 121*

*"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper. The Lord is thy shade upon the right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth and even for evermore.*

*Love you,  
Aunt Thelma Young  
Grand Parents: Mr. & Mrs. T.A. Louie*

Zewde

Our niece

We are the children of those who chose to survive.

— Nana Poussaint

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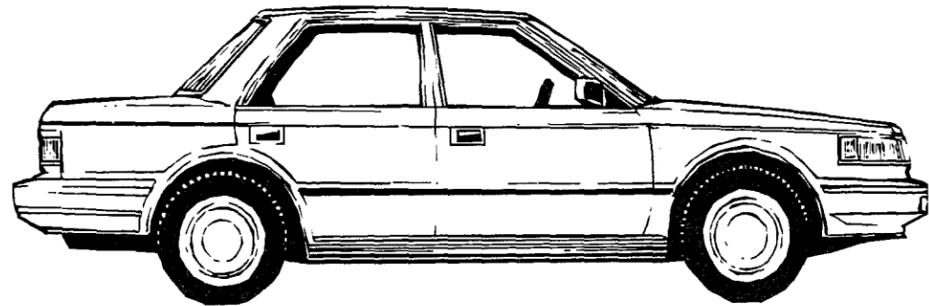
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through your college  
years and beyond.  
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tinued blessing to you!*

*David H & Halestine  
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“Yea, though I walk  
through the valleys of  
the shadow of death. I  
will fear no evil; for  
thou art with me; thy  
rod and thy staff they  
comfort me.”

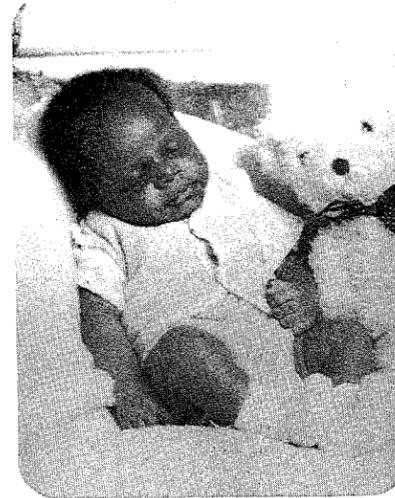
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Lekia,

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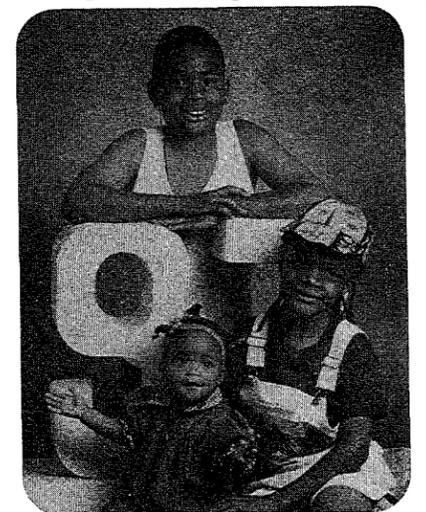
Because of his grace you can finish this race.

Continue to say no to the negative things and let the anointing continue to fall down on you.

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Mom, Jacquitta, Kenya, Kamron, Terrekia, Johnen, Jha Shayia



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*Proverbs 22:6*

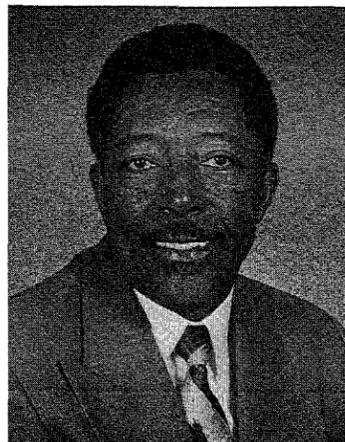
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*Lekia,*

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*Kindness is the over-  
flowing of one's self  
into the lives of  
others.*

*Debutante Lekia Hale*

Lekia,  
Good luck. Keep your  
head up! Keep your eye  
on the prize!

Your Cuz  
&  
Girl!  
Marlory & Torri

Lekia,  
sing to the Lord a new  
song; sing to the Lord,  
all the earth.

Psalm 96

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*Psalm 1:1&2*  
*Blessed be the man that*  
*walketh not in the counsel of*  
*the ungodly, not standeth in the*  
*way of sinners, nor sitteth in*  
*the seat of the scornful. But*  
*his delight is in the law of the*  
*Lord; and in his law doth he*  
*meditate day and night.*

*We love you, Lekia*  
*Granddaddy &*  
*Grandmother Reed*  
*& Dana & Scooty-Boot*

No weapon formed  
against me, shall  
prosper!  
Good luck  
&  
God Bless

M/M Wesley Brown

*Debutante Lekia Hale*

Congratulations  
Lekia:

Remember  
Philippians 4:13  
"I can do all things  
through Christ which  
strengtheneth me.  
May God bless you  
Bro. Anthony Collier  
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*Lekia, you are a sweet*  
*and dear young lady.*  
*We love you and are very*  
*proud of you. God bless*  
*you.*

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Good Luck  
Lekia

Bill, Alice, Jenessa,  
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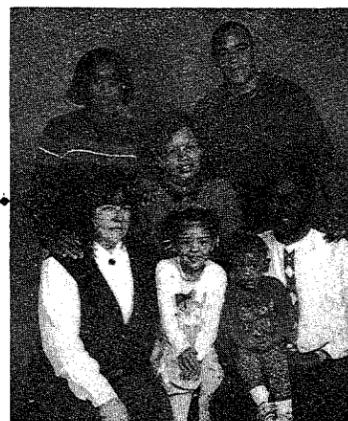
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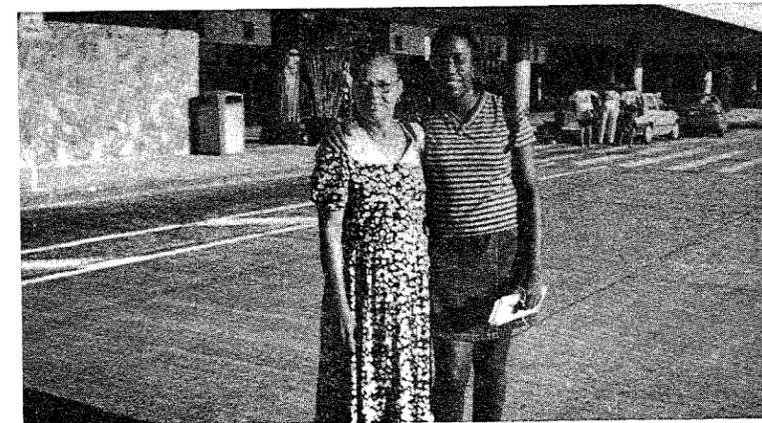
Love,  
Mom

### To my beautiful daughter Stephanie

We wish you success in all that you do.  
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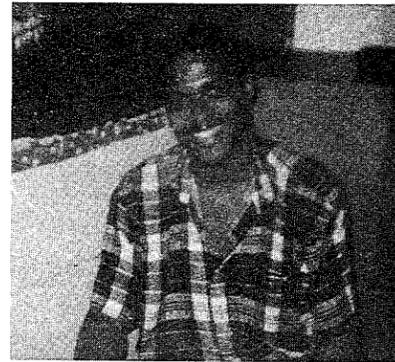
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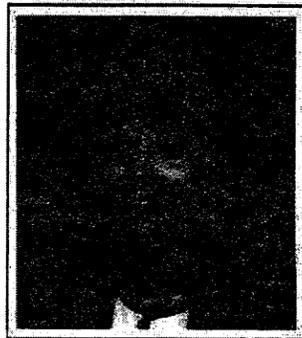
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Best Wishes

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*We are very proud of  
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*Just remember these simple rules,*

- Never take anything for granted*
- Always reach for the stars*
- Never forget your heritage*
- Remember, you can do anything you set your mind to!*

*and*

- Always Thank God Daily!*

*Your success depends on you and the choices you make in life!*

*I love you dearly,*

*Your Mom*

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*There are things in life sweet and nice. You are a special someone in life - someone great - a lovely star - and I know you're going very far.*

*I love you with all my heart*

*Love*

*DAD*



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*Great Granddaughter, Granddaughter,  
Sister*

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member, you've only just begun!*

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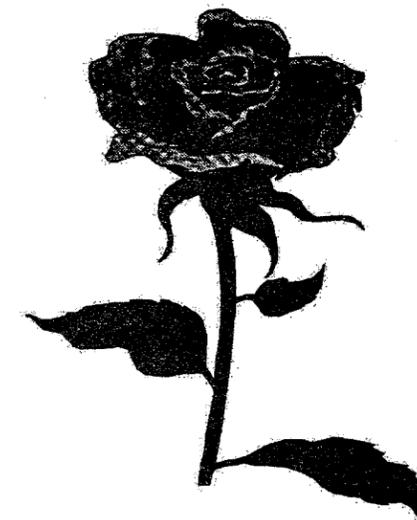
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&  
Good Luck  
to  
LaToyia*

*You must always trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your path!*

*No words can express how proud we are of you.*

*Love,  
Your Detroit Family  
Aunt Christine & Patty Jean*

*Congratulations LaToyia  
from your cousins in Detroit  
May the blessings of God be bestowed upon  
you.  
Love, Peace & Joy*

*Sandra  
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*Julius Ray  
Michael  
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*LaToyia,*

*We wish you  
continued success.*

*God Bless you,  
Love  
Renee & LaNita*

*Congratulations  
LaTogia*

*We're proud of You!*

*Your Sis,  
Consuelo & Family*

**Congratulations  
and  
Best Wishes  
in all you strive for,  
Latoyia**

**Love  
The McCumbers**

*Congratulations  
&  
Good Luck!*

*Love Tamara*

*You grew up so fast.  
beautiful and intelligent.  
Best wishes, congratula-  
tions. In your college  
days, remember hard  
work is always re-  
warded.*

