The Debutante Club

The Cotillion Society of Detroit Educational Foundation's

Annual Debutante Cotillion

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15TH ANNUAL DEBUTANTE COTILLION

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

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Crystal Ballroom | Detroit, Michigan

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Menu

SALAD

Michigan Salad – Mixed Gourmet Greens, Dried Cherries, Sweet Red Onions, Mandarin Oranges, Crumbled Blue Cheese served with Raspberry Vinaigrette dressing.

Freshly Baked Rolls and Sweet Butter

ENTRÉES

Norwegian Salmon with Asian Orange Ginger Sauce
Marscopone Mashed Potatoes and
Vermicelli SautéGrilled Vegetable Mélange

Chicken Marsala
Marscopone Mashed Potatoes and
Vermicelli Sauté Grilled Vegetable Mélange

Vegetarian - Portabella Mushroom Wellington

Vegan - Cornmeal Crusted Eggplant

DESSERT

Cheesecake with Black Cherry Topping

Freshly Brewed Coffee and Tea Selection

Program

CRYSTAL BALLROOM

Musical Prelude ~ *Heavenly Strings Quartet*

Welcome

Mistress of Ceremony
Jacqueline M. Baker, Scarlet Communications

Introduction
Board of Trustees, TCSDEF

Sponsor Recognition

Presentation of the 2024 Debutantes
Fox 2 Anchor and Reporter Ingrid Kelley

Formal Debut
"Satin Doll"

Grand Entrance
"Isn't She Lovely"

Debutante ~ Father Dances
"Moon River"

Debutante ~ Escort Dances
"Photograph"

Escort Dance

Debutante Stroll

The L. Stanley Clark Welcome to Detroit's Society Finale
"Hello Detroit"

Dinner to follow in the Fountain Ballroom

After Dinner
Music by *Straight Ahead* – Fountain Ballroom
Dance Music with *DJ Hi-Lyte* – Crystal Ballroom

The Cotillion Society of
DETROIT EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Cotillion Society of Detroit Educational Foundation (TCSDEF) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2009 with the mission of enhancing the total well-being of children and youth in the metropolitan area of Detroit, Michigan.

Our focus includes social graces, health awareness, self-esteem and civic responsibility.

The Debutante Club for young ladies and Men of Tomorrow group for young men are two of our signature programs focused on developing these areas within youth. In addition, we sponsor classes in Etiquette, host Charm School, and an annual Mother and Daughter Tea to raise funds for College Scholarship Awards.

We are delighted to announce two new programs: Just Like Me and Rainbow Connections. We were featured in Rolling Out Magazine and we served as Debutante Expert Consultants for the movie The Summer I Turned Pretty on Amazon Prime and Monarch television series on Fox.

We are grateful to be featured in The New York Times last summer, and again in their Year in Review. We hope that you enjoy this year's culmination of the 2024 Debutante Season.

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MISTRESS OF CEREMONY

Jacqueline Baker

Scarlet Communications

Jacqueline M. Baker is a speaker, author, leadership consultant and advisor known for her unique approach to modern etiquette and leadership.

As the author of The Unexpected Leader: Discovering the Leader Within You and Leader by Mistake: Becoming A Leader One Mistake At A Time, she frequently speaks and writes on the leadership-for-all concept.

Her inspiration and expertise comes from more than a decade as the founder and principal consultant for Scarlet, a consultancy that provides leadership training to Fortune 500 companies, small businesses, community organizations and individuals across the globe. She also leverages her experience serving in a number of corporate board and community service roles.

An avid dinner-party hostess, Jacqueline creates space and opportunities to gather groups for compelling conversation, delicious cuisine and untraditional ways for continued leadership development.

She is also the host of the podcast, Just StartTM: From Ideas To Action.

Jacqueline has educated our Debutantes and Escorts as part of their mini-finishing school.

PRESENTER OF THE 2024 DEBUTANTES

Ingrid Kelley

Fox 2 Detroit

As a young child growing up in the City of Detroit, Ingrid Kelley knew she would one day embark on a career as a Television Reporter. Today, she is doing that and much more.

Ingrid has enjoyed success as an On-Camera Talent, Writer, Voice-Over Artist and Producer in several markets including; New York City, Detroit, and Milwaukee. Currently based in Detroit, Ingrid works as a Multimedia Journalist and her reporting is seen on Fox 2 Detroit. Ingrid is grateful for the opportunity to connect with and report on the lives of the people living in Southeast Michigan.

Prior to relocating back to her hometown, Ingrid was based in New York City. During her stint in the Big Apple, she wore many hats; including working as a Writer at Fox News Channel, an On-Air Talent for several cable news outlets, and a Freelance Producer/ Writer for Black Enterprise Business Report.

Ingrid enjoys spending time with her family and is thankful for their support. She is the daughter of Ernest Kelley and Gwendolyn Kelley-Daniels. Her parents helped mold her into the woman she is today and inspire her to reach for the stars. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from The University of Michigan and a Master of Arts degree from Wayne State University. She is a member of the Detroit Chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists and gives back to her community as a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. -Alpha Rho Omega Chapter.

A firm believer in "Each One, Teach One," Ingrid serves as a mentor to students seeking career advice. She believes the knowledge she has gained through academia and professional experiences enables her to encourage students to embark on their own careers and turn professional aspirations into reality.

CHOREOGRAPHER
Anna Marie Casali

ASSISTANT
Jessica Smigels

Casali School of Dance

Anna Casali began dancing at the age of 4; she received her basic training from Rita Willoughby, a former New York City ballerina. Anna knew early on that she wanted to dedicate her life to dance education; in 1979, with the help of her family, especially her mom (Angela Casali), she opened Casali School of Dance. During her early years as a studio owner, Anna established the Kaleidoscope Dance Company, which later turned into the Casali Holiday Dancers.

Anna's students are teaching all over the country, many have studied with Alvin Ailey, American Ballet Theater, Gus Giordano, and The Rockettes, some have even worked for Disney, Kings Dominion, and Busch Gardens to name a few. Casali School of Dance students have also continued their dance studies in College. Dancers have attended University of Michigan, Oklahoma City University, Western Michigan, Central Michigan, Hope College, Oakland University and Wayne State. Anna has also had the honor of choreographing for The Cotillion Society of Detroit Educational Society for the past 5 years. Anna believes that in order to give her students the best dance experience she must continue her own education. Her studio has always been a place that welcomes all types of dancers, from recreational to pre-professional. She wants everyone to feel like they are a special part of the Casali Dance Family.

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2023-2024

Debutante Season

The Nacirema Society ~ Chicago

Yoga on the Greens

Overnight Extravaganza

Debutante & Mother Tea

Formal Dining Etiquette

Etiquette

Meet & Greet

SAFE
HELLO
Elaine
Career
GROW UP
MIX IT UP
Just Like Me

Just Like Me

MEDIA PERSONALITIES MADE IN DETROIT
WPGR Museum

Dance Rehearsals

CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE

2023 Debutantes and Escorts!

DEBUTANTE JANAE BROADNAX

Daughter of Ms. Kelly Davis and Mr. Brandon Broadnax

Debutante Janae Broadnax is the beloved 18-year-old daughter of Kelly Davis and Brandon Broadnax. As the only child, she is loved and cherished unconditionally. She is also the grandchild of Geraldine and Ronald Ware and grandparents Shelley and Larry Broadnax.

Janae is a senior at Eton Academy High School. As an excellent student who excelled academically in advanced Mathematics, Science, and History. While maintaining a 3.5 GPA and showing great responsibility Janae became a member of the National Honors Society club. Additionally, She has been a member of the Basketball club for three years as one of their star players.

While balancing her school life Janae also partakes in extracurricular activities. From a young age, she has always helped others and dreamed of achieving the goal of becoming part of the medical field. She partook in the Michigan Institute for Public Safety Nursing Education Program. What's more, Janae at the age of 12, took up horseback riding along with some of her close friends. Later, she discovered she also had a talent and passion for baking goods. Which led her to taking up culinary classes. Not only did she share the delicious dessert with her family, her mother and her would also offer the treats to her community.

After graduating high school, Janae plans to attend Clark Atlanta University. She is looking forward to majoring in business administration.

Debutante Janae Broadnax would like to thank her parents, grandparents, aunts and close friends for all of their endless love and support. She also appreciates her high school guidance counselor for her continued support. In addition, she would like to thank the Debutante Club for allowing her to participate in an amazing experience.

Debutante Janae is being escorted by ***Michael Thacker Jr.***

She is being presented by her father ***Mr. Brandon Broadnax.***

2024 Debutantes

DEBUTANTE SOPHIA BAKER

Daughter of The Honorable Chandra W. Baker-Robinson and Attorney Russell Baker

Debutante Sophia Gail Baker is the daughter of the Honorable Chandra W. Baker-Robinson and Attorney Russell M. Baker, and the granddaughter of Russell and Cora Baker and Brenda Yarbrough. Sophia attends Cass Technical High School as a junior. In high school, she is academically and athletically gifted. As a freshman, at Mercy High School, she ran on the varsity track team and lettered and won all catholic. In addition to being athletic, she is also connected to her community. She volunteers at her church, Grace Community Church in Detroit, in the children's ministry. She has been participating in the children's ministry since before she was in high school. In the summer she volunteers with the church's summer camp for elementary school children.

Sophia's dream is to work with young children in the future and to that end she has taken on numerous opportunities to prepare her for that goal. During the summer of 2023, Sophia worked at Wayne State University as a teaching assistant (TA) for middle school children teaching math.

Some of her hobbies are taking care of children, cooking, music, and dance. Upon graduation, she hopes to attend Florida A&M (FAMU) to become a registered nurse.

Debutante Sophia Baker wants to thank her handsome escort Senneca Jones for his sacrifice in missing part of his track season to be her escort. She also wants to thank his family and her family for the support and time put into helping her during this debutante season. Finally, she wants to thank the Cotillion Society of Detroit Educational Foundation and its trustees for allowing her to have this unforgettable experience.

Debutante Sophia is being escorted by ***Mr. Senneca Jones.***

She is being presented by her father, ***Attorney Russell Baker.***

DEBUTANTE MIRISSA BROWN

Daughter of Ms. Tyra Jones and Mr. Milton Brown

Debutante Mirissa Brown from Novi, Michigan, is the accomplished daughter of Tyra and Milton. Currently a junior at Detroit Country Day High School with a 4.0 GPA, she excels not only academically but also in her diverse interests. Mirissa actively engages in film production, showcasing her creative flair being a part of the conservatory. A versatile athlete, Mirissa dominates in all sports she does.

As a 3 sport athlete, Mirissa Brown is involved in varsity softball, travel softball, boardercross, and volleyball. Beyond her academic and athletic achievements, Mirissa is carving her path in the legal realm. As an intern at a law firm, she gains valuable insights into the legal profession, and her role as a Defense Attorney in Teen Court reflects her commitment to justice.

Beyond her professional pursuits, she imparts her enthusiasm everyday working at a day camp for children pre-k through middle school, and has contributed two years to the Southfield AkaTeens, embodying a commitment to community service involvement. Mirissa attends the Word of Truth Church of God and Christ, where she works as a teacher of the children every
Sunday.

Mirissa plans to attend the University of Michigan to become a professional lawyer where she will advocate for justice, uphold the rule of law, and make a positive impact on society through legal expertise.

Debutante Mirissa is being escorted by ***Mr. Cayden Brown.***

She is being presented by her father, ***Mr. Milton Brown.***

DEBUTANTE HALEIGH CAMERON

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew and Janissa Cameron

Debutante Haleigh Lorraine Cameron is the beloved daughter of Andrew and Janissa Cameron. She is their youngest child, only daughter, and precious younger sister of brothers William and Brendan Cameron. Haleigh is adored by her grandparents, Patricia Kemp, Murelle Cameron, and her late grandparents, Janis Holland Moore and Alvin Moore.

Haleigh is a junior at Mercy High School located in Farmington Hills, Michigan, where she is a hardworking student-athlete and maintains a high GPA. Haleigh has grown into an amazing young lady and is exceptionally gifted. She excels in science and math. Haleigh has taken many honors and Advanced Placement courses.

Haleigh likes to explore cultural clubs and passion projects at Mercy including: Pretty Brown Girls and The Black Awareness Society for Education. Her passion projects include Quiz Bowl, where she received her varsity letter. In addition, she is a member of Junior Classical League, her school's Latin Language Honor Society. In the summer of 2023, she traveled abroad with her Latin class, touring Greece, Italy and Turkey. In the spring of 2024, she traveled to Northern Italy on a cuisine and cultural tour. Haleigh has been dedicated to swimming since she was four years old. She swam competitively as a member of Waterford Kingfish Aquatics, Livonia Community Swim Club, Detroit Golf Club Blue Lightning Swim Team, and the Mercy Marlins Varsity Swim and Dive Team. This summer, she will serve as one of the captains for the DGC Blue Lightning team.

Haleigh's active spirit is not confined to the walls of Mercy High School. Despite her young age, Haleigh is focused on making a positive impact through membership in many organizations. Since the age of three Haleigh has been a member of the Motor City Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. where she currently serves as President of the Jaguar Teens, and was past Treasurer. Haleigh is also a member of the Southfield Chapter of AKATeens, where she has served as Secretary and Parliamentarian. At the Pink and White Ball she received in 2022 a Community Service Award and in 2023 the honor of Miss Congeniality.

Haleigh has been a member of The Co-Ette Club for two years, which assists young ladies with developing into well-mannered, culturally, empowered young women with the shared goals of positively impacting society. In 2022, The Co-Ette Club recognized Haleigh as a member of the Miss Co-Ette Court as Second Special Attendant. Twice Haleigh received the high honor of the Spirit of Detroit Award for volunteerism and community service; working multiple summers with The Motor City S.T.E.A.M Program, inspiring youth to explore science. She has a strong work ethic that she brings to any activity she joins. Haleigh is always looking for a way to give back and is appreciated for her character and moral judgment. As a servant leader, Haleigh understands "To whom much is given, much is expected." Haleigh plans to pursue a degree in biology with dreams of going to medical school. Haleigh has hopes of attending the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor after graduation. She is currently a Wolverine Pathways Scholar.

Debutante Haleigh Cameron would like to give special thanks to her parents for supporting her throughout her debutante journey. Haleigh would also like to thank the parents of her escort Anjanetta and David Dorsey for joining her on this journey. She would like to give special thanks to her supporters for their endless guidance and love. Lastly, she would like to thank the Debutante Club trustees and all the debutantes she has met this year for welcoming her into this organization and helping her enjoy this enriching experience.

Debutante Haleigh is being escorted by ***Mr. Caleb Dorsey.***

She is being presented by her father, ***Mr. Andrew Cameron.***

DEBUTANTE ELAINE CLEAGUE

Daughter of The Honorable Christina V. Kennedy and Mr. Omar Cleague

Debutante Elaine Victoria Cleague is the daughter of Mr. Omar Cleague and Judge Christina V. Kennedy. She is currently a senior at Detroit Edison Public School Academy, where she maintains a 5.0 grade point average, is a member of the National Honor Society, and has served as first chair clarinet in the marching and jazz bands and the school orchestra. She is also dually enrolled at Lawrence Technological University.

In addition to her scholastic achievements, Elaine participates in the SINORMS Medical Scholars program. She is also a student scientist at ECOTek Lab, where she conducts research on various topics. She has been recognized by the Michigan State Fair for her accomplishments in urban agriculture.

Elaine is an avid pianist, focused on classical and contemporary music. She is an artist who expresses herself via drawing and painting. She has had the opportunity to further develop her creative talents through summer programs spent at the University of Michigan and most recently, the College for Creative Studies.

Elaine has spent her summers working with the Grow Detroit's Young Talent program. She also volunteers on the Intermediate Care Unit at Sinai Grace Hospital.

Elaine plans to attend one of the many universities to which she has been accepted, to study ecology in preparation for a career that will focus on solving environmental issues on a global scale.

Elaine would like to thank her grandparents, parents, brother, aunts, uncles and friends for all their love and support. Elaine also thanks her escort, Keith Anthony Morales and the Morales family.

Debutante Elaine is being escorted by ***Mr. KeithAnthony Morales.***

She is being presented by her father, ***Mr. Omar Cleague.***

DEBUTANTE JOI COLEMAN

Daughter of The Honorable Alicia Ann Jones Coleman and Mr. Afford Coleman

Debutante Joi Ann Coleman was born early on June 10, 2006, at Hutzel Hospital. She is the daughter of Judge Alicia Ann Jones-Coleman and the youngest child of Mr. Afford Coleman. She is a senior at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, MI.

Joi is well rounded and well-traveled. She possess the determination to excel in all aspects of life. She participates in various activities in and outside of school. She loves to serve and is committed to service. She is the Immediate Past Teen President of Jack and Jill of America, Motor City Chapter. She is a member of Black Awareness Society for Education (BASE). She has volunteered and served at the at the Detroit Grand Prix, Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Chrysler Elementary School; and donated service hours to various nonprofit and for profit industries including: Neighborhood Service Organization (NSO), Nextpointe Real Estate Services and All Inclusive Security and Investigations. She expanded her entrepreneurial wings when she created 'Joi's Rock Painting' launched to enhance the landscape in historic neighborhoods in the Detroit area by painting rocks.

In the Fall Joi will attend North Carolina Central University to major in Political Science and pursue a law degree. She intends to obtain a Juris Doctor Degree and pursue a career in politics to positively impact our community and our country. Joi wants to combine her love of cooking and fine dining, into the creation of a food blog to encourage people especially children to expand their palate as she knows there is so much food to love beyond nuggets and burgers. She is an avid reader and traveler who loves the arts including music, theatre and concerts. She is outgoing, personable, encouraging and supportive. She enjoys cultivating relationships. This is evident as she finds joy in laughing, talking and even likes to bring groups of friends together for the enjoyment of new and exciting experiences.

Joi cherishes the memory of her grandparents and misses them deeply and keeps their legacy alive by remaining true to family values. She seeks to express her deepest gratitude to her supporting family and village for their unconditional love and devotion as she seeks her goals and achievements. She wishes to acknowledge her sister, Samon Lever and her family, Aunt Patricia Parks, Aunt/Dentist Monica Lewis, Aunt Linda Little, Aunt Jaye Sanders and the Jack and Jill of America Mother's of the Motor City Chapter. Joi also thanks LeAnda Hicks, the mother of her escort, who Joi has known since they were babies. She thanks her parents, Judge Alicia Ann Jones-Coleman and Mr. Afford Coleman, and she is eternally thankful to the esteemed Debutante Club for the opportunity to participate in this enriching experience.

Debutante Joi is being escorted by ***Mr. Steven Hicks.***

She is being presented by her father, **Mr. Afford Coleman.**

DEBUTANTE CHELSEA DURFIELD

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Euclides and Yolanda Durfield

Debutante Chelsea Durfield is the daughter of Euclides and Yolanda Durfield and younger sister of Christian Durfield. She is currently a junior at North Farmington High School where she has 4.0 GPA. In school, Chelsea is a member of the North Farmington Varsity Volleyball Team, the North Farmington Student Senate, the North Farmington Link Crew, the North Farmington Green Team, Pretty Brown Girls and the National Honors Society. Chelsea also serves on the North Farmington Junior Board as the Class Secretary. Her extracurricular activities outside of school include serving as Junior Representative for the Southfield Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Delta GEMS and Third Vice President of the Co-Ette Club.

Debutante Chelsea enjoys staying busy which includes playing volleyball with AAU team Michigan Elite Volleyball Club, shopping at the mall and hanging out with her friends. Her church home is Fellowship Chapel where she is a part of the Audio Visual Ministry and Youth Worship Leader.

Chelsea loves serving in the community as she has volunteered with the Youth Leadership Academy hosted at Fellowship Chapel, at Forgotten Harvest, Motor City Steam and assisted as a hostess at the NAACP 68th Annual Fight For Freedom Fund Dinner.

Debutante Chelsea is still determining her college plans but her top schools are Northwestern University, Vanderbilt University and Spelman College. Chelsea is interested in majoring in Mechanical Engineering or Chemical Engineering.

Debutante Chelsea Durfield would like to give a special thanks to her Mother and Father for all the support and cherished love from them. She would also like to thank her family and friends that consistently support her, especially throughout this journey in the Debutante Club. Debutante Chelsea is appreciative of her escort Nicholas Washington and his family for their engagement and commitment to the debutante experience. Last but not least, a special thanks to The Cotillion Society Detroit Educational Foundation for guiding her into a path of young womanhood.

Debutante Chelsea is being escorted by ***Mr. Nicholas Washington.***

She is being presented by her father, ***Mr. Euclides Durfield.***

DEBUTANTE

Nyaela Hakim

DEBUTANTE NYAELA HAKIM

Daughter of Mrs. Sonya Hakim and the late Dr. Khalel Hakim

Debutante Nyaela Hakim is the beloved daughter of the late Dr. Khalel Hakim and Sonya Hakim. She is the older sister of brother Kobe Hakim.

Nyaela is a Junior at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. She is an astute and ambitious student whose dedication to excellence has consistently earned her a place on the Honor Roll since her freshman year and membership in National Honor Society.

Nyaela consistently balances her commitment to academics with her passion for cheerleading, earning the Scholar-Athlete award for the last three years. Her love for all things French inspired her to join the National French Honors Society, where she actively promotes and celebrates the richness of the French language and culture. Additionally, Nyaela is a proud member of the Black Awareness Society for Education at Mercy High School.

Nyaela serves her school through her diligent leadership. Starting on the cheer team as a determined freshman, she became an esteemed Mercy Varsity Cheer team captain in her sophomore and junior years. Nyaela's leadership skills extend beyond the cheer mat, as evidenced by her active involvement in her school's student government as a Junior Class Officer, and she was most recently elected to the Executive Board that presides over the entire student government. Her ability to rally her peers, address their concerns, and contribute to the school's decision-making processes showcases her adeptness as a dynamic and engaged student leader.

Nyaela has been an active Jack and Jill of America Inc. member for nine years. She is also a member of the Co-Ette Club Incorporated, serving on the Junior Board of Directors. Engaging with other ambitious girls around the metro-Detroit area has strengthened Nyaela's networking skills, fostering connections beyond the club's activities and pushing her to become the best version of herself.

In less than six months, Nyaela accumulated over 50 hours of community service, volunteering at Motor City S.T.E.A.M. This nonprofit organization provides Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math resources and education to underserved communities in America and around the world. Nyaela also tutored students through the Farmington Hills African-American Network and delivered meals to seniors through the Pontiac Meals on Wheels Program. She received the "Spirit of Detroit" award, honoring her service activities and commitment to the community.

After graduating from Mercy, Nyaela plans to major in Political Science at Howard University and then attend Law School.

Nyaela holds the memory of her father dear to her heart and continues his legacy of excellence, service, and passion for learning. She sincerely thanks her parents for their unconditional love, guidance, and influence in shaping the young woman she is today. Nyaela extends a heartfelt thank you to her grandmothers, Stephanie Morgan, and Almitra Hakeem, for their love, wisdom, and reminder of the importance of family. She is grateful to her extended family, friends, and "village," who continue to love her and support her endeavors. Nyaela would like to thank her escort, his parents, the Pittman family, and Uncle Shawn, who always shows up for her. Finally, Nyaela thanks Dr. Renita Clark and the Cotillion Society of Detroit Educational Foundation for this beautiful Debutante experience.

Debutante Nyaela is being escorted by ***Mr. Corey Pittman II.***

She is being presented by her uncle, ***Judge Shawn Jacque.***

DEBUTANTE AMONI HIGGINBOTHAM

Daughter of Ms. Shatoya Ervin and Mr. Antonio Higginbotham

Debutante Amoni Higginbotham, a shining star amidst the bustling energy of Detroit, Michigan. She is the cherished daughter of Shatoya Ervin and Antonio Higginbotham, encapsulating the dreams and aspirations her family holds dear. Amoni stands as a testament to her family's legacy, nurturing the values of perseverance, integrity, and unwavering faith instilled in her from a young age.