*Love,  
Joy, Ashley & Terry*



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**Congratulations  
to our  
God Child  
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**Love,  
Ora, Archie & Family**

**Wishing you  
continued  
successful!**

**Love,  
Your God Mom  
Micki**

**Congratulations  
Latoyia**

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*Congratulations Christina*

*Wishing you a lifetime of success and happiness.  
Keep your faith in God's Unchanging Hand.*

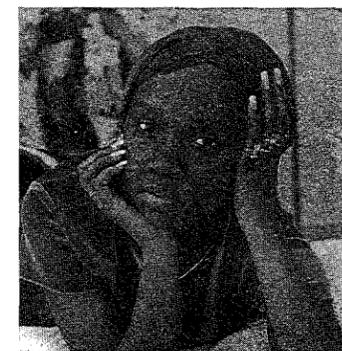
*With Love  
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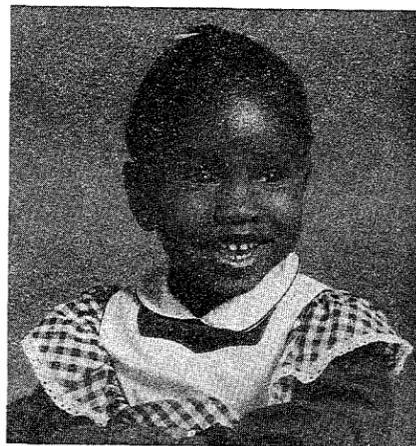
*To My Beautiful Granddaughter;*

*Congratulations and Best Wishes in the future.  
May God Bless & Keep you safe in His arms.  
I will always love you.*

*Your Grandmother  
Ruthie Jackson*



*Debutante Christina Hutchison*



Dearest Daughter,  
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Aunt Diane

Uncle Scotty

Shamika

Stephanie

Allyson

*Debutante*

*Christina Annette Hutchison*

*Congratulations and Best Wishes.*

*Wishing you all the success and happiness you deserve now and in the future.*

*Sincerely*

*Ruthie Hillsman*

*Debutante Christina Hutchison*

***“TO OUR NIECE CHRISTINA”***

*Wishing you much success and happiness.*

*The Sharp Family and Ida Cain*

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&  
John John

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**Congratulations**  
**&**  
**Best Wishes**  
**From**  
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**of Parkland College**  
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*Congratulations to my best  
friend, Christina. We have  
been close friends for 11 years  
now. Good luck in the future  
and continue to keep faith in  
God. I will always be by your  
side, and support the continua-  
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**MAY GOD'S RICH-  
EST BLESSINGS BE  
WITH YOU IN ALL  
YOUR ENDEAVORS.**

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CLAUDE SHELBY**

*Congratulations  
&  
Best Wishes*

*Candra Rowe*

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*To My Daughter Janelle,*

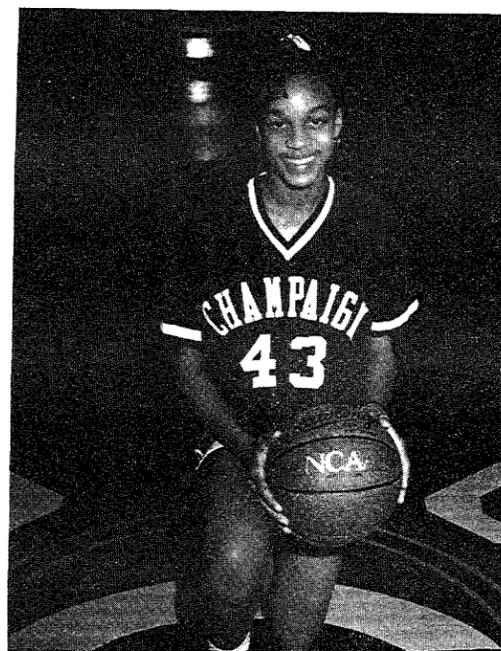


*As the years have come and gone, I've watched you grow up and learn to make your own choices...to become a woman. Through the years we've come to share a very special relationship. I want you to know, I'm proud of you and I'm very glad that you are my daughter. This day is the perfect time to tell you again how much I love you.*

*Love, Mommy*

**Janelle,**

From your Dad, who has seen the best from you and knows there is still more to come.



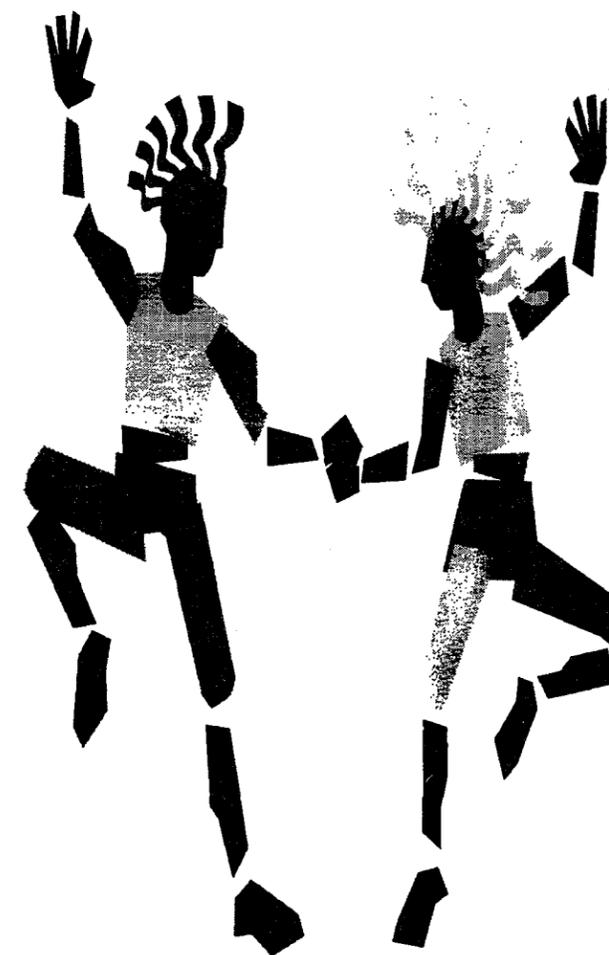
Just remember, "A winner never quits, and a quitter never wins."

Good luck to you as a 1998 Deb.

Love, Dad

**God Bless You Nellie!**

Hand in hand  
we grow  
Each day we  
always show  
Our support,  
love and care  
A bond that  
only sisters  
share  
I love you lil sis,  
Gzne'

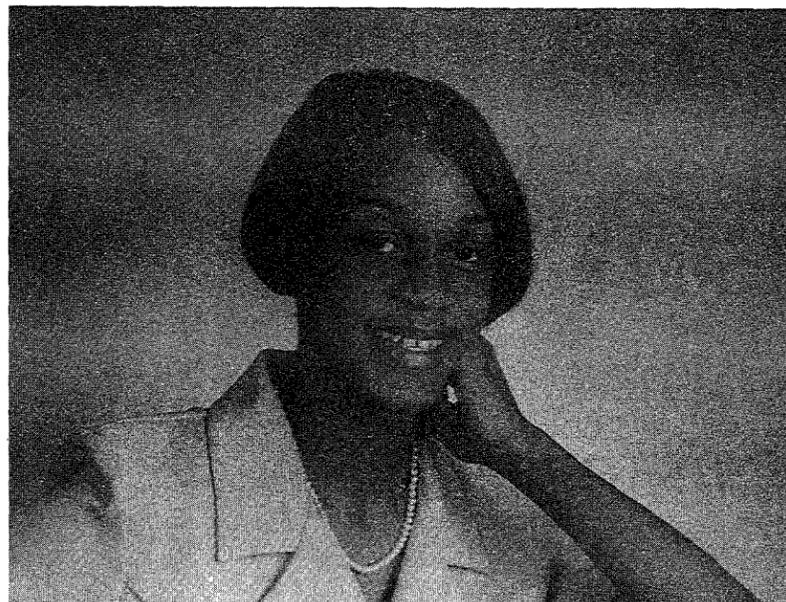


Janelle,

We haven't always said it but we are very proud of you.

We remember how you would follow your big sister and your big Godsisters around. We are so proud of the wonderful young woman you've become.

You have become a confident, independent, self-assured, and accomplished young woman. You're also caring and patient. We are proud to call you our Goddaughter.

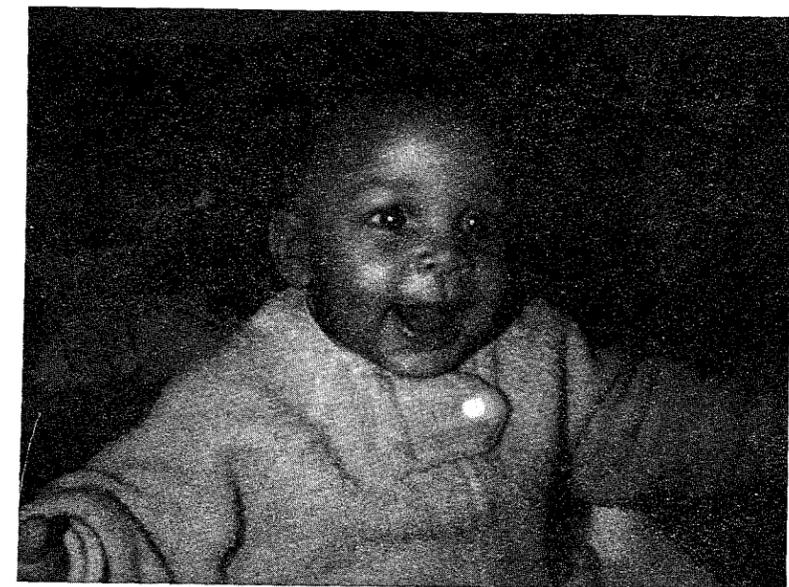


Love always, Uncle J and Bern

## CONGRATULATIONS JANELLE!!

Your faith in God will keep you strong. Always continue to push forward and strive to be the best person you can be. When you fall, reach out to God and He'll help you get back on course. God is always there for you and so are we.