As a senior at Grosse Pointe North, Amoni has distinguished herself as a scholar, athlete, and leader. Her academic journey is marked by a commitment to excellence, navigating the challenges of high school with grace and determination. Her leadership transcends the classroom, most notably exemplified as she takes her place at the forefront of the cheer-leading team. As captain, Amoni not only leads her team in spirited performances but also in embodying the pride and spirit of her school community.

Amoni's passions extend beyond the cheer mat; she harbors a deep commitment to justice and advocacy, particularly in championing women's rights. This dedication is illuminated through her participation in prestigious law and advocacy programs, notably at Yale, where she has honed her skills and deepened her understanding of the legal landscape. Her entrepreneurial spirit shines through her successful hair braiding business, a venture born out of a lifelong passion for hair care and styling, demonstrating her multifaceted talents and entrepreneurial acumen.

With aspirations that stretch into the realm of healthcare, Amoni plans to pursue a career in anesthesia nursing, aiming to join the esteemed ranks of Hampton or Howard University's alumni. Her choice of profession underscores a profound desire to contribute meaningfully to the well-being and care of others, reflecting her compassionate spirit and dedication to service.

As she graces the esteemed event hosted by the Cotillion Society of Detroit, Debutante Amoni Higginbotham extends heartfelt gratitude towards her beloved family, whose support and guidance have been her beacon. She also acknowledges her escorts and the Cotillion Society for their role in crafting an unforgettable debut experience, marking a pivotal chapter in her remarkable journey.

Tonight, as Amoni is escorted under the limelight, her path is celebrated by all who have witnessed her growth into a young woman of character, ambition, and grace. Her story is a testament of dedication, leadership, and the pursuit of dreams, destined to inspire and illuminate the paths of others in her community and beyond.

Debutante Amoni is being escorted by ***Mr. Zachary Rogers.***

She is being presented by her father, ***Mr. Antonio Higginbotham.***

DEBUTANTE BRADLEIGH HILL

Daughter of Ms. Michelle Hill and Mr. Anthony Hill

Debutante Bradleigh Hill epitomizes the embodiment of grace, intelligence, and commitment to both academic excellence and community service. Born to Michelle and Anthony Hill of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, Bradleigh grew up surrounded by love and support from her devoted parents and four cherished sisters. From a young age, she displayed a remarkable aptitude for learning, and a drive for success in every aspect of her life.

Bradleigh is currently a Junior at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. Outside of her academics, Bradleigh is a member of her school's Black Awareness Society for education, Nigerian Student Union, French Club. Alongside her academic pursuits, Bradleigh shines on the Mercy Varsity Cheer team, demonstrating her commitment to teamwork and leadership since her freshman year.

Beyond her in-school extra curriculars, Bradleigh's entrepreneurial spirit and ambition are showcased through her ownership of a social media marketing business, CaitLeighRoseGroup, which she founded with her older sister Caitlin. Through their business, they manage a diverse portfolio of clients in the DC and metro Detroit area, showcasing Bradleigh's talent for strategic thinking and innovation.

However, Bradleigh's commitment to serving her community truly sets her apart. As a former Girl Scout of America, she dedicated herself to numerous volunteer efforts, including Angel Tree, Gleaners Food Bank, and assembling kits for the homeless and soldiers. These experiences instilled in her a deep sense of empathy and compassion, shaping her into a compassionate and socially conscious young woman.

Bradleigh is also the assistant treasurer of The Co-Ette Club inc. Through her involvement in The Co-Ette Club, Bradleigh further hones her leadership abilities, learning to effectively collaborate with others and make impactful decisions that benefit the organization and its initiatives.

Bradleigh is currently undecided on where she would like to attend college, but she knows that she wants to be on the pre-med track so that she can one day become a dermatologist and open her own practice.

Debutante Bradleigh Hill would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to both of her parents, grandparents, and her older sister Caitlin for all of their unwavering love and support. She would also like to thank her Escort Joshua Tywmon and his family for their support in this process as well. Bradleigh would like to give a special thank you to her mother, Michelle Hill, for allowing her this opportunity, and for helping her become the beautiful young lady that she is today. Finally, she would like to thank the Cotillion Society of Detroit Educational Foundation for selecting her for this one of a kind experience.

Debutante Bradleigh is being escorted by ***Mr. Joshua Twymon.***

She is being presented by her father, ***Mr. Anthony Hill.***

DEBUTANTE ZHARIA HUNTER

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keavon and Tamara Hunter

Debutante Zharia R. Hunter is the eldest daughter of Keavon and Tamara Hunter, and older sister to Addison Hunter. Zharia is an avid reader and loves to travel. Her self-taught Spanish studies have given her an appreciation of the world around her and a love of the language. As a scholar athlete, she is a senior at Cass Technical High School in Detroit, MI where she is currently ranked as valedictorian of the 2024 graduating class. In addition to her Honors and Advanced Placement courses, Zharia is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as the Captain of the Varsity Tennis Team. A Suzuki trained violinist since age 3, she is a member of Cass Tech's IB orchestra where she serves as their Concertmaster. Zharia has also served as the Concertmaster for the Dearborn Youth Symphony, where her commitment to her craft has afforded her several solo ensemble medals at both the state and regional levels.

Zharia's leadership extends beyond her school to her broader community. A member of the Jack and Jill of America Inc., North Oakland/Macomb chapter for 9 years, she's held various roles including Treasurer for 2 years and is currently President. Additionally, she serves as Junior Board Chairwoman for the Co-Ette Club, Inc. and actively participates in Wolverine Pathways and Atlantic Impact, engaging in both local and global outreach efforts.

As a servant leader, Zharia embodies the principle of giving back, raising thousands of dollars for charities and volunteering over 100 hours annually with organizations such as Gleaners, 360 Detroit, and Meals on Wheels. During the Flint water crisis, she organized a successful water drive, delivering nearly 100 cases of water to a local church. Zharia's community impact has earned her prestigious awards such as the Spirit of Detroit and Presidential awards for community service.

Zharia's participation in the Biomedical Career Advanced Placement (BCAP) program sparked her interest in the field. She went on to be in the BCAP Scholars program where she was an oral presenter at their regional symposium. As a result, she will pursue a degree in Biomedical Engineering at one of the numerous universities that she has been accepted to.

Zharia would like to express her sincerest gratitude to her parents for their unconditional love and guidance, her extended family, and her village for shaping her into the young woman she is today. She would also like to thank Devyn Gans and the Gans family for their participation and support. Finally, Zharia would like to thank Dr. Clark and the trustees of The Cotillion Society of Detroit Education Foundation for a phenomenal experience and the opportunity to be a 2024 Debutante.

Debutante Zharia is being escorted by ***Mr. Devyn Gans.***

She is being presented by her father, ***Mr. Keavon Hunter.***

DEBUTANTE JORDYN JENKINS

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry and Shalon Jones

Debutante Jordyn Jenkins is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry and Shalon Jones of Detroit, Michigan. Jordyn is the older Sister to her twin brother Jacob by 6 minutes. Jordyn is a Senior at Martin Luther King Jr High School.

Jordyn began her high school freshman year during the Pandemic of 2020, which required her to adjust to an online learning environment and to become introduced to her what are now her Senior Classmates of 2024. Once the pandemic was lifted and school opened, Jordyn, being excited about becoming involved with the High school experience, she decided on getting involved in the great Martin Luther King, Jr. High School Marching Band. She extended her love for the band by taking Orchestra Band as well. Not being sure of her instrument Jordyn decided to select the clarinet as her choice instrument. To excel in her newly found music interests Jordyn began weekend instructions through the Michigan State University extension music program for youth. This affiliation has led to such appearances as, The Thanksgiving Day Parade, The Battle of the Bands at Ford Field, several local and special school events.

Academically, Jordyn has respectfully maintained her overall grade point average of 3.8. Understanding the benefits of hard work and adopting good study habits through programs such as Sound Mind and Body mentoring and education program. Jordyn has applied the study instructions which has resulted in her currently becoming the recipient of an academic achievement award as an honor roll student. The program has had such an impact on Jordyn that she has formed the drive to excel in higher education.

At the age of 8 years old Jordyn's PaPa began teaching her the skill of cooking. For Christmas Jordyn asked for an apron and cooking knives. From then Jordyn would watch the food channels for recipes and learned to prepare meals for the family. Jordyn also found her love for gardening through helping her grandmother with her Landscape Design Company and assisting with the beautification committee in her subdivision. Jordyn is an active member of the NAACP Youth Caucus. Jordyn has a talent for makeup artistry. During her visit to Paris, France Jordyn visited the fragrance and makeup factory and learned the dynamics of the industry. She attends Triumph Church. Jordyn plans to attend either Grand Valley State, Michigan State or Howard University in the fall where is plans to major in Business. Jordyn's goal is to become an entrepreneur and develop her own makeup line for women of color.

Jordyn says she is thankful for all the support she receives from her parents, grandparents, her brother Jacob, her teacher Mrs. Thompson, her mentor, and the doctor which delivered she and her twin brother Jacob, Dr. Renita Clark for guiding her through the debutante experience. Cousins, Rashunda Price, Elaine Hearns, Breanna Sullivan, and Ursula Lincoln for their village support. Also, Shatara Cleveland helped to play a role in her development. Special thanks to Escort Keith Adams for his commitment and his parent Mr. and Mrs. Duane J. Thomas.

Debutante Jordyn is being escorted by ***Mr. Keith Adams***

She is being presented by her father, ***Mr. Jerry Jones***

DEBUTANTE SYDNEY JONES

Daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Cortney and Alicia Jones

Hello, my name is Sydney Jones, the eldest daughter of Dr. Cortney and Alicia Jones of Commerce Township, Michigan. I am currently a senior at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills Michigan. During my time at Mercy High School, I've participated on the Mercy Varsity Cheer Team for 3 years. Currently I am involved in three clubs: White Coats of the Future, Black Awareness Society for Education and, Rebirth the Earth. In the summer of 2023 I completed the National Youth Leadership Forum for Advanced Medicine & Health Care program at Johns Hopkins University. I successfully completed the Minds of the Future Program at Radams Cowley Shock Trauma Center at University of Maryland. I received a certificate of completion of the Spanish Language & Culture course at Ave Academy Language Institute in Alicante, Spain. Lastly, I earned a certificate in the Emergency Medicine Future Stars workshop at Providence Hospital in Southfield Michigan with Dr. Bishop.

During my free time, I enjoy writing, tutoring elementary kids, and traveling with my family. In the Fall of 2024, I plan to attend Xavier University of Louisiana majoring in Biology on a Pre-Medical track with a minor in Spanish. My aspiration is to become a successful neurosurgeon. I would love to extend my skills and talents to provide medical services to underprivileged people.

I would like to extend a special thanks to God for allowing me to be a part of this opportunity, my parents, and my mentor, Karen Hunter for supporting me throughout this entire process. Also, I would like to extend a heartfelt appreciation to my Debutante sisters and the Detroit Cotillion Society Educational Foundation as well. I have developed amazing friendships with the girls and experienced a true sisterhood that I will cherish forever.

Debutante Sydney is being escorted by ***Mr. Marquis Sagnia.***

She is being presented by her father, ***Dr. Cortney Jones.***

DEBUTANTE NADIA KREFT

Daughter of Mrs. LaTanya Burge and Mr. Alvin Kreft

Debutante Nadia Cheyenne Kreft was born October 25, 2006, in Detroit, Michigan. She is the daughter of Mr. Alvin Kreft and Mrs. LaTanya and Mr. Travis Burge. The granddaughter of Clarence Massey and the late Mitzi Massey, the granddaughter of the late Alvin Robinson and Roseann Kreft. The oldest sister of Emery Kreft. She is a beautiful, witty, young woman of virtue with high moral character.

Debutante Nadia is currently a Senior at Salem High School in Canton, Michigan. She is an Honor Roll student, and she always strives for academic excellence.

She has been a longstanding member of Jack and Jill of America for over twelve years. South Charlotte Chapter from 2011 – 2014, then Motor City Chapter since 2014. She has participated in a plethora of cultural, educational, and community service activities. Nadia's commitment to service is evident through her role as the former Teen Community Service Chair and Fundraising Chair. She has tirelessly worked to make a positive impact on the community. Nadia was selected for the Spelman Summer Program – Jills Take Spelman Leadership Institute, in the summer of 2022 in Georgia. She participated in workshops and discussions focused on leadership and innovation.

After high school, Nadia plans to attend Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, where she will study Food Science & Technology.

Nadia cherishes the memory of her Grandmother Mitzi Massey, also known as her best friend, and the legacy she has left behind for her. Nadia would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to her parents, grandparents, and close friends for all their love and support. She would also like to thank the Debutante Club for this amazing 5-star experience.

Debutante Nadia is being escorted by ***Mr. Amari Ngare.***

She is being presented by her father ***Mr. Alvin Kreft.***

DEBUTANTE DESIRAI MITCHELL

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darsan and Regina Mitchell

Debutante Desirai Mitchell is the eldest daughter of Mr. &. Mrs. Darsan and Regina Mitchell. Desirai is a senior at University Liggett School and has maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout her high school career. She is dedicated to becoming an advocate for others through community service, research projects, and mentoring. In the fall, Desirai plans to attend the University of Michigan to study nursing and public health with the goal of becoming a Certified Nurse Midwife.

Desirai actively engages in extracurriculars such as managing the Girls' Varsity Basketball Team, playing on the Varsity Softball Team, helping in school productions doing stage crew, leading the Black Student Union as the president, and being a member of Pretty Brown Girls and the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan.

Desirai has attended lectures and camps on public health at Brown University and was touched on the class 'Black Lives Matter Less: How Structural Racism Affects Health' which ultimately guided her in starting her research and pursuing public health and nursing.

Desirai has been researching racial disparities within maternal care for marginalized populations, like the incarcerated population, and has the hopes of lobbying elected officials for reopening the Justice for Incarcerated Moms Act as she is passionate about the topic.

In her free time, Desirai enjoys reading, yoga, and painting. Her favorite authors include Toni Morrison, Audre Lorde, and Tia Williams, and her favorite book is Sula by Toni Morrison where womanist themes are explored and dissected. Aside from her parents, Desirai's greatest influence is Angela Davis and Desirai tries to live by the quote "I am no longer accepting the things I can not change... I'm changing the things I cannot accept" by Angela Davis. Desirai particularly admires the resilience and determination of Angela Davis and strives to embody these characteristics as well.

Finally, Desirai would like to thank her parents for providing her opportunities to be around like-minded people and for all of the sacrifices that they have made to allow her to succeed.

Debutante Desirai is being escorted by ***Mr. Jermaine Calloway.***

She is being presented by her father, ***Mr. Darsan Mitchell.***

DEBUTANTE RAIVEN MITCHELL

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darsan and Regina Mitchell

Introducing Debutante Raiven Mitchell, the talented daughter of Darsan and Regina Mitchell. As a senior at University Liggett School, Raiven showcases her exceptional academic performance with a stellar 4.0 GPA. Not only does she excel in her studies, but she also shines in various extracurricular activities. Raiven is a standout member of the Varsity Tennis team and Varsity Dance team, while also taking a leadership role in her school's Mental Health awareness club and actively participating in the Black Student Union's organizational activities.

Apart from her school commitments, Raiven finds joy in giving back to her community through volunteering efforts. She is an avid journaler, music enthusiast, and a skilled cellist. Her community spirit is evident through her involvement with the Gleaners Food Bank, her long-standing role in the Girl Scout Advisory Board of Southeastern Michigan, and her participation in various community initiatives. Raiven's involvement in volunteer work has reinforced her belief in the significance of giving back and making a positive impact on the world around her. Her experiences have emphasized the importance of active participation in community service efforts and have instilled in her a sense of responsibility towards uplifting those in need.

As a debutante, Raiven has gained invaluable insights into the importance of sisterhood, community engagement, and etiquette. Through her debutante experience, she has come to appreciate the true value of building strong bonds with her fellow debutantes, fostering a sense of sisterhood that goes beyond this experience. This has deepened her understanding of the power of unity and support among women.

With ambitious goals in mind, Raiven plans to pursue a degree in Biology at either Spelman College or the University of Michigan with a Wolverine Pathways Scholarship that will cover her tuition there. She also aims to minor in Public Health, with the ultimate dream of becoming a surgical oncologist or veterinarian in the future. Raiven attributes her growth to God, acknowledges her parents for their unwavering support, expresses gratitude to her friends for their constant motivation, and thanks her escort for sharing in this unforgettable experience. Raiven's journey has just began and she can not wait for what's to come!

Debutante Raiven is being escorted by ***Mr. Seth Kirk.***

She is being presented by her father, ***Mr. Darsan Mitchell.***

DEBUTANTE ARIELLE NEWSOME

Daughter of Dr. Jalonne L. White-Newsome and Mr. Hughey P. Newsome

Arielle Dianalynn Newsome of West Bloomfield, Michigan is the daughter of Hughey P. Newsome and Dr. Jalonne L. White-Newsome; the granddaughter of Dr. Maurice and Terrie W. Henderson, the late Attorney Joseph M. White and Paula White, and Dr. Carlton and Lenora Newsome. She is the older sister of Jeannelyn C. Newsome.

The Hebrew meaning of Arielle is Lion of God, and that is certainly how she has taken on life. A senior at West Bloomfield High School (WBHS), Arielle has maintained a 3.9 grade point average throughout her high school career, attaining membership in the National Honor Society, while balancing many extracurricular and community service activities.

Debutante Arielle continues her family's deep legacy of leadership and service. She serves as the Vice President of the Health Occupations Students of American (HOSA) Club, a national club that provides students early exposure to the medical field through various competitions. Beyond competition, helping people is one of Arielle's goals in everything she pursues. This past summer she completed her certification as a HealthQuest Physical Technician, where she continues to assist patients with their physical recovery journey.

Debutante Arielle has always had a heart for service across the generations. She has volunteered and worked at Trinity Christian Academy at Trinity Missionary Baptist Church in Pontiac, specifically working with Toddler-aged children and supporting office operations. Arielle has served as a tutor and mentor to incoming freshman at the high school. Arielle is also a member of Delta GEMS, a program affiliated with the Detroit Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., focused on engaging young women in personal and professional development.

Nicknamed "Dr. Block-A-Lot" by her fierceness on the volleyball court, Arielle has taken what started as a hobby in elementary school at the local YMCA and quickly transformed it into a passion that has led to many accolades: Most Valuable Player for West Bloomfield High School Varsity Volleyball Team; Oakland Athletic Association Volleyball Player of the Year; Region 15 MIVCA All Region and All League Team; AVCA Best and Brightest Award; and, #5 in the State of Michigan for Blocks. Arielle has played Club Volleyball with Legacy and Michigan Elite for several years, at the highest level. While she is recognized for her skills on the court, off the court, her mentorship, and friendship has also been lauded by her coaches, the school and club teams she's played on, and younger players.

Last summer, Debutante Arielle expanded her horizons, attending the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine Enrichment Program, Michigan State University Veterinarian Camp, and completing a Georgetown University Online Cybersecurity course.

After a very busy year of college visits and recruiting, Debutante Arielle will be attending the prestigious Hobart and William Smith College in Geneva, New York, pursuing a pre-medicine track on her way to a career as an orthopedic surgeon, and play for William Smith Herons Women's volleyball team in the Fall of 2024.

Arielle remains grateful to many teachers and mentors throughout her life, especially Mrs. Zanotti, Mrs. Townsend, Volleyball Coaches Rick, Laura & Liz; all of her Michigan, Arkansas (Aunties Mary & Mallory) and California (Uncle Troy) family; her Godmother's and mentors (Janae, Katie, Shon, Tamika & Brenitra) and her best friend, Tyger the Orange Tabby cat.

When asked by teachers, mentors and family, Debutante Arielle is described as smart, caring, focused, and embodies a beautiful spirit. We have no doubt that Arielle will continue a legacy of excellence as she continues her life journey.

Debutante Arielle is being escorted by ***Jarad Johnson.***

She is being presented by her father, ***Hughey P. Newsome.***

DEBUTANTE JASMINE PEARSON

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky and Quennitta Pearson

Introducing Debutante Jasmine Pearson. Jasmine is the daughter of Quennitta and Ricky Pearson. She is a junior at University Liggett School, Jasmine is a very exceptional student academically. While maintaining a 3.8 in school, she participates in high school activities such as Track and Dance. She is also a member of the Black Student Union club.

Outside of Jasmine's school activities she enjoys working at her mothers daycare, shopping, traveling and volunteering at her old middle school. Jasmine has been a proud member of the Word of Truth church and attends the service every Sunday. Prior to Covid she participated in her church's junior choir. Jasmine finds joy in the roles she plays in her community, she volunteered at the Gleaners Food Bank and at the Capuchin Soup Warehouse. She has also done grounds-keeping work at a Neighborhood Development Center.

Once Jasmine graduates highschool she plans to further her education at North Carolina A & T. She plans to major in Business Administration and minor in Marketing. After she finishes college she plans to further her career goals as a Management Analyst.

Jasmine would like to give a special thanks to God himself for the opportunities he has blessed her with, to her parents for being very supportive, and to my escort for being a part of this experience.

Debutante Jasmine is being escorted by ***Mr. Dylan Scott.***

She is being presented by her father, ***Mr. Ricky Pearson.***

DEBUTANTE AVA PREMPEH

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jabari and Gladys Ayala Prempeh

Debutante Ava Christina Ayala Prempeh is the daughter of Jabari Prempeh and Gladys Ayala Prempeh.

Ava is a junior at Mercy High School where she participates in the Pretty Brown Girl Club (PBG) and Black Awareness Society for Education (BASE). Ava first became a member of the PBG Club when she was 3 years old. PBG programming introduced her to the importance of volunteerism and the issues that affect black women and girls around the world. As a member of BASE, Ava performed in a Black history month assembly to bring awareness to the impact of Black Americans at Mercy and around the country.

In addition to her school involvement, Ava engages in numerous activities and extracurriculars. She is an active member of Jack and Jill of America Inc. Detroit Chapter and has been an active member since she was 7 years old. She currently holds the position of Recording Secretary on the teen executive board. Ava is also a member of The Co-Ette Club Inc. and served as the Fall Recording Secretary. She was also appointed to the Junior Board of Directors. At the Co-Ette Club's 82nd annual Charity Ball, Ava was named second special attendant to Ms. Co-Ette 2024 for her part in the Club raising over $50,000 for charity. The clubs in which Ava has chosen to participate have helped her gain confidence and cultivate her opinions on important issues in her community.

Ava is heavily involved in her community through volunteerism and her church. She has volunteered through numerous organizations including Motor City Steam, Summer In The City, Forgotten Harvest, Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Focus Hope, COTS, and PAL. Through Gesu Catholic Church, Ava is a part of the teen youth group and has served as an altar server since childhood. In June of 2023, Ava was selected to represent her church at the National Black Catholic Congress in Washington D.C. She was hand-picked from high-schoolers across the Archdiocese of Detroit and received a scholarship that covered all expenses.

Ava is also a talented volleyball player. During her time playing for Gesu Catholic School, Ava and her team won their catholic league championship. She has now been playing on an AAU team for three years in the setter position. In that role, it is her job to take the lead on the court and to ensure that every player performs to the best of their abilities. Through her experience, Ava has not only learned to be a leader, but to be reliable and dependable to others.

Ava would like to attend Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University or Howard University to major in biology/pre-medicine. She plans to become a dermatologist and aspires to open her own medical practice.

Ava would like to give thanks to her family for their support, everyone who donated, and her guests. She is especially grateful for her escort, Noah Sanders, and the Sanders family.