We love you, JANELLE!  
Your cousins-  
Jayna, Tony and Jordan



*Grant me the listening ear,  
the eye that is willing to see  
the mistake in what I  
thought was correct,  
the strength in what I  
thought was weakness.*

*- Howard Thurman*

# Good Luck Janelle

Love,  
Lucy Barnes  
Roxanne Barnes  
Pete Barnes  
Patty Brown-Barnes

*To Janelle,*

*As you step into womanhood,*

**REMEMBER:**

*Dreams come true*

*Hope sustains us*

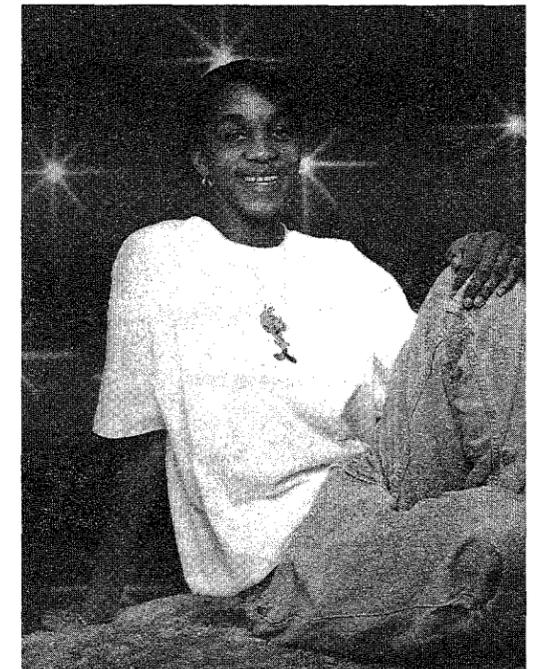
*Love endures all*

*and,*

**GOD makes all things possible!**

*With Love,*

*Aunt Janice*



*Debutante Janelle Johnson*

# **Congratulations, Janelle**

*Love,*

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**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**JANELLE JOHNSON**

As you make your debut into the world of opportunities, make the Church a part of your life. The Church may be likened to the dressing room of a great theater. Here is where you put on the garments of praise and find the props that are needed out on the stage of life. The Church is where you are equipped, prepared, and cued for the next act along life's way.

William Shakespeare said, "All the world is a stage and all the people in it are players." The world is a stage, but don't walk out on the play. The world needs those who play the small parts, for usually it is to those who play them well that the larger more important parts are given.

Along the road of life, stop at frequent intervals to enter the Church to worship God and depart with a determination to serve the people whom God loves. Above all, "Remember your Creator in the days of your youth." Reflect on the blessings that are yours, blessings you didn't earn but received because of God's love for you. The greatest blessing of all is the Gift of Eternal Life. May you ever be reminded that God's Holy Spirit indwells you to empower, energize, and enable you to accomplish your goals as you obediently follow His directions.

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*We love you,  
Fred, Minnie and Qiana McNary  
Cary, North, Carolina*



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**Good Luck, Janelle**

**Faye Catchings, Sponsor  
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**Janelle,**

**May God continue to bless you.  
Keep up the good work.**

**Peter, Debarah, Brandon, Shannaya, and  
Shannon McFarland**

**Best Wishes as you follow  
your dreams.**

**Ledora & Nicole  
Williams**

**BEST WISHES JANELLE**

**LOVE,  
Ms. HELEN BROWN, Ms. BEA WILSON,  
KATHLEEN WRIGHT, Kimberly ROSE Willis,  
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*Nellie,*

*You have been an inspiration to your family and friends. Always press on and reach for that ultimate goal! Success is at your feet. Remember to always walk on by faith. May God's will richly bless you.*

*Love,*

*Willie, Vernita, Corey & Jensa*

*Janelle,*

*Congratulations to a fine, upstanding young lady.*

*Love,*

*Shirley Hursey*

**Janelle,**

**We wish you success in every thing that you choose to do.**

**Renee & William Renfro**

**We Love You, Janelle!**

**Alicia, LaShae, Tasha and Alicia Dominique**

**Congratulations Janelle,**

**We are very proud of your achievements! You are a special young lady. We know you'll continue to strive for excellence. Love and God's continued blessing to you.**

**David H. and Halestine Session**

**To my little Godsister Nellie,**

**I am so proud of your outstanding accomplishments. May god keep you in HIS perfect will.**

**Love, Jolynn**

*Good Luck Nell Bell*

*Love,*

*Luther, Gloria, Donyale, Seana and Taylor*

**God Bless You, Janelle**

**Love, Leonard, Rita Lenny, Crystal and Brandon Myles**

Congratulations  
Debutante Janelle!

May the Lord continue  
to bless you in all your  
endeavors.

The Williams', Albert,  
Sheila, Tiffany and  
Anthony

Janelle,

Best wishes and an  
abundance of blessings  
for you in all things you  
choose to take on in life.

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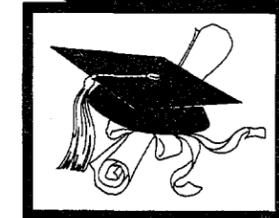
*Congratulations  
Janelle,  
May God Bless  
all your future  
endeavors.  
Love,  
Sherry Thompson*

Good Luck  
Janelle

Love,  
Edwin, Crystal  
&  
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Best Wishes

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Philippians 2:16

Love,

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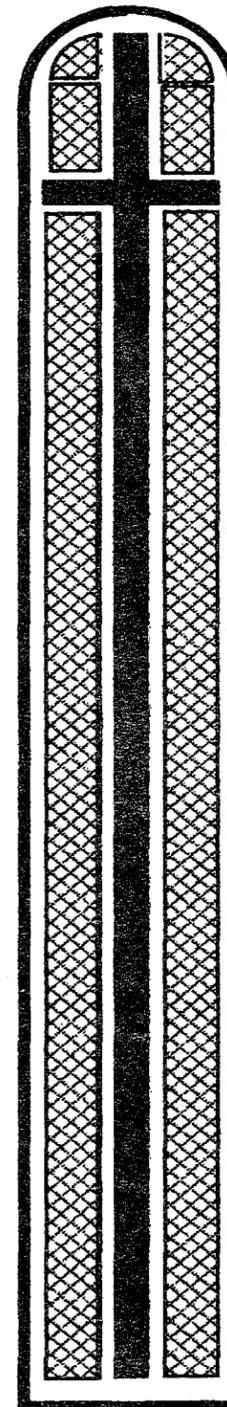
Valena -

Remember this picture? You were 4 yrs. old, a flower girl in Sherry Howell's wedding. You were so frightened I had to escort you down the aisle and throw the pedals. The years have flown by so fast. We have experienced many of life's situations together that have brought us closer together. With Gods help I have given you love & guidance. And in return you have also given me strength to carry on. It seems like only yesterday you had me reading book after book to you or "tea time" with your Princess table service. Then came day care, P.T.A. mtgs., classroom parties, park district parties, Mom can I do this or go there and don't forget your "why nots?" I have watched you stumble and fall only to get up and brush yourself off. Remember, Valena the stumbles will continue some more painful than others. Stand Up. Brush yourself off. Pray and Keep the Faith! Proverbs 4:5-15

"I'm so proud of you!

Love Ya Lena.

Your Mother & Friend  
Eltricia



## Holy Bible

Lost for an answer?  
Lost for a blessing?  
Lost for care?  
Lost for divine love or dignity?  
Lost for effectiveness?  
Lost for a friend?

No! No! Not never because  
here is a friend that never will  
forsake you.

Just read and believe.

Love,  
Grandmother  
Elease Milton

*Valena,*

*Amazing, isn't it, now some people see the basket half empty and others see it half full. Some see life hopeless; others hopeful. Even when things are less than perfect, if you can think of the good, the beautiful, the hopeful, you'll be more than sustained - you'll conquer.*

*Good Luck  
Mary Alexander*

*Congratulations  
and  
Best Wishes  
To Valena*

*In all our ways acknowledge Him  
and He will direct your path  
Proverbs 3:6*

*from the Chatmons  
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Congratulations  
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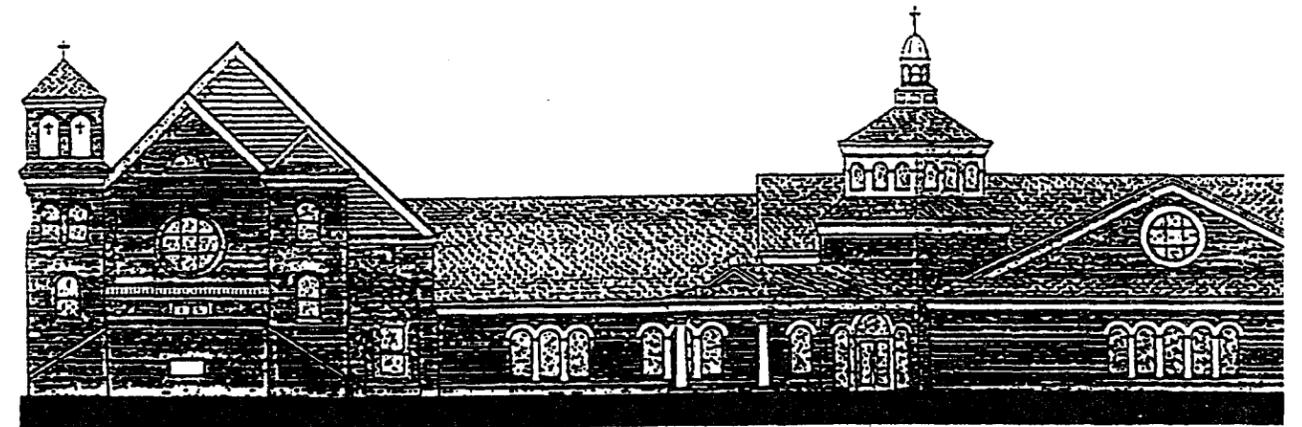
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THE FUTURE BEGINS WITH YOU !