Debutante Ava is being escorted by ***Mr. Noah Sanders.***

She is being presented by her father, ***Mr. Jabari Prempeh.***

DEBUTANTE ELLISON REDWINE

Daughter of Ms. Lesley Esters-Redwine and Mr. Eric Redwine

Ellison Mireille Redwine, endearingly referred to as Ellie, is a Junior at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills, MI. She is the eldest daughter of Ms. Lesley Esters Redwine and Mr. Eric Michael Redwine. Ellison was born on May 31, 2007 in New York City, and briefly lived in Washington, D.C. Ellison's early education began in Birmingham Public Schools where she enjoyed playing soccer, tennis, dancing, including ballet, tap and jazz, and participating in theater with the Dream Arts Company Detroit where she participated in various musicals from the Wizard of Oz, Madeleine's Christmas, Cinderella's Glass Slipper, and Annie in both lead and supporting roles.

As a member of the class of 2025 at Sacred Heart, Ellison has been a scholar-athlete where she enjoys courses in the arts and sciences. Athletically, Ellison has earned three Varsity letters as a member of the Volleyball team where she earned the Most Improved Player Award in 2023. This Spring she is looking forward to competing in Track and Field. Ellison has earned prize awards in the arts where she is skilled in drawing and painting, singing and acting. In the Fall of 2023, Ellison was inducted in the International Thespian Society, and has performed in two high school plays including Clue and The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon.

Ellison has always been drawn to improving the world, and is passionate about serving the community and traveling. Over the last two years Ellison has given her time to weekly service projects including Hispanic Outreach, at La Casa Amiga in Pontiac, Michigan. She also currently enjoys volunteering with elementary children at Rodgers Elementary also in Pontiac, Michigan. One of her favorite aspects about her high school experience is service travel. Over the last three years Ellison has traveled to San Diego, California for an environmental clean-up project; New Orleans to rebuild houses with Habitat for Humanity in the lower 9th ward; Seattle, Washington to serve and learn about indigenous communities. This spring Ellison will travel to Iquitos, Peru as a part of a project to help kids with education in rural parts of the Amazon.

Ellison also enjoys participating in various activities and organizations including Jack and Jill Oakland County where she serves as an officer as Chapter Historian. She also participates in AKA Teens Detroit where she is an elected officer. Ellison participates in SINORMS/BCAP, which is a program targeted at students with interests in health careers. Last summer, Ellison participated in the LEAD/REEX leadership program at New York University with students from across the country.

In her free time Ellison loves fashion, spending time listening to music, photography, drawing and learning new languages. She loves Japanese culture, including Anime which leads her to participate in local and national ComicCon conventions. Ellison enjoys rollerblading and is learning to deejay.

As she looks to the future, Ellison has set her sights on combining her love of the environment and creative talents, and will attend an art school or liberal arts college or university.

Ellison attributes her success in life to her devoted parents who have been with her every step of the way. She is also grateful for the village around her that loves and supports her pursuits. She is immensely thankful to The Cotillion Society of Detroit Educational Foundation, and the experiences she has gained over the last year helping to build her confidence and meeting new people. Finally, Ellison would like to thank the Vesprini family for their support of her this debutante season.

Debutante Ellison is being escorted by ***Mr. Bennett Vesprini.***

She is being presented by her father, ***Mr. Eric Michael Redwine.***

DEBUTANTE JADA ROBERTS

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy and Alicia Roberts

The daughter of Alicia and Jimmy Roberts, Jada embodies the spirit of excellence in both her academic and extracurricular endeavors. In the heart of Farmington Hills, at Mercy High School, thrives Jada Roberts, a junior whose journey is a testament to dedication, leadership, and community service.

With a steadfast commitment to her studies, Jada has consistently excelled, boasting a cumulative GPA of 3.86. Her academic prowess is matched by her achievements outside the classroom, having been a Scholar Athlete for three years and maintaining a spot on the Honor Roll throughout her high school career.

As the captain of the Mercy Varsity Pom team, Jada's leadership shines brightly. Her exceptional talent and dedication have also landed her a prestigious position on the All-Star State Pom Team, representing the finest pommers across Michigan. Beyond the floor, Jada has been an integral part of Mercy's Student Council since her freshman year, demonstrating her commitment to leadership and student governance.

Jada's passion for community extends through her active participation in the Black Awareness Society for Education (B.A.S.E.) and Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), enriching her educational journey with a focus on health and awareness. Her engagement with The Co-Ette Club Incorporated and AKATeens of Detroit underscores her commitment to philanthropy, volunteerism, and developing leadership skills among young black women.

Her heart for service is evident in her volunteer work at Gesu Catholic Church and Motor City Steam, where she aids the homeless and underprivileged students globally. Additionally, Jada contributes her time to the Helping Hand Tutoring Group, tutoring elementary students and fostering educational growth.

Looking ahead, Jada aspires to major in Biology at either the University of Michigan or Howard University, paving her path to becoming a surgeon. Inspired by the historical challenges faced by African Americans in medical fields, she is determined to bridge gaps and advocate for trust and accuracy in healthcare.

Jada extends her deepest gratitude to her family, The family of Antwan McMullan Jr., and the Cotillion Society of Detroit for their unwavering support. Her journey is not just a pursuit of personal achievements but a mission to inspire, lead, and make her mark on the world.

Debutante Jada is being escorted by ***Mr. Antwan McMullan, Jr.***

She is being presented by her father, ***Mr. Jimmy Roberts.***

DEBUTANTE MEGAN ROBERTS

Daughter of Ms. Tiffany Roberts and Mr. Tyrone Roberts

Debutante Megan Roberts Is the youngest child of Tyrone Roberts and Tiffany Roberts. She has one sister Tai Roberts and One brother John O'Rouke. Megan Roberts is the granddaughter of Deborah Manning and Leo Manning. Megan was raised in Southfield, Michigan where she gained her education and developed long lasting friendships. Megan is currently a senior at University High School Academy in Lathrup Village, Michigan.

Megan is persistent and self-disciplined about her education since middle school. Megan has maintained honor roll grades throughout her high school career. She was placed on her senior school board of class officers as the presiding secretary. Megan attends an AP Capstone school where she currently has taken 6 Advanced Placement classes throughout highschool.

With Megan's personal goals and drive she has been involved in other things other than academics. With her passion to give back to the school community she is a member of Student Council, United for Christ leaders, Book Club, Midnight Golf Program, OSTC and the list goes on.

Megan has her mind set on pursuing higher education in a community where she feels at home and can thrive amongst other students who look and think like her. She will be attending an illustrious HBCU of her choice where she will continue to inspire her community and perform selfless acts of service. Megan is seeking scholarship opportunities to an HBCU where she will double major in Food and Nutritional Science and Business Management. Her long term goal is to eventually become a CFO of a restaurant or own a restaurant of her own.

Megan's hobbies include reading, painting, cooking, and the game of golf. Megan is very committed to helping others in various ways. One of her favorite roles was being a swim instructor at Aqua Tots where she taught kids 4 months to 13 years old learn how to swim for their survival in serious conditions.

Megan gives her deepest thanks to her father Tyrone Roberts and her grandmother Deborah Manning for shaping her into the sophisticated young lady she strives to be everyday. She would also like to thank the rest of her family for their unwavering support and love. Megan would like to thank her escort and his mother Terry Daniels and Nicole Alequin. She would also like to thank her sponsor Mrs. Lynn Johnson and the Gathering Friends Organization. Lastly, she would like to thank the Debutante Club for giving her the opportunity to gain the knowledge and skills she needs to survive as a black woman in this world.

Debutante Megan is being escorted by ***Mr. Terry Daniels Alequin.***

She is being presented by her father, ***Mr. Tyrone Roberts.***

DEBUTANTE ZOEY ROGERS

Daughter of Taqueece Myers & the late Charles Rogers

Debutante Zoey Rogers is a senior at Birmingham Groves High School in Beverly Hills, Michigan, is the daughter of Taqueece Myers and the late Charles Rogers, and the twin sister of Zachary Rogers. Zoey holds a 3.8 GPA and is a member of the National Honor Society. She serves as a Co-Director in Student Congress, and an active member in both the Interact Club and African Americans Changing Tomorrow (AACT). Additionally, she is a dedicated mentor with the Groves Big Sister Big Brother program, and she displays her athletic talents on both the Pompon and Track teams.

Zoey is committed to serving her community. She has devoted numerous hours to community service, working with a variety of organizations over the years. In addition to her school activities, Zoey is an active participant in AKA Teens of Detroit and holds a significant position on the Teen Executive Board of iRIS Blooms Inc. Her varied interests guided her to the 400 Forward Program, where she contributed to a number of architectural projects, notably the design and construction of a mini-golf course. Additionally, her efforts as a part of 400 Forward in the City: One Michigan Central Station Challenge, sponsored by Ford Motor Company, earned her recognition from Ford Mobility and a stipend. Zoey has been featured with 400 Forward in Essence, Architectural Digest, Arch Daily, and Madame Architect, among others. Further highlighting her versatility, Zoey completed an internship with Journi, where she learned front-end web development and created a mobile-responsive website.

Inspired by her experiences and love for community, Zoey founded the Glow & Grow Circle for girl empowerment. Through this initiative, she promotes health and wellness, engages in girl talk, sets goals, and delves into topics such as school life and fashion fixes.

Despite receiving several college acceptances and some scholarship offers, she remains undecided about what school she will attend. Inspired by her twin brother, Zoey aspires to pursue a degree in Kinesiology, aiming to become a Doctor of Physical Therapy.

In her personal life, Zoey enjoys various activities that reflect her well-rounded personality, such as shopping, traveling, listening to music, reading, and spending time with friends and family.

Zoey is grateful for the unwavering love and support from her mother, family, friends, and donors. She extends special thanks to her grandfather, Grandpa Charles, for presenting her, and to her escort, Cayden Hardy, and his family for their participation and support. She also sends a special thank you to Dr. Clark and The Cotillion Society of Detroit for this opportunity.

Debutante Zoey is being escorted by ***Mr. Cayden Hardy.***

She is being presented by her grandfather, ***Mr. Charles, Sr.***

DEBUTANTE RIELLY RUDOLPH

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David and Contessa Rudolph

Rielly Cianna Rudolph of Detroit, MI was born on August 9, 2006, and is the only child of David and Contessa Rudolph.

Rielly is a senior at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills where she has been recognized for her high achievement in Advanced Placement courses including afforded membership into the National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS). Rielly is an active Mercy Girl, serving as a member of Black Awareness Society for Education (BASE) and an inaugural member of the Mercy Cheer team, earning three varsity letters.

Outside of school Rielly has been active in community service since she was five years old, even starting her own non-profit dedicated to providing support to youth including patients at Children's Hospital and local transitional housing organizations. Rielly is the youngest person to receive a Spirit of Detroit Award for her "Rielly's No Carve Pumpkin Project" at five years old. She is a longtime volunteer at Neighborhood Service Organization and volunteers at locally with her peers from Mercy High School.

Rielly has been a member of Jack and Jill of America Motor City Chapter since 2016, where she currently serves as the foundation chair, in addition to past roles as community service and legislative chair for the teen group. She also served as a chapter delegate for the Regional Teen Leadership Conference. She especially enjoys opportunities for her to interact with younger Jacks and Jills, modeling leadership.

Rielly's passion for service led her to serve as Youth Representative for the Wayne County Commissioner Advisory Board and currently the Skillman Foundation President's Youth Council where she can give voice to youth issues within the Detroit communities and support solutions through the distribution of grant funds. Rielly is also a member of the Midnight Golf Program and is enjoying learning the sport and networking with peers and mentors.

In her free time, Rielly loves creating art. Rielly's paintings have displayed in local galleries, but she especially loves to share her creations with family. She most recently, explored ceramics and digital media art and even submitted pieces for competition. Rielly was excited to participate in a study abroad program that took her to France where she experienced the exquisite art and building designs, stoking her future career interest.

Rielly plans to study architecture design at the University of Detroit Mercy this fall. She wants to use her education to bring sustainable and affordable architecture design to communities of color.

Debutante Rielly Cianna Rudolph would like to express her gratitude to her parents, Contessa and David Rudolph, for their unconditional and unwavering love and support during her journey as a debutante and introduction as a young lady. She would like to thank The Cotillion Society of Detroit Educational Society Foundation, her mentors and the trustees for awarding her the opportunity of being a part of the Debutante Club and a once in a lifetime experience. She would also like to acknowledge relatives and friends who continue to provide spiritual and emotional support.

Debutante Rielly is being escorted by ***Mr. Jasir Rahaman.***

She is being presented by her father, ***Mr. David Rudolph.***

DEBUTANTE ANIAH RUSSAW

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. DeAndre and Camille Russaw

Debutante Aniah Russaw is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. DeAndre & Camille Russaw and the oldest of four children. Aniah is a junior at West Bloomfield High School and has maintained a 3.9 GPA. She is devoted to becoming a well-rounded individual through community involvement, mentoring, and participating in academic programs to prepare for her future. Aniah intends to pursue higher education at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor as a nursing student.

Aniah actively participates at her high school by taking advantage of opportunities as a student leader. Currently, she is a student peer mentor to other students to aide in their success emotionally, socially, and academically. Furthermore, she is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars, Wolverines Pathways Scholar through the University of Michigan, high school student scholar in the Readying Youth Scientists for Excellence in Medicine, Health Equity, and Discovery (RYSE MED) Program hosted by the Henry Ford Medical Group (HFMG) Office of Diversity and Inclusion (ODI), Co-Ette Club, Health Science Club (Health Occupations Students of America), Sisters in Society, Varsity Poms team, and a student leader ambassador at West Bloomfield High School.

Determined to become a Nurse Practitioner, Aniah has sought opportunities to pursue additional academic course work throughout high school. She attended Bowling Green State University Nurse Camp where she experienced a glimpse in the life of a nurse. As a RYSE MED scholar, she shadowed physicians, learned medical skills, explored healthcare careers, and developed college skills. Aniah concluded the summer program with an assigned group to present their health equity topic, "Maternal Mortality Rates in Black Women". She continues to gain additional experience in the RYSE MED Research track throughout the school year. In addition, this summer Aniah will attend Yale University for a pre-college program in Medicine and Healthcare at the National Student Leadership Conference. In the fall, she will participate in the Medical mentorship program at her high school where she will be paired with a physician to provide clinical exposure opportunities for students.

Aniah's past accolades include a feature on WDIV-Local 4 News for Rhonda's Brag Book. As a freshman, she was recognized for her academic success and as an active member in the student leadership program. She was awarded the Youth Community Service Award on the behalf of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Task Force, Inc. of Southfield, Michigan. The award was for those "Who give back to their community and demonstrate courage, compassion, and service". Aniah also received the 2020 Power Dance Company Dancer of the Year award for displaying positivity, leadership, dedication, and hard work.

Aniah's hobbies include listening to various genres of music, volunteering, dancing, and spending time with family. In fact, Aniah has competed competitively in dance since she was five years of age. She has won numerous awards in her age division as a #1 soloist for lyrical and jazz dance. Her greatest accomplishment was earning 1st place as a 2x National Champion in the Intermediate Teen Division as a soloist for lyrical & jazz.

Lastly, special thanks to family and friends. Aniah is sincerely thankful for the love and encouragement especially to her parents who always support her dreams and aspirations.

Debutante Aniah is being escorted by ***Mr. James Davis, III.***

She is being presented by her father, ***Mr. Deandre Russaw.***

DEBUTANTE

Savannah Shivers

DEBUTANTE SAVANNAH SHIVERS

Daughter of Dr. Sarena Shivers and Mr. and Mrs. Craig Shivers

Savannah Nicole Shivers, born March 17, 2006, in Ann Arbor Michigan, is the daughter of Dr. Sarena Shivers and Craig Shivers.

She currently is a senior at Washtenaw International High School (WIHI) in Ypsilanti, Michigan. WIHI was named in October 2023 the best high school in the state of Michigan based on their academic offerings, student achievement and other factors. Savannah has taken full advantage of this incredible learning environment and is a dedicated and hard-working student, committed to her studies at one of the most rigorous high schools in the state, maintaining a 3.6 GPA.

Currently Savannah has been admitted to every college she has applied to, but plans on attending Hampton University, a family tradition where her grandparents and aunt are alumni, and her cousins currently attend. She dreams of delving into the world of psychology with a specific emphasis on child development earning not only a bachelors and masters, but one day pursuing her PhD and becoming a licensed psychologist. Her passion for youth, understanding people, fostering relationships and supporting everyone regardless of their background or culture makes this career path an excellent fit for her compassionate and nurturing nature.

Savannah is not only committed to her academic pursuits but is also an active member of various clubs and organizations. At school she is an invaluable part of the Amnesty International Club and the Black Student Union, where she uses both her math and leadership skills to serve as the treasurer for both. Savannah is deeply connected to and concerned about issues involving human rights and spoken out about incidents related to diversity and equity in her school. She is known to be a young champion for social justice and often called upon by school leadership to use her voice and advocacy to support others. Savannah has also mentored and tutored middle school students at Washtenaw International Middle Academy.

Outside of school, Savannah is a Sorrell (youth group sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated) and has equally enjoyed her time as a debutante with The Cotillion Society of Detroit. In all these endeavors, Savannah volunteers her time, demonstrating a keen sense of responsibility and a commitment to making a positive impact in the lives of others.

Being a hard-working student and having many ways in which she gives back to the community is not enough for Savannah. She generously donates her time at the local library planning literacy events for local elementary students. Additionally, for over a year, Savannah has held a part-time job where she serves as an after-school counselor at an elementary school in Ann Arbor, Michigan, three days a week. In her free time, Savannah has a passion for baking, and makes room to spend quality time with her close family and friends. She is also a passionate and creative writer and enjoys reading a good book from time to time.

In addition to her mom and dad, Savannah is loved by her stepmother, Alicia Shivers, her Grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter and Marian McKinnie and Mrs. Carol Shivers. She is also supported by her aunts, a host of cousins and extended family. However, day in and day out, Savannah is loved, supported and deeply cared for by her three siblings, Josh, Courtney and Elijah. If you know Savannah, then you know the apples of her eye are her nephew Kashton Williams (who she has diligently cared for since birth) and her dog Charlie. Savannah Nicole Shivers is an amazing young lady with a bright and incredible future awaiting.

Debutante Savannah is being escorted by ***Mr. Aman Cooper.***

She is being presented by her father, ***Mr. Craig Shivers.***

DEBUTANTE KADEN SMITH

Daughter of Ms. Gloria Smith and Mr. Kevin Smith

Debutante Kaden Logan Smith is the daughter of Gloria Smith and Kevin Smith. She is a beautiful, young woman of virtue, high moral character, intelligence, charismatic, driven, and dynamic. As the only child, she is loved and cherished unconditionally. She is the granddaughter of Willetta and John Nelson, grandparents Carolyn and Wendell Williams, and grandparents Andrea and Michael Smith.

Debutante Kaden is currently a Junior at West Bloomfield High School. Kaden is an amazing young lady and exceptionally gifted student who has always excelled academically, especially in math and science. She is serious about the importance of education and has maintained an outstanding GPA in high school. On October 11, 2023, she was inducted into the National Honor Society. Her high school curriculum is further enriched by Advance Placement classes where she continues to shine.

Kaden also serves in many extracurricular activities and service programs. Kaden has been a member of the varsity Pom Pon Team, Track Team, Theatre and Drama club, Peer Mentorship Program, and Year Book committee. Giving back to the youth and supporting the community is important to Kaden. Kaden volunteers as a Middle School Tutor and works as a Youth Counselor at The Hawk - Farmington Hills Community Center. She understands that sometimes younger students feel disconnected from the adults so she likes to be the bridge and show them that they can achieve their goals too.

Kaden is passionate about her creative expressions through competitive dance, acting, music, painting, writing and jewelry creation. Dancing is one of Kaden's true loves and she's been dancing since age three. She showcases her talent, discipline, and commitment to the art of dance. When she's on the stage all of that love and passion shines through her smile and each kick and turn. Kaden enjoys letting her light shine bright as she blesses others with her exuberant performances. She truly enjoys helping to uplift the audience's energy and see people smile and come to life during the show.

Upon graduation, Kaden plans to attend Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University to pursue a degree in Business and Entrepreneurship. Kaden's entrepreneurial spirit has always been present. As a small child Kaden would make and sell crafts of jewelry, scented pillows, hair accessories and mini books. Now Kaden's dream is to establish herself in the realm of real estate. Kaden has participated in property demolitions and rehabs, building layout design updates, rental property management and sales. She has created her own company in preparation for building a real estate portfolio. She will have apartment complexes and find ways to provide housing for families in need.

Debutante Kaden would like to thank her mother and father for their unconditional love, support, guidance, and demonstration of living a life that continually brings new experiences and perspectives. She also wholeheartedly values the love and support of her grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, godparents, godsisters, godbrothers, and friends. Thank you to Ms. Paula Dunlap, mother of her escort and Christopher Howard, her escort and past school mate. Kaden gives honor to God and acknowledges His presence, favor, grace, and mercy bestowed upon her. Finally, a special thank you to The Cotillion Society of Detroit Educational Foundation for a wonderful, enriching, and memorable debutante experience that she has thoroughly enjoyed.

Debutante Kaden is escorted by ***Mr. Christopher Howard.***

She is being presented by her father, ***Kevin L. Smith.***

DEBUTANTE KAYDEN SMITH

Daughter of Ms. Breann McCree and Mr. Rogers Smith

Kayden Smith is the daughter of Breann McCree and Rogers Smith. Kayden is currently a Junior at Detroit Country Day School.

Kayden is a three year varsity cheerleader and track athlete. She is a member of Black Student Alliance (B.S.A). Kayden has participated in community service, Jewelry making, and sign language club.

Kayden volunteers to help students in the metro Detroit area with critical thinking skills. She works with the organization Math 4 Success. This organization helps underprivileged students in low funded schools

Kayden goes to Christ Our Savior Church located in walled lake. At this Church she helps pack meals or makes care packages for the homeless. She enjoys helping out others that are less fortunate.

After graduating from Detroit Country Day School she hopes to attend Michigan State or Spellman in the fall of 2025. Her intended Major is Nursing and her minor is healthcare administration. Kayden wants to become a Nurse anesthetist.

Kayden would love to give a special thanks to Jordan Lee being her escort and TCSDEF for an amazing opportunity.

Debutante Kayden is being escorted by ***Mr. Jordan Lee.***

She is being presented by her father, ***Mr. Roger Smith.***

DEBUTANTE MACKENZIE THOMAS

Daughter of Ms. Letisha Thomas and Mr. Roderick Thomas

Debutante Mackenzie Noelle Thomas is the lovely daughter of Ms. Letisha Thomas and Mr. Roderick Thomas. She is the granddaughter of Christine McClellan of Detroit and Mattie Coleman of Louisiana. Mackenzie is the first-born child to her parents and the older sister to her brother, Nicholas Thomas who is 15 years old. Mackenzie is a member of LAM Christian Church.

Debutante Mackenzie is a Junior at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, MI. She is academically driven and has earned several awards and accolades during her academic career. Mackenize strives to be a well-rounded student including being involved in several extra-curricular activities. As a current cheerleader, she holds the role of Captain for the Mercy High School Varsity Cheer team where she cheers sideline and competitively.

Mackenzie is a servant-leader in the community by volunteering her time over the years in organizations like SpringHill Camps, Gleaners, Bottomless Toy Chest, Meals on Wheels, Elmwood Elementary, Grace Center of Hope, and the Salvation Army.

Mackenzie takes pride in all that she does. Her introduction to sports began in volleyball where she played for 3 years. Her love for dance led to a dance career of 12 years, which included competitive dance. Mackenzie has been a child of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., the North Oakland/Macomb Chapter, for 13 years and has blossomed into a teen leader by holding the position of Step and Skit Chair for two years as well as serving on various committees. Over the years, Mackenize has participated in a plethora of cultural, health, legislative, educational, community and social activities. She is an AKATeen of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Pi Tau Omega Chapter, and has participated in the Pink and White Scholarship Ball in 2023. Mackenzie is a member of the Black Awareness Society for Education where she has served as Step Captain for the 2023 Mercy High School Ethnic Bazaar.