VALENA,

WE HAVE GREAT RESPECT FOR YOUR CHARACTER, STRENGTH AND FOR THE LOVE AND KINDNESS THAT WE HAVE SEEN YOU SHOW TO OTHERS.

YOU ARE ABOUT TO MOVE TO ANOTHER LEVEL, WE ARE PRAYING THAT YOU STAY FOCUSED AND ENJOY YOUR JOURNEY; ALWAYS SEEKING GOD FOR DIRECTION AND BLESSINGS.

VALENA, I KNOW YOU ARE LOOKING BACK WITH SATISFACTION AND FORWARD WITH FAITH IN GOD.

*NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT,  
SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS.*

*ZECHARIAH 4:6*

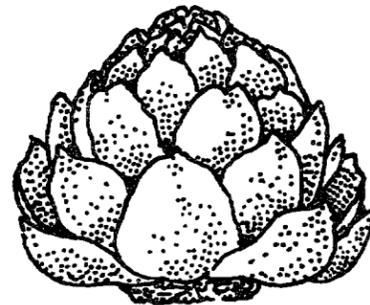
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# Valena!

*May God continue to bless as you move onto another chapter  
of your life. Our prayers will be with you always.  
We Love You!*



*The McMillion Family:*

*Willie C. and Zelda  
Larenso, Linda  
Randy and Angela  
Larry and Kandy  
Brenda McDonald  
Leroy and Jackie Bowdry*



*We are so proud of you.*

Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.



Matthew 18: 19-20

Loving You Always  
Uncle Earnest  
& Collette  
Aunt Hockett  
Family

Valena -

It takes no special talent, makes no difference who you are, to light a little candle that out shines the brightest star! So light up your little candle, no matter how small the flame. You might just get the feeling that you are not the same.

"For thou wilt light my (your) candle: the Lord my (our) God will enlighten my (our) darkness.  
Psalm 18:28

Love Your  
Step-Father  
"Donald"



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**VALENA - VALENA  
OUR NEIGHBORHOOD BABY!**

**WE HAVE WATCHED YOU GROW FROM A TINY BABY TO  
A BEAUTIFUL INTELLIGENT YOUNG LADY. WE ARE SO  
PROUD OF YOU. MAY ALL YOUR FUTURE DREAMS COME  
TRUE.**

**Elzie & Faye Howell**

**Valena,  
Set a goal and do it. God set a goal, yet gave the  
choice to mortals how time may be spent;  
admonishing that worth, not length, will value  
time's accomplishment.**

**Willa Seals**

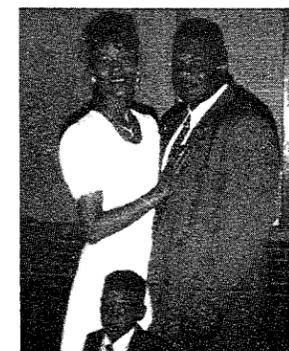
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**Valena -  
We love you more than you know, and our hearts will be with you  
wherever you go . . . .**

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*It is an honor for you to have been chosen for this debut. We are very proud of your success. We have watched you grow from a new born baby girl into a lovely and ambitious young lady.*

*"A Babe in Christ grows strong and true, Is help to know God's will to do, when we extend a loving hand and kindly love without demand ....DJD*

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*Valena*

*May you have . . .*

*Enough happiness to keep you sweet  
Enough trials to keep you strong  
Enough sorrow to keep you human  
Enough hope to keep you happy;  
Enough failure to keep you humble  
Enough success to keep you humble  
Enough wealth to meet your needs;  
Enough enthusiasm to look forward  
Enough determination to make each day better than yesterday*

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CONGRATULATIONS AND CONTINUED  
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Lord: be of good courage,  
and He shall strengthen  
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the Lord.*

*Psalm 27:14*

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*O magnify the ord  
with me, and let us ex-  
alt His name together.*

*Psalm 34:3*

*Congratulations  
Leon & Edie  
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**Congratulations  
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*You ultimate  
goals will cease.  
Just keep on  
striving of them.*

*Earl E. Smith  
&  
Margaret*

*To Valena,*

*Be strong in the Lord as you  
go on your journey. For God  
so love the world He gave His  
only begotten son that  
whosoever believeth in Him  
should not perish but have  
everlasting life.*

*John 3:16*

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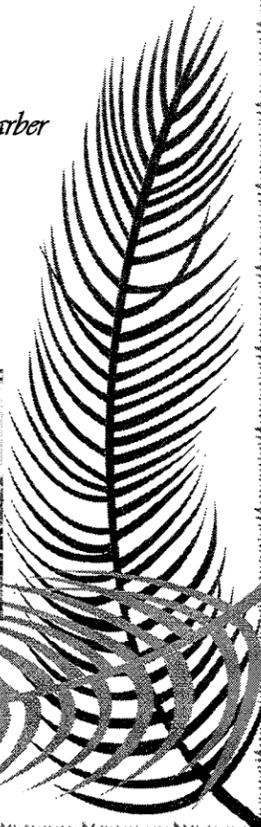
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strengthens you."*



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**CONGRATULATIONS**

**la'RUFUS MA-SHA' MITCHELL**



*I've enjoyed watching you grow into such a kind, loving, and beautiful young lady la'Rufus. I know your dreams of becoming the first female president will become a reality because, you know whose you are, as well as who you are. Continue to "trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your path" (Prov. 3:5-6*

*Not only are you my only niece, but you are my favorite niece (smile).*

**Barbara Mitchell (Aunt-T)**

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*Congratulations la'Rufus:*

*I've enjoyed knowing and being a special friend of your family. My expectation of you are great. I know you will accomplish anything you set your mind to la'Rufus because your faith in the Lord is so strong. Remember when you get to the White House I'll be available for chief of security (smile).*

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**láRufus Mitchell**

God desires you to "prosper and have good success" (Joshua 1:8). There are no secrets of success and happiness.

**SUCCESS** is doing the things you know you should do. Success is discovering your best talents, skills and abilities. It is having the courage to meet failure without being defeated. Success is accepting the challenge of the difficult.

**HAPPINESS** is an inside job. Be determined to be cheerful and happy in whatever situation you may be. Don't let circumstances dictate your disposition, development, or destination. It must be conceded they will either defeat you or you will overcome them. your strength and determination, not their impact, will decide which.

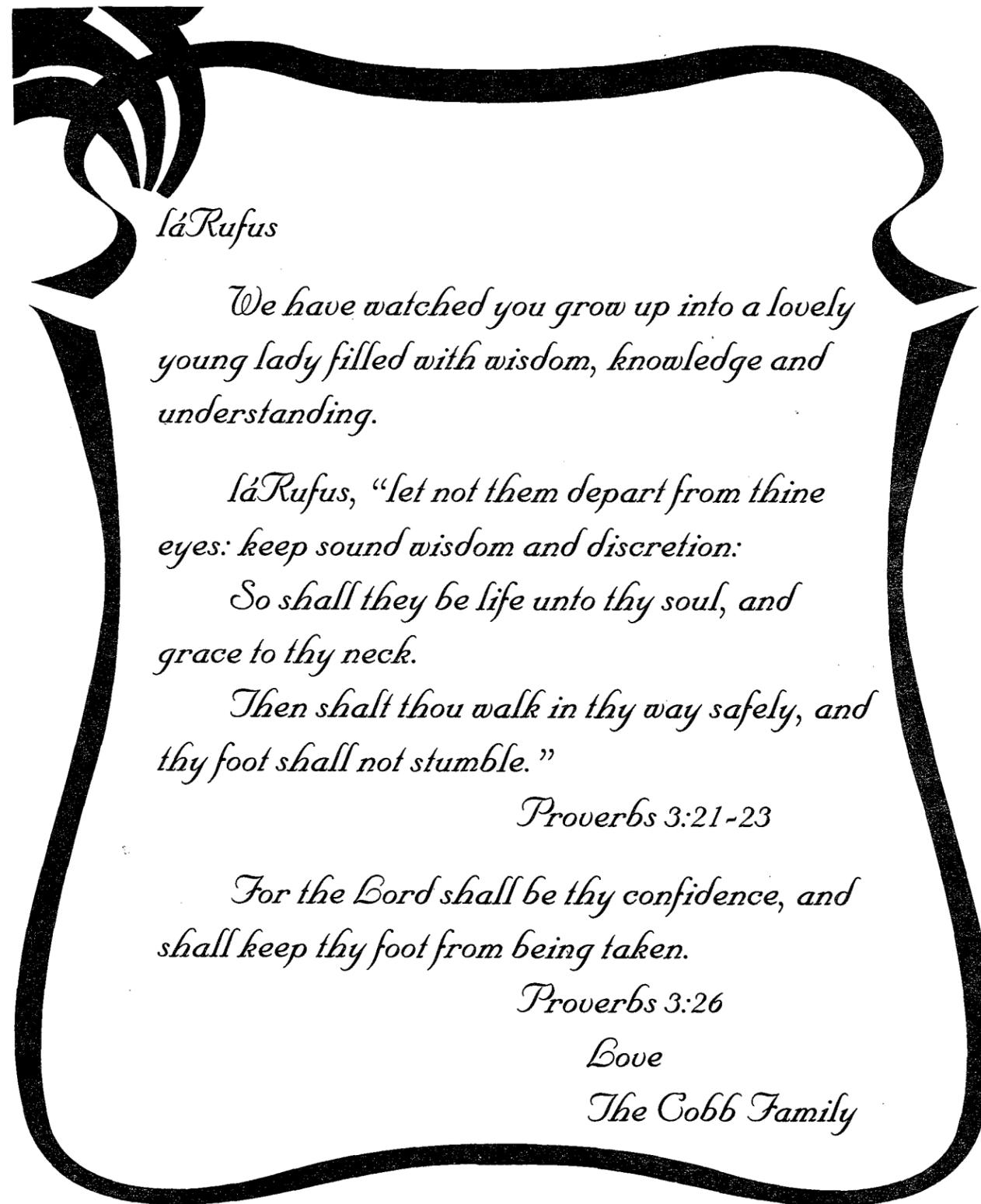
**SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS** are not dependent on circumstances but upon one's determination and disposition. Don't wait for circumstances to give you a break. You were not created to be a puppet dangling on the strings of circumstances. You have a free will and can affect circumstances.