Mackenzie plans to pursue a career in Social Work where she can extend her love and compassion for others while making a difference in lives. Mackenzie plans to attend a Historically Black College or University, such as Florida A&M or Morgan State University after her high school graduation in 2025.

Debutante Mackenzie would like to thank her mother and father for all their years of love, support, and dedication. She sends a heartfelt thank you to her brother, immediate and extended family, and family friends who have made a difference in her life and supported her in her Debutante Season.

Mackenzie would like to thank Damon Patton, II for being her Escort and sacrificing his time and staying committed to endless dance lessons and rehearsals to make this Debutante Ball very special for her. She sends a big thank you to his parents for their support during this Debutante season as well. Mackenzie is extremely grateful to Dr. Renita Barge-Clark, Dr. Edwina Patterson and Mrs. Karen Hunter for believing in her and offering her the opportunity to be a 2024 Debutante. Mackenzie would also like to thank her mentor, Ms. Mechelle White for keeping her on track during this Debutante season as well as the entire TCSDEF board for cultivating a unique, unforgettable, and phenomenal experience with an amazing group of Debutantes.

Debutante Mackenzie is being escorted by ***Mr. Damon Patton II.***

She is being presented by her father, ***Mr. Roderick Thomas.***

DEBUTANTE AUTUMN WALKER

Daughter of Dr. Tara Walker and Mr. Donald Walker

Autumn Rose Walker is the daughter of Mr. Donald and Dr. Tara Walker. She is the youngest sister of brother Anthony and sister Kayla. She is a kind, driven, warm young lady, who is beautiful inside and out. Autumn's middle name, Rose, is a tribute to her late great-grandmother, Bertha Mae Walker, who loved roses.

Autumn is a junior and proud Phoenix at Renaissance High School. Since her acceptance, she's maintained a rigorous academic schedule consisting of Honors, Advanced Placement, and International Baccalaureate classes, achieving an overall 4.03 GPA. Autumn strives for high academic achievement, and she is most proud of her induction into the National Junior Honor Society in middle school and the National Honor Society where she serves on the executive board within her chapter.

Autumn is a member of Phoenix Outreach Volunteer Club, a leader in the University of Michigan's Victors Club, Women of Tomorrow, Wisdom Warriors, and was recently elected Senior Class Treasurer. Autumn danced competitively for ten years. This opened the door for her to become a Prancing Phoenix Fire-ette on the majorette team. She was selected to represent the Southfield Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated at the 2023 National Presidential Youth Conference. She is a member of the Dr. Jeanne L. Noble Delta GEMS program where she serves as secretary. Autumn is a teen assistant for Oakland Church of Christ's Wee Worship program and also volunteers for Meals on Wheels and Forgotten Harvest.

Autumn's hobbies include thrifting, reading, traveling, cooking, self-care, listening to music, watching old movies and television shows, photography, and having fun with her friends and family.

Autumn hopes to attend an HBCU and is interested in majoring in engineering, actuarial science, or data science. She hopes to leave a positive impact on the world through her future career and leave a legacy that her parents will be proud of.

Debutante Autumn would like to deeply thank her mother and father for all of their love, support, and guidance over the years. She also thanks her family and everyone for their support. She is truly grateful to her escort, Robert Bridges, and the Bridges family. She greatly appreciates the Cotillion Society of Detroit Education Foundation for exposing her to new experiences. She will use their teachings for the rest of her life.

Debutante Autumn is being escorted by ***Mr. Robert Bridges.***

Autumn is being presented by her father, ***Mr. Donald Walker Jr.***

DEBUTANTE MADISON WILLIAMS

Daughter of Ms. Jasmin Carlton and Mr. Corey Williams

Debutante Madison McKai Williams is the eldest Daughter of Jasmin Carlton and Corey Williams. Madison is a junior at Cass Technical High School here in Detroit Michigan.

Madison is a determined, hardworking, driven, and heavily involved student currently maintaining a 4.1 GPA. Madison serves on the Junior Board of Directors and as treasurer of the Co-Ette Club Inc- which has allowed her to further her leadership and business etiquette skills. Throughout her membership, Madison has individually gathered over $1,500 in fundraising to donate to organizations such as the American Red Cross, NAACP, and UNCF, also making her a member of 'The Queen's Court. Madison was also awarded the 'Spirit of Detroit' award for earning 50 hours of volunteer service this past year. In total, Madison has completed over 100 hours of volunteer and philanthropy work for several black organizations in the Metro Detroit area during her high school career such as Motor City STEAM, Alpha Kappa Alpha Foundation of Detroit, NAACP Detroit Chapter, and many more. Due to the discovery of her passion for giving back to her community, Madison will be launching her own nonprofit service action project this summer.

Even as a transfer student, Madison is active in her school's extra curricular programs. She is a member of the Cass Tech DECA club and Adidas's Soundlab Big Sean Studio at her school. Using these opportunities to gain background knowledge in her future career, Madison has been able to cultivate a personalized pathway to gain knowledge in music technology, management, and business. Madison's ambition and focus throughout her highschool career has allowed her to exceed academic expectations, earning her a designation with the National Honor Society at her previous school's (Bloomfield Hills High School) chapter. Madison has consistently demonstrated her activism and ability to lead. She was an executive member of the Black Student Alliance and HBCU Club for 2 years. During her membership, Madison coordinated several events to help expand and recognize black culture in a predominantly white, non-diverse community. Madison was also asked to join the High School's Student Equity Committee in middle school and remained active during her high school years to aid in revising school policy and improve the code of conduct regarding racism. To finish off her time at Bloomfield Hills High School, Madison was elected to become a member of the Diversity Assembly Committee during her sophomore year. With the help of 7 others, she conducted the production and organization of an assembly for all grades to receive first hand presentations from minorities to help students develop a well rounded sense of how to be racially mindful. Lastly, Madison is an employee at Kumon Learning Center in Farmington Hills, MI - an extracurricular tutoring program to help children advance their skills in math and reading. As Reading Program Completer and employee for nearly 4 years, Madison continually demonstrates her commitment to youth education. As a former student of 10 years at Kumon Learning Center, Madison achieved awards "Level G By 4" in math and reading and "Level J By 6" in reading. Madison plans to pursue a degree in Marketing and Music Technology with dreams of becoming a Record Executive and owner of her own Marketing Agency. Madison has strong hopes of attending Spelman College after graduation from Cass Technical High School.

Debutante Madison would like to thank her mom for all the years of love, support, and guidance she has provided without ceasing. Additionally, Madison is extremely grateful for the support and encouragement given to her by her loving grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Lastly, Madison extends a heartfelt thank you to the entire TCSDEF board for cultivating such unique and unforgettable experiences.

Debutante Madison is being escorted by ***Mr. Christian Scott.***
She is being presented by her father, ***Mr. Corey Williams.***

2024 Escorts

Escort
Michael Thacker

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Caprise Thacker, Sr.

Michael Thacker II, the son of Caprise and Michael Thacker Sr, will be escorting Debutante Janae Broadnax. He is a Junior that attends Utica Community Schools that plans to attend an HBCU with his major and minor undecided. Michael's ultimate career goals are to build a career that makes him happy, and also gives him the benefit of being financially free and stable. He also has a desire to be a big philanthropist in his community and to become a mentor for the youth. Michael's high school activities include basketball and track. Over the years, he attended organizational events such as DAPCEP, Money Matters, and DAPCEP Intro to Computer Programming. His hobbies include spending time with family, traveling and playing basketball. I want to give a special thanks to my mom for always being a helping hand and investing in my future.

Michael will be escorting ***Debutante Janae Broadnax*** *today.*

Escort

Keith Adams

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane J. Thomas

Introducing Keith Adams, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane J. Thomas. A charismatic and accomplished young gentleman poised to make a dazzling debut at the Debutante Ball. Keith is a University of Detroit Jesuit High School scholar. With an unwavering passion for understanding the history of his African-American ancestors and awareness for today's youth, Keith is an active member of Black Awareness Society for Education (B.A.S.E). Keith embodies grace, intelligence, and charm. A member of the Varsity Football Team, he brings a unique blend of grit and humility to every game. Keith's journey is defined by his love for God and all God's people, making him an outstanding deacon at Silver Star Missionary Baptist Church. His future goal is to attend University of Michigan or Morehouse University and study Finances and Cyber Security. As the escort of Debutante Miss Jordyn Jenkins, Keith is ready to embrace the elegance of the ball with style and grace.

*Keith will be escorting **Debutante Jordyn Jenkins** today.*

Escort

Terry Daniels Alequín

Son of Ms. Nicole Alequín and Mr. Terry Daniels

Terry Daniels Alequin is the son of Nicole Alequín and Terry Daniels. He is currently a Junior at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School. He is involved in sports, language and music at his school. He is a member of the Track & Field team, Latin Club and the Varsity Wrestling team. He is also a member of the Symphony and Marching Band where he plays the tenor saxophone. He is a member of Saints Peter and Paul Jesuit Church and enjoys attending community service events at Matrix Human Services and Focus Hope. He also enjoys writing, drawing, running, music, connecting with his peers and wrestling during the off school season.

Terry is exploring his career path, at the moment he is considering going into pre-med at Michigan State University or Wayne State University and pursuing a major in sports medicine and becoming a physician.

"I would like to give a special thanks to My Mother, My Coaches, My Friends, My family, and anyone else who has helped shape and support me into who I am today and what I will become in the future"

*Terry will be escorting **Debutante Megan Roberts** today.*

Escort
Robert Bridges

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Sharod and Alisa Bridges

Robert Bridges is the versatile son of Sharod and Alisa Bridges. He is currently a Senior at North Farmington High School. He is very active in sports and enjoys playing football. He is an esteemed wide receiver and running back on North's Varsity Football Team as well as a runner on the Varsity Track Team. Furthermore, after a considerable growth spurt in his junior year, he was natural as a center on North's basketball team.

When Robert is not on the field or the track, you would think he would be somewhere resting. You will find him actively engaged as a member of the Yearbook Club. He spends countless hours coordinating photo selection and proposing layout design ideas for the school's yearbook in collaboration with other club members.

Robert is a special young man. He is a leader and a role model. He is an active member of EMBODI (Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence). This is a youth program for males that is aligned with Southfield Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Incorporated. Robert believes this program and others have become integral to setting his moral compass and values. For the past 5 years, he has dedicated himself to continue to grow in order to effectively give back to the community through this program. He has volunteered his time to help escort guests for The Torch of Wisdom Foundation, Inc. at the 11th Annual Honoring Local Heroes. He was able to connect with other individuals that have made a difference in the community. Robert has also participated in the Youth Employment Program through The Torch of Wisdom Foundation, Inc. In this program, for 5 weeks he dedicated his time to participating in growing and learning and creating a personal brand with a team of peers, in which they won 1st place. All of this activity has had a profound affirming impact on Robert's life in fulfilling priorities and goals.

Robert has big plans for the future. He wants to return back to the roots of his family's history. After he graduates from high school, he plans to attend a Historically Black College or University. He is hoping to get accepted into Central State University or his Mother's Alma Mater, Alabama A&M University. With life, there is always inevitable uncertainty. Everything is subject to change depending upon circumstances. Even though he is still undecided about what he wants to major in, he is interested in Computer Science and Graphic Design. He enjoys coming up with designs and would like to create his own game design or computer graphics. Robert is the epitome of versatility, creativity and utilizing sports to foster team building and leadership qualities.

Robert's life has been full of opportunities to build bonds and establish meaningful ties in order to help others. He would like to thank his parents for being supportive. He would like to thank Debutant Autumn Walker, her parents and The Cotillion Society of Detroit for allowing him to experience and serve as an escort for 2024.