God has blessed you to have creative powers. Whatever you do, don't rush by today to get to tomorrow! Plan your schedule, prioritize your plans, and commit your schedule to the Lord. Establish a good motivational pattern, and always remember that persistence and determination are omnipotent.

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*láRufus*

*We have watched you grow up into a lovely young lady filled with wisdom, knowledge and understanding.*

*láRufus, "let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion:*

*So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck.*

*Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble."*

*Proverbs 3:21-23*

*For the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.*

*Proverbs 3:26*

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*From my little cuz' to woman grown  
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From accolades gardned to to awards won  
And to think you have only just begun.*

*Composed by Brian Keith Jackson  
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*"Your cousins who love you,  
lá Rufus!"*

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**It is always an honor when  
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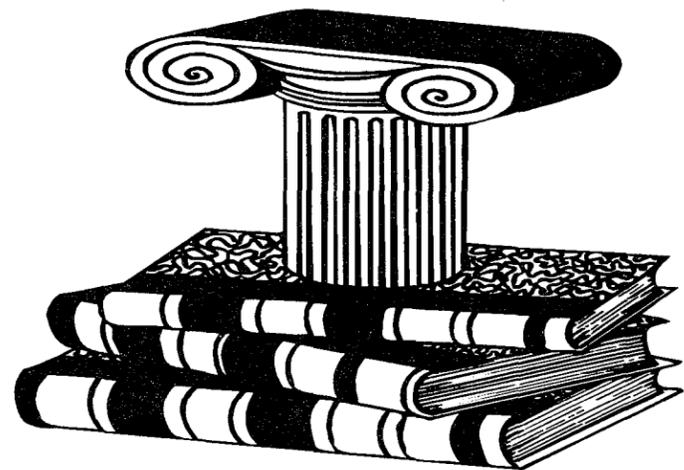
*Remember, they can achieve  
who believe they can. Continue  
to aim high, you will then  
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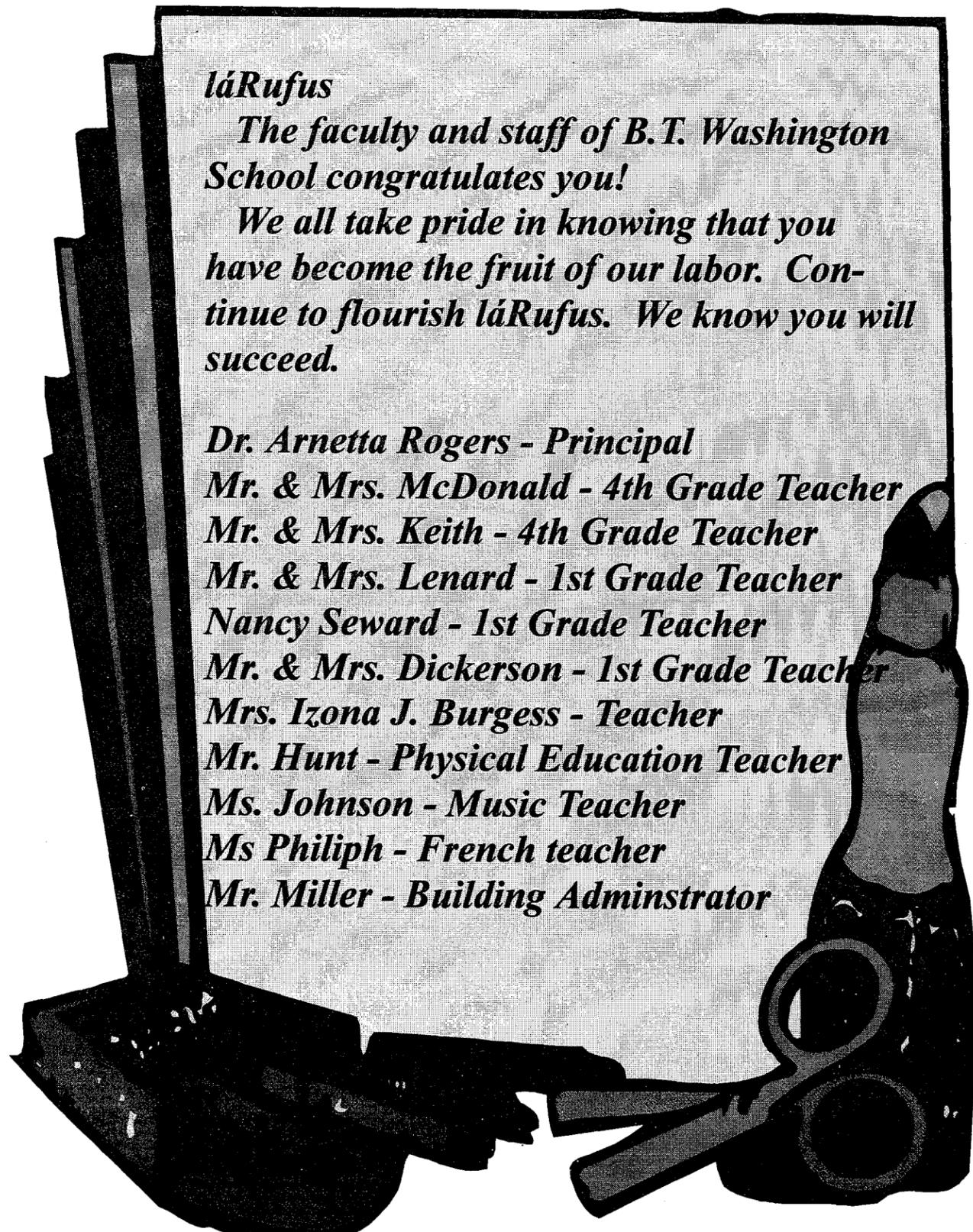
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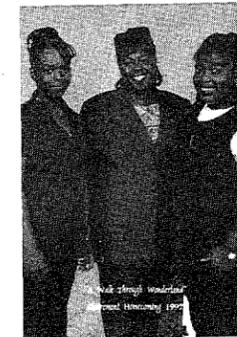


I pray for you each night la'Rufus to become the President of the United States of America. I know you will make it if it is God's will. Always remember me as your favorite HOCKEY PLAYER CHAMPAIGN-URBANA CHIEFS #19.

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May your life be filled with joy  
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*Keep reaching for the stars, la'Rufus  
and your dreams will come true.  
You are such a wonderful student and  
lovely young lady.  
Congratulations!*

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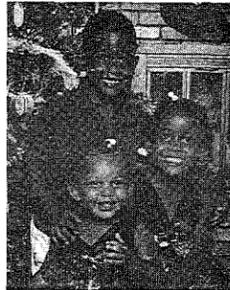
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*Debutante lá Rufus Mitchell*

*Congratulations  
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*Your determination desire & dedication will take you far  
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**Praise the Lord for you  
Debutante lá Rufus Ma-Sha Mitchell!**

You have been one of the best Junior Church assistants at Canaan. We love you and may God continue to allow you to be blessing as well as continue to bless you.

Love,  
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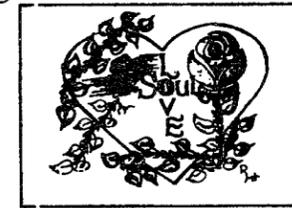
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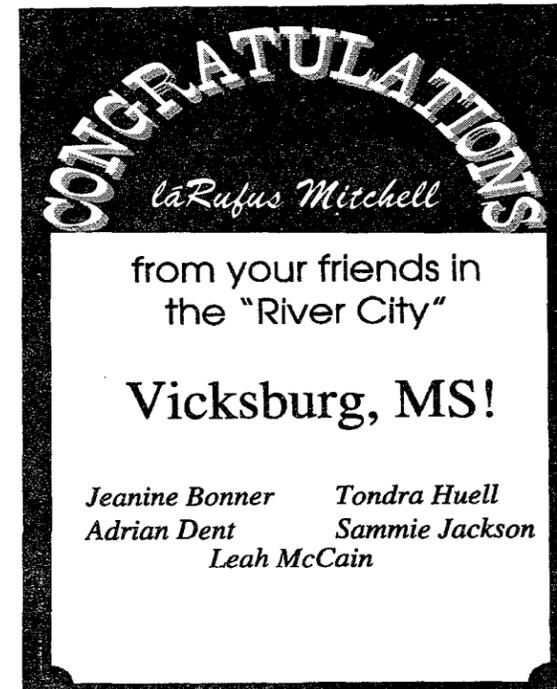


*La' Rufus,*

*Congratulations on all your accomplishments.  
Continue to strive for excellence, keeping in  
mind the importance of having Christ as the  
focal point in all you do.*

*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and  
lean  
not to your own understanding; in all your  
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**"Rejoice in the Lord alway:**

**Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.  
Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication  
with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.**

**Phil. 4:4-6**

**Bro. & Sis. Meeks**

**Congratulations  
la'Rufus**

Stay on your toes and you will dance your way  
to success. Remember that the Lord has a di-  
vine plan just for you.

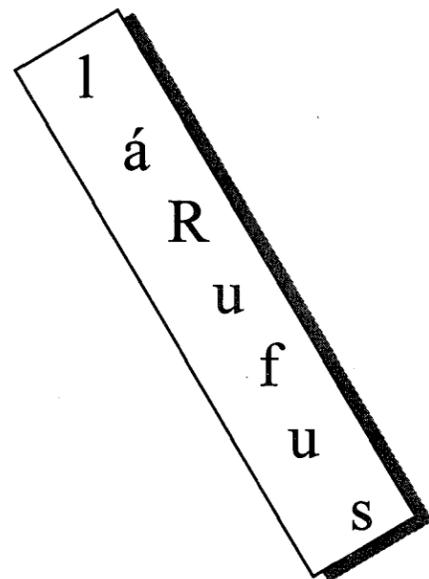
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Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin & Evelyn  
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la'Rufus,

When you trust in the Lord you are lead  
down paths of success. You are an intelli-  
gent young lady and I know that God has His  
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mandments and God will continue to bless  
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**Congratulations!!!**

**LaRufus**

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*Psalm 84:11*

*Congratulations  
and God's blessings to you in  
all you do!!!*

*Danny & Sandy Phillips*

*Dear la'Rufus,*

*I am so proud of you! You are such a fine young lady. I wish you great happiness in all your future activities.*

*Your Friend  
Mr. Kruse*

May God continue to bless you in all that you do.

Lary Davis

*Congratulations  
la'Rufus*

*May God  
Bless You.*

*Sis. Pearl*

**Congratulations  
Madame President**

I hope you will always have peanutbutter, jelly and bread.

Mark Bovelsky, Chief Information Management  
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Madame President,

I hope to see you soon in  
D.C. I know that you will  
never miss a beat.

Love always,  
Marilyn Slater,  
DOD, Functional  
Data Manager

*la' Rufus*

*My prayer for you is that  
God will continue to bless  
and keep you.*

*Love,  
Sis. Shirlene Winston*

*la' Rufus*

*May the blessings of the  
Lord continue to be yours.*

*Love Uncle & Aunt  
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Barbour*

**Congratulations  
la' Rufus!**

**You have been a blessing  
to the Canaan Junior  
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**Love  
Pam Greer**

*Dear la' Rufus:*

*May God's bless-  
ings continue to be  
yours. We love you.*

*Johnnie & Irma  
Harris*

**Good Luck  
and  
May God Bless!**

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*God Bless you  
la' Rufus*

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Best Wishes  
to  
Debutante  
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Keep God first in your  
life

Sis. Helen Lenoir

*My God has all power in  
His hand.*

*Delois Hensley*

*Your God shall supply all  
your needs according his  
riches in glory.*

*Eunice Anderson*

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew  
their strength; they shall mount up with  
wings as eagles; They shall run and not be  
weary, and they shall walk and not faint."

Isaiah 40:31

la'Rufus,

This has been my verse that  
has bought me strength. May  
God bless you in your  
journey thru life.

Love Always,  
Janet Smith

*la'Rufus,*

*We know that it's the Lord's  
will for you to prosper, as  
long as you stay within His  
will.*

*We Love You  
Grandma Minnie  
Uncles Eric, Brian,  
and Carle  
from California*

**Congratulations  
la'Rufus on your  
accomplish-  
ments. You will  
achieve may  
great things.**

**Dr. John &  
Dr. Moonja  
Kim**

**Congratulations  
la'Rufus**

*'Now faith is th th sub-  
stance of things hoped  
for, the evidence of things  
not seen.'*

*Hebrews 11:1*

*Bro. & Sis.  
Sylvester & Gwendolyn  
Osler*

la'Rufus always remember:

*"Fret not thyself because of  
evildoers, neither be thou en-  
vious against the workers of  
iniquity, for they shall soon  
be cut down like the grass and  
wither as the green herb."*

*Psalms 37:1-2*

*Bro. Vincent B. Carter*

**la'Rufus**

**Let the Lord be your  
light and your salvation  
and no man shall you  
fear!**

**Gin and Jasper  
Osler, Jr.  
and family**

*la'Rufus*

*I've watched you de-  
velop into such a radiant  
young lady. May the  
blessing of the Lord  
continue to be upon  
you.*

*God Bless You,  
Ms. Jacqueline  
Archey*

**Congratulations  
la'Rufus**

*Trust in the Lord and  
He will direct your  
path.*

*Rev. Boothe & Pheobe  
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la'Rufus,

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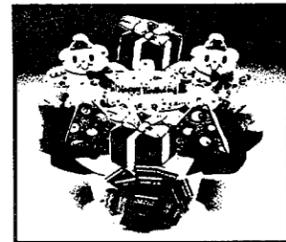
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**We knew you would do  
it (Madam President)  
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The things you want to say ...

For life is short and precious,  
Golden moments are too few,  
And the love you give to others  
Will bring blessings back to you!

God Bless and keep you Brittany, in  
everything you do!!!

*Ms. Phillips*

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thoughts shall be established. - - -Prov. 16:3

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*Evonne Britt*

Good luck Brittany!

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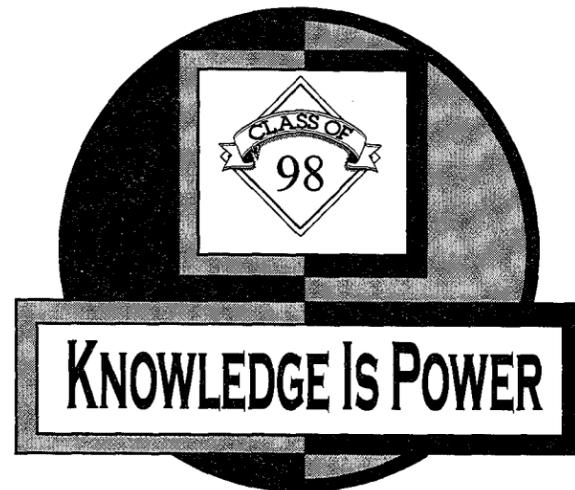
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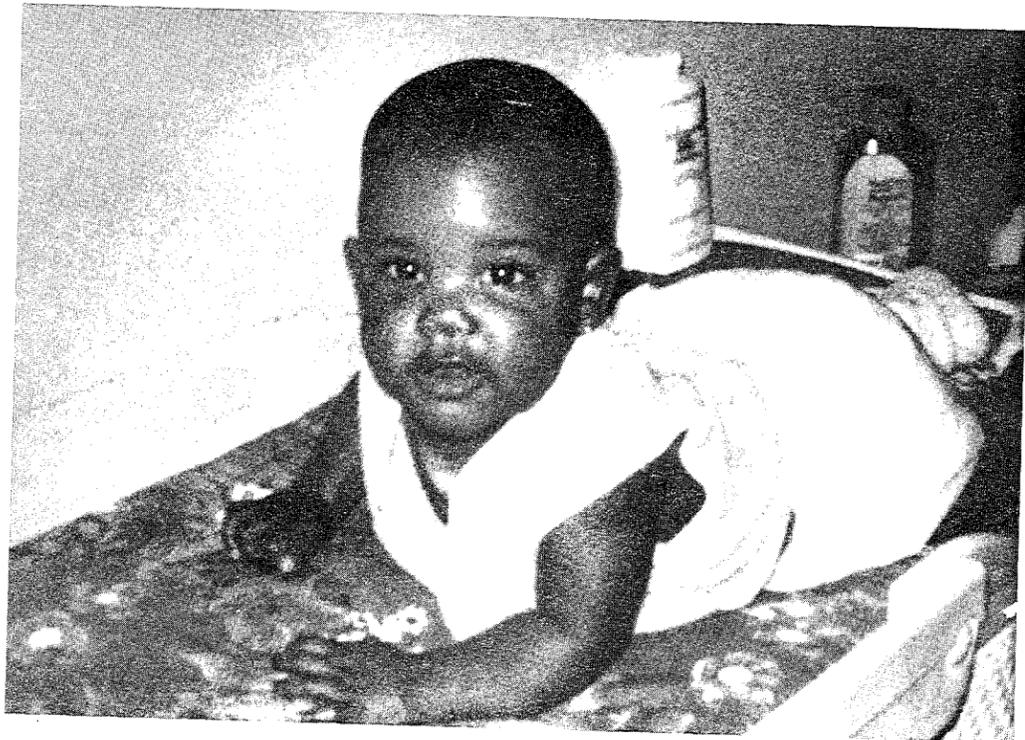
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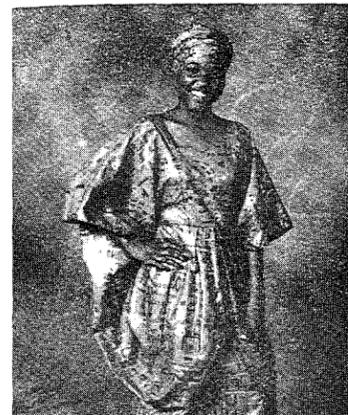


To our daughter.

We are very proud of all of your successes in life & hope that you will continue to reach for the stars. Never let anyone stop you from becoming the best you can.

We Love You  
Daddy, Mommy  
Tucker, Justin, Nick

*Debutante Elisha Peacock*



Philippians 4:13

*I can do all things through Christ  
which strengthens me.*

*To my beautiful granddaughter,*

*Keep your hand in God's hand & you will always  
make good choices.*

*We Love You & God Bless You Always  
Sweetie Pie & Law Law  
& Uncle Tyke  
Aunt Dee Dee & Stacy*



*Debutante Elisha Peacock*

TO ELISHA:

You have been always been someone very special to us, even though you are a teenager. You have grown up to be a very bright and beautiful young lady.

We could not ask for a better niece. I have truly enjoyed watching you growing up, and even though I don't like saying this out loud, I miss your constant weekend visits and your weird eating habits. It hasn't been easy watching you grow and develop another interest, and the weekend visits dwindling down, but I have enjoyed watching you grow into the very beautiful young lady that you have become. You will always be BAMBI to us.

Good luck from all of us with whatever you road that you choose in the future.



WE LOVE YOU VERY MUCH

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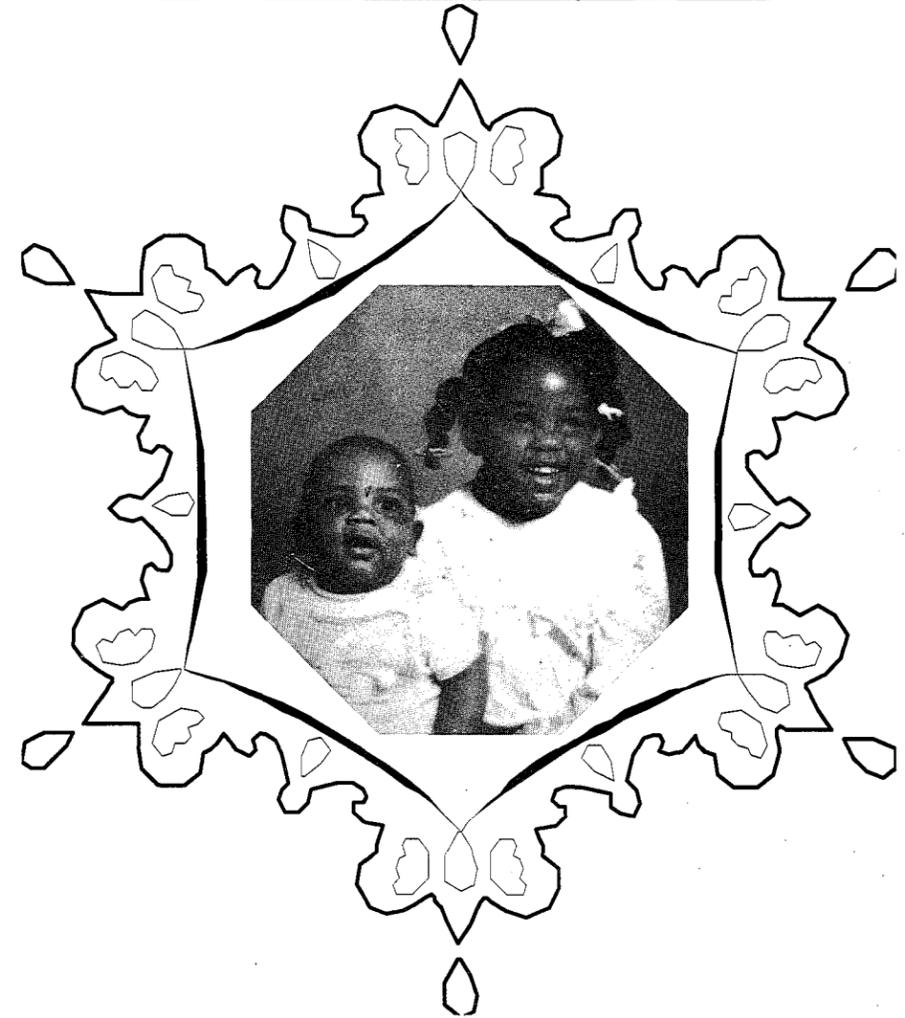
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Our congratulations to Elisha Carmel Peacock on your selection as a Debutante by Gamma Upsilon Psi .Our entire family is proud to be associated with a young woman of such strong dedication and quality. We are all very proud of the statement this makes about you and the of the African-American Female in our society.

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To Our Beautiful Granddaughter Elisha

We are very proud of you & your accomplishments at this point. We are very confident that this is only the beginning of your many successes in life. We pray that God continues to find favor in you & that His angels camp around you & keep U safe.

We love you  
Grand Pa Jerry & Grand Ma Valarie  
Aunts Unique & Dee & Uncle Aaron



**PROMISE YOURSELF**

- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk of health and happiness to every person you meet.
- To make all your friends feel there is something special within them.
- To see the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- To think only of the best, work only for the best and expect only the best.
- To be just as enthusiastic of another's success as your are of your own.
- To forget the mistakes of the past and work on achievements for the future.
- To wear a cheerful countenance and bless everyone you meet with a smile.
- To spend so much time improving yourself there's no time to criticize others.
- To be too faithful for worry, too loving for anger, and too strong for fear.
- To give God credit and thanks for all you have and your life.



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SUCCESS IN ALL of YOUR  
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**Elisha,**

**&**

**God Bless**

**Aunt Dorothy,**

**Aunt Mildred**

**Aunt Sara**

**Aunt Lela &**

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Elisha,

You have grown up to be a beautiful young lady. Best wishes for a successful future.

Congratulations.

Patricia Brown

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GREEN

*Congratulations  
Elisha*

*From your uncle John  
& Aunt Charmaine,  
for a very fine contribution to yourself,  
your family & Friends.  
Keep up the good work and God bless.*

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good deed is  
better than the  
grandest good  
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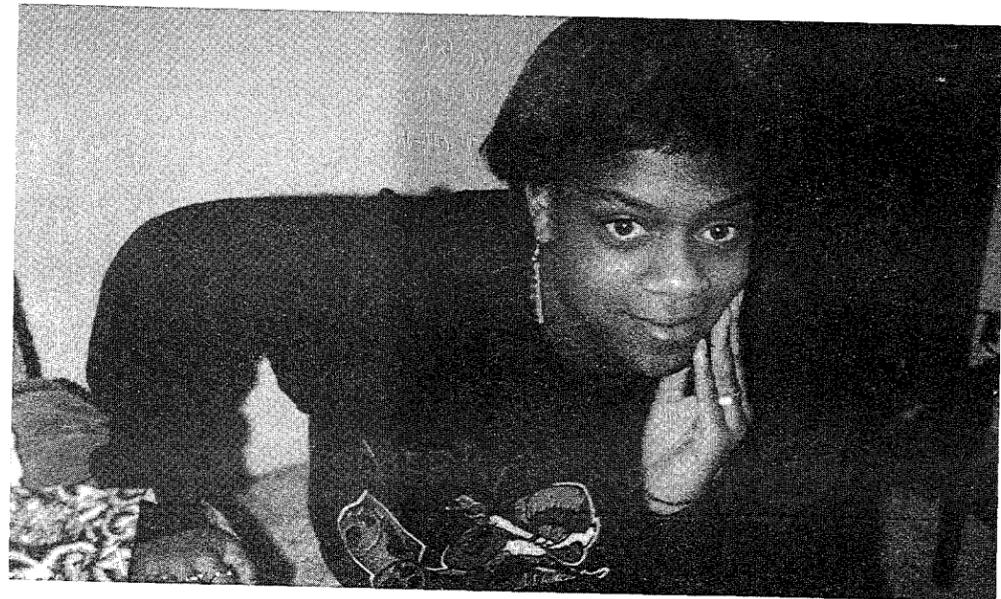
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*... From what you were ...  
To all you are ...*

*Congratulations  
Terri*

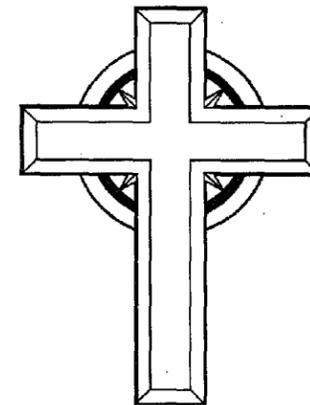
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praise to thy name, O Thou most high.*

*Psalm 9:1-2*

*To: Our Baby Girl - Baby Sister*

*What's up Girl? You have been a blessing to us through our hard times we know God has blessed you and will continue to bless you.*

*You have our prayers and blessings throughout your entire life.*

*We love you.*

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**Congratulations Terri**

To: Tee-Tee Terri

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Anisna Coleman

**Good Luck  
Terri**

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*Congratulations Terri,*

*We are proud of you and your accomplishments. You are blessed in having a real relationship with God at an early age. As you continue to trust in God know there are great things in store for you.*

*Our prayer and love is with you always.*

*Pastor Larry Simmons  
1st Lady Kim Simmons*

*Each of us has different talents,  
different dreams,  
different destinations in life.  
But all have the same power  
to a new tomorrow.*

*Terri,  
As you stand on the edge of tomorrow, remember that all things are possible through Christ. May God bless you in all of your endeavors.*

*Sincerely,*

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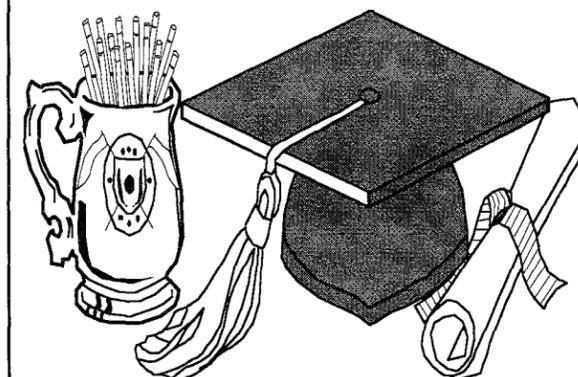
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Best of Luck Terri

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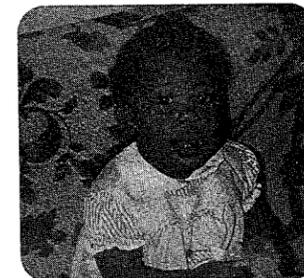
Our Dearest Shevone, (Zakiya)  
From the moment you were conceived you were LOVED. You were a gift to us and a joy to have you as our daughter. To see you grow into a beautiful young lady is a wonderful experience. You will always be special to us because not only are you special but you were blessed with great potential which we know you will succeed in anything you wish to do. Let's look at the word *POTENTIAL*.

*P* is for Persistence, as life tests your character  
*O* is for Outstanding work, effort and dedication  
*T* is for Tenacity, if you don't quit you won't fail  
*E* is for Excellence, striving to always do something better  
*N* is for Never letting others lower your self-esteem  
*I* is for Inspiration, that will guide your way  
*A* is for Always, accepting the challenges in your life  
*L* is for Love, only when you love yourself you can love others

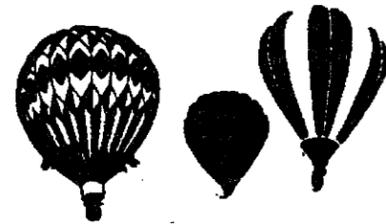
Shevone, because you were blessed with a gift for the love of books, knowledge, human compassion, humor, integrity, these cannot be taken away nor given away, but will help you to become a person to be admired and respected by others. In more ways than we can count, the world is crying out for people who will make a difference in societal issues, the environment, justice, peace, and moral leadership. Our vision is that you will in some way make a difference. Remember we will always love you, Remember your Nguzo Saba principles... they will take you a long way.

Note from Dad:  
Shevone, We have had many interesting and philosophical discussions over the years, all of which have led us to the conclusion that you are a very intelligent and articulate young lady who can accomplish any goal or objective that you set your mind to. As you continue on your journey, draw upon the wealth of information that we have shared and remember that we are always there for you. And whenever the 'thirst' arises you can always drink from the 'well.'

As parents we like to think of ourselves as friends and partners for life, who will always be there when you need us.



Love Always  
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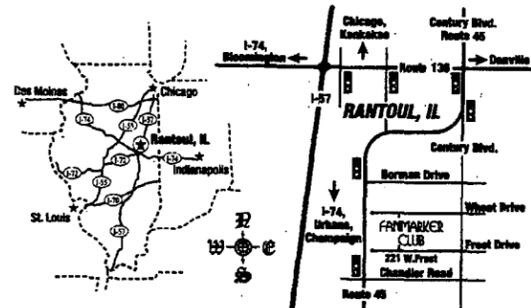
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### Congratulations Shevone

Your accomplishments have brought more honor to the family by following in the footsteps of your cousin, Terika Miller, who was Debutante 97 (second place). You too remember to always keep in mind the seven "take time" steps:

- Take time to work - it is the source of power.
- Take time to play - it is the secret of perpetual youth.
- Take time to read - it is the foundation of wisdom.
- Take time to be friendly - it is the road to happiness.
- Take time to love and be loved - it is a God-given privilege.
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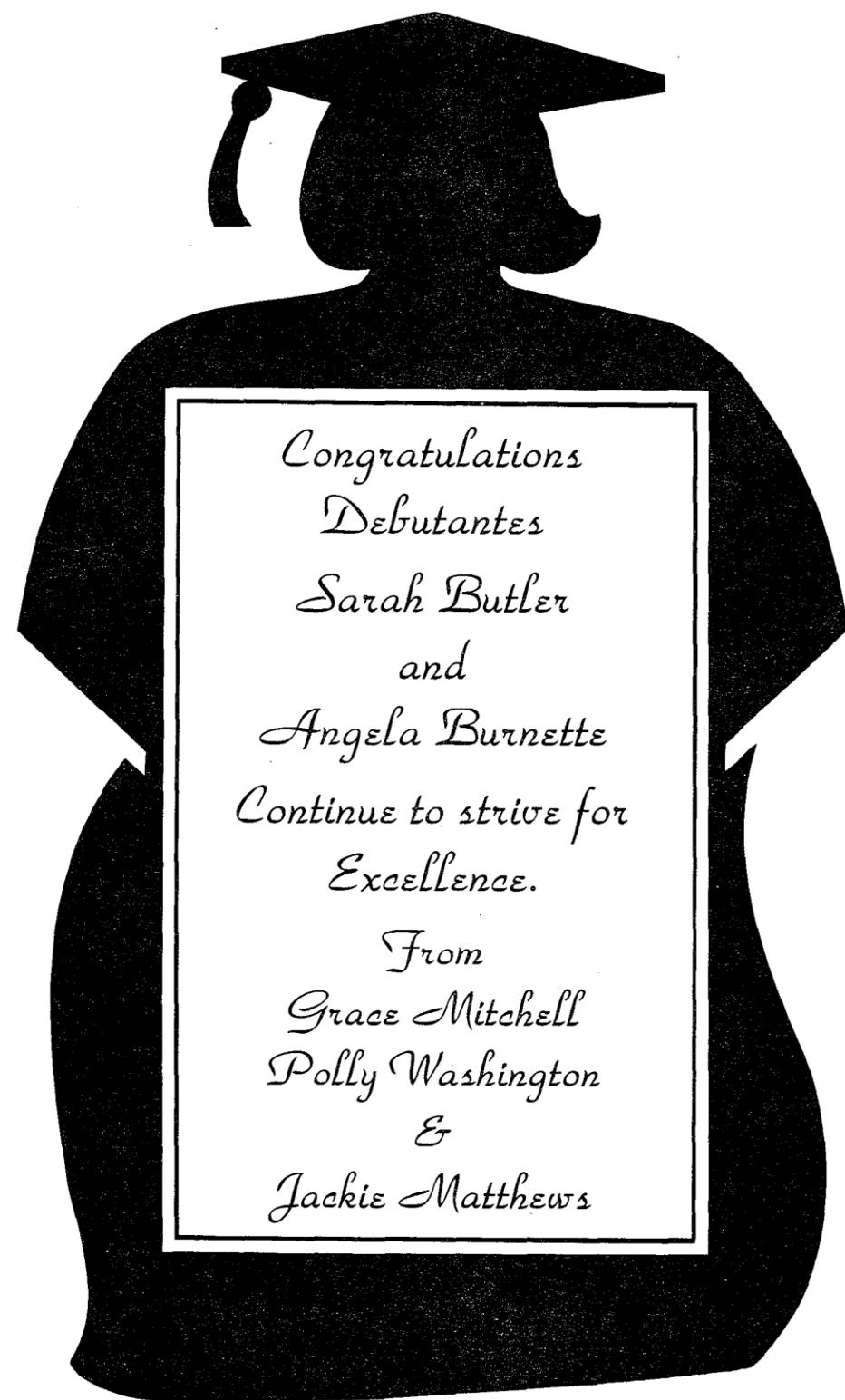
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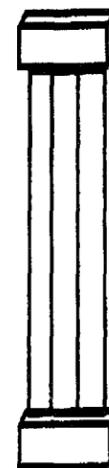
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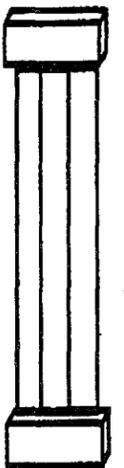
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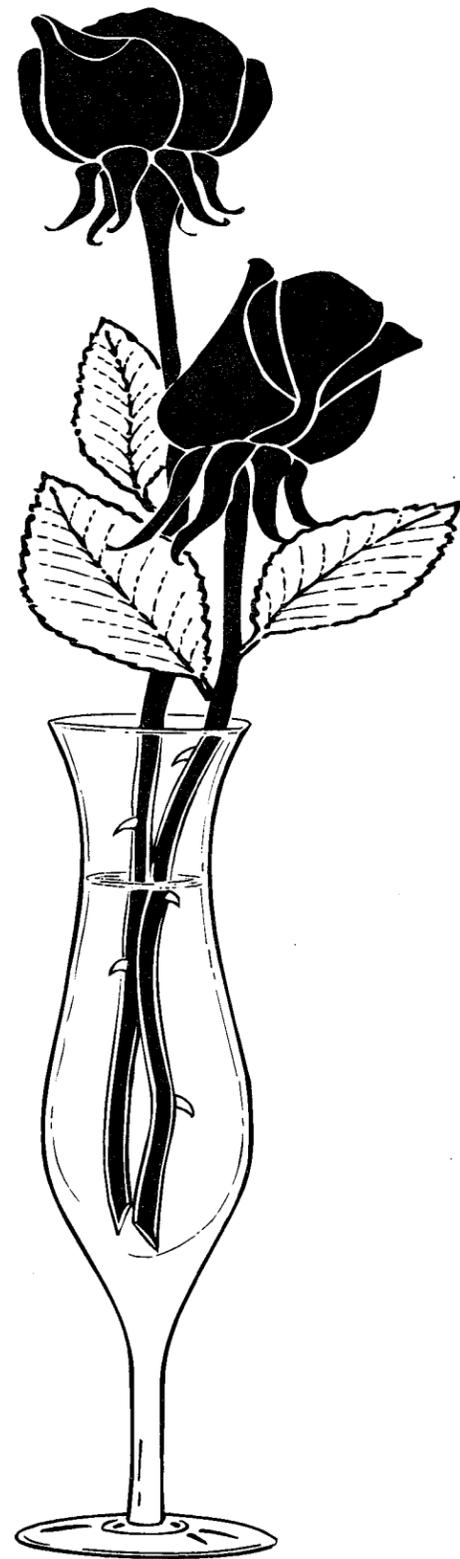
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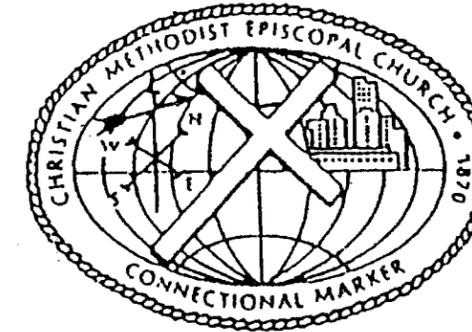


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