*Robert will be escorting **Debutante Autumn Walker** today.*

Escort
Cayden Brown

Son of Ms. Jamerson Rose and Mr. Jacob Brown

Cayden Brown, the son of Jamerson Rose and Jacob Brown, is a 17-year-old award-winning activist, thought innovator, and legal liberationist. At just 16, Cayden became a Juvenile Defense Attorney through the Oakland County Teen Court program, gaining recognition for sustaining an unbroken series of victories in the courtroom. Some of his other notable roles include serving as the Statewide Political Mobilization Leader at Dream For America and founding The Trespass Project—a bold nonprofit working to advance the legal literacy of minority youth, empowering them to audaciously seize positions of power.

He graced the cover of The Michigan Chronicle's September 2023 issue as "The Future of Social Change," was featured in Black Enterprise, and has been named among the Top 100 National Black Lawyers, at only sixteen-years-old. Plus, he's made history as the first-ever Detroit Changemakers Spotlight for Outlier Media.

Ultimately, Cayden is a proud Black young man of faith who believes that "legal literacy equals liberation" and epitomizes a revolutionary era, where all become stewards of change—Regardless of age.

*Cayden will be escorting **Debutante Mirissa Brown** today.*

Escort

Jermaine Calloway II

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jermaine and Letrice Calloway

Jermaine Calloway is a Senior at University Liggett School, in Grosse Pointe Michigan. He is also the son, and the youngest child, of Letrice and Jermaine Calloway Sr.

Jermaine is actively involved in his school's athletics, playing football in the fall, indoor track in the winter and outdoor track in the spring. Outside of athletics he also has a heavy interest in fashion while owning his own business. This brand is called Optimist and its message is to look on the bright side, and helping people realize that things are always better than you think.

Academically, Jermaine has maintained a 3.5 grade point average during his 4 years at University Liggett, with a major academic interest in science. He plans to expand upon this interest and get a degree in computer engineering.

He is currently undecided on his college choice, but has narrowed his options down to Florida A&M, Michigan State, or Butler University.

"I am incredibly thankful for the opportunities that have presented themselves to me through the people that God has put in my life. Without them I most likely would not be who I am today and I am forever grateful."

*Jermaine will be escorting **Desirai Mitchell** today.*

Escort

Aman Cooper

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ammiel and Nakedae Cooper

Aman Cooper is the son of Ammiel and Nakedae Cooper. He is a senior at the Early College Alliance (ECA) high school at Eastern Michigan University (EMU). While at ECA, Aman will receive 51 college credits to take with him to the university of his choice.

Aman is active in several extracurricular activities at the ECA. He serves as the President of the Black Student Union (BSU). The BSU is an organization that allows African American students to gather and discuss local and world issues that impact them. Under his leadership, the BSU has implemented and organized multiple fundraisers including a holiday toy drive, bake sale, bingo day, and restaurant-sponsored events. The BSU has built a great relationship with the Salvation Army through the help of Aman and the rest of the hardworking board members of the Black Student Union to give back to the Ypsilanti community through donations and service. Aman is also a member of the Inner Club Council. The Inner Club Council is a group of student organization leaders that make executive decisions on future student events and implement policies and procedures.

On the weekends, and as time permits during the week, Aman works as a banquet houseman at the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Marriott. Some of his duties included setting up special events by executing floor plans, and providing excellent customer service to guests and conference attendees.

Aman is excited to attend a four-year college in the fall. He has been accepted to several universities and has received scholarship opportunities. Although he hasn't made a final decision on where to matriculate, he plans to study computer science. More importantly, Aman is a very humble young man who displays confident leadership skills and strives to live up to the meaning of his name by being trustworthy, faithful, and peaceful in all his endeavors.

*Aman will be escorting debutante **Savannah Shivers** today.*

Escort
James Davis III

Son of Mr. and Mrs. James and Vanessa Davis II

James is a gifted and imaginative senior at Adlai E. Stevenson High School. Born to Vanessa and James Davis II and hailing from Livonia, Michigan, James is an aspiring Graphic Design student with a passion for visual arts. James developed keen interest in sketching and composition from an early age. His scholastic journey has been characterized by a commitment to creativity, and innovation. During his high school years, James excelled not only in academics but also in Track & Field; as part of the team, James learned the importance of teamwork, determination and grit. These experiences helped shape his character, instilling in him the resiliency to push toward his goals.

His interest in Graphic Design would become cemented when he was accepted into the Livonia Career Technical Center, where James had the opportunity to apply spatial reasoning, imagination and artistry toward a variety of intricate challenges. This hands-on experience enhanced his problem-solving skills and provided valuable insights into the practical applications of Graphic Design. In addition to his Graphic Design and Track & Field pursuits, James also was a part of the Motor City Youth Theatre, where he would act in several plays including his work in The Christmas Carol for Wayne State University. This performing arts involvement has profited James the ability to engage, create, empathize and communicate with all walks of life.

Furthermore, James recently founded Grim H3ights, a design, branding and imaging company encompassing a collection of limited-edition clothing releases, logos and custom prints where style meets the street in a symphony of bold creativity and urban flair. In his free time, James enjoys spending time with his family and friends, watching anime, taking in films and root beer floats, which provide welcome breaks from his many pursuits while also serving as outlets for creativity and relaxation.

A forward thinker, James is additionally a part of Business Professionals of America, a career and technical student organization that empowers student leaders toward establishing positive change through learning, professional growth and service. Of all of his talents and abilities though, James' greatest attribute is his selflessness, and his heart for others.

Later this Fall, James will me majoring in Graphic Design as a freshman at Grand Valley State University.

*James will be escorting **Debutante Aniah Russaw** today.*

Escort
Caleb Dorsey

Son of Mrs. Anjanetta Dorsey and Mr. David Dorsey, III

Caleb Gabriel Dorsey is the son of David and Anjanetta Dorsey III of Northville, Michigan. He is currently a junior at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy where he has a 3.36 GPA. Caleb enjoys playing soccer for his high school and travel club. In addition to being a scholar-athlete, Caleb is a member of (BASE) Black Awareness Society and Education, the Business Club, and the Latin Club.

The entrepreneurial bug struck Caleb at an early age. At age 7 years old, he became the owner of "Caleb's Corner" where he collects, sells, and trades vintage Marvel and D.C. collectibles and has been an aficionado for many years; offering advice and guidance to potential buyers, young and old. More recently, Caleb added an IT division to his business where he provides services to include transferring crypto currency from the block-chain to cold storage, diagnosing and troubleshooting computer systems, and assists his customers with software and hardware installations.

Caleb is an avid snowboarder, he enjoys hiking; completing his most challenging hike of 70 miles over 13 days at an altitude of 11, 742 ft above sea level in New Mexico, this past summer. Caleb is on track to becoming an Eagle Scout, with one remaining requirement before beginning his Eagle Scout Project. Caleb completed the Dale Carnegie Course for Teens, where he was awarded the Highest Award for Achievement, as he best exemplified the standards, qualities, and consistent practice of the Human Relations Principles.

Caleb is truly a "Man for Others". He embodies this motto through his unwavering dedication to community service. He completed an Immersion experience to Camden, New Jersey, where he helped establish a community garden, assisted a nursing facility where he read and played table top activities with seniors, and completed a beautification project for the local community center. Caleb also serves as a pallbearer for the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy Pallbearer Ministry.

Caleb is grounded in his faith and is a proud member of Gesu Catholic Church. Next year, Caleb will be a Senior and has plans to become a Doctor of Pharmacy.

*Caleb will be escorting **Debutante Haleigh Cameron** today.*

Escort
Devyn Gans

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Kahiree and Ebony Gans

Devyn Kaleb Gans, a senior at Novi High School in Novi, Michigan is the son of Kahiree and Ebony Gans. Devyn is a scholar athlete who has maintained a 3.3 GPA and is an All-State tennis player. He is a member of the North Oakland/Macomb Chapter of Jack & Jill of America and a member of the Midnight Golf Program. Devyn was the captain of his high school Tennis team where he played 1 singles.

Devyn's love and passion for tennis started back when his parents would take him to the Western & Southern Open professional tennis tournament when he was five years old. That experience sparked a passion and desire to play Division 1 college tennis. By the time he was eight, he was competing in USTA tournaments and went on to be ranked three in the Midwest region by age nine. Devyn's national tennis ranking reached as high as 80 in the nation for boys 12 and under division.

As a scholar-athlete, Devyn has already been accepted to several Division 1 universities where he will pursue his dream of playing tennis while pursuing a bachelor of science degree in software engineering. Devyn's passion for wanting to become a software engineer stems from his interest in improving people's lives through the improvement of technology like Artificial Intelligence & Autonomous driving.

Post college, Devyn wants to work for a major tech company (Google, Meta, Apple, Tesla, etc..) as a software engineer. He also wants to pursue his tennis career professionally. Devyn is deeply appreciative of his family and close friends for the support he has received. Also, he's grateful for the opportunity to participate in the Cotillion Society of Detroit Education Foundation.

Devyn will be escorting ***Debutante Zharia Hunter*** *today.*

Escort
Cayden Hardy

Son of Ms. LaTara Collins and Mr. Nick Hardy

Cayden Hardy, son of Nick D. Hardy and LaTara Collins, is a standout senior at Birmingham Groves High School with a 3.8 GPA. As a scholar-athlete, he has excelled both academically and as the starting quarterback for his high school football team for three years. Cayden is also a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

His commitment to community and personal growth extends beyond the football field. Cayden is passionate about mentoring, especially working with children with disabilities, teaching them basketball fundamentals.

In his leisure time, Cayden enjoys bowling with his family and friends, reading, camping, and working out.

Cayden will be attending Michigan State University, where he plans to major in Business. His goal is to become an entrepreneur, specifically focusing on starting his own mortgage company.

Cayden would like to thank his family, especially his parents, for their love and support, which has enabled him to be where he is today. He also extends his gratitude to his Debutante Zoey Rogers and her family, as well as The Cotillion Society of Detroit Educational Foundation, for this special opportunity and experience.

Cayden will be escorting ***Debutante Zoey Rogers*** *today.*

Escort
Steven Hicks

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven and LeAnda Hicks

Steven Hicks is the son of Steven and LeAnda Hicks. He is a Junior at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy. When he graduates, in 2025, he will have the distinction of being a six-year man.

He is currently a classroom representative and is active in the Black Awareness Society for Education (BASE) and is a campaign manager for the student senate elections. He was selected to travel to Washington, DC to participate in the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice conference, which addresses social and educational injustice.

As a published author, his writings are featured in the book "Why Mentoring Matters"; and his short story "Miracles in Motown" was selected to be included in Inscape, the literary-art magazine of University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy.

His community service includes volunteering at Focus Hope, Capuchin Soup Kitchen and providing chore services for senior citizens in the tri-county area. He regularly donates gently used mens clothing to area shelters, to increase the availability of clothing for homeless men. He also volunteers at church in several areas including the media ministry, youth ministry and as part of the facilities team.

Steven is thankful for the many significant mentoring and developmental programs responsible for providing guidance. These programs include RESULTS Mentoring, the program that trusted him to serve as the youngest keynote speaker at their annual fundraiser; the Sigma Beta Club, where his mentor Warren Galloway II, sparked his interest in being an escort for The Cotillion Society of Detroit Foundation; and The Cave of Adullam Transformational Academy (The CATTA), where he trained under the leadership of Mr. Jason Wilson, and successfully completed his Rights of Passage and is now an alumnus who teaches new recruits..

Steven believes in having multiple streams of income, a concept he learned from Gail Perry Mason's Money Matters for Youth Program. He is a three-year participant in Grow Detroit Young Talent (GDYT) and completed the Torch of Wisdom Foundation's Learning Network. After graduation, Steven wants to attend an HBCU but is open to other colleges. As a self proclaimed empath, his goal is to become a mental health therapist and invest in real estate.

Steven would like to thank Joi Coleman and family, his parents and The Cotillion Society of Detroit Foundation for the opportunity to be part of this experience.

Steven will be escorting ***Debutante Joi Coleman*** *today.*

Escort
Christopher Howard

Son of Ms. Paula Dunlap and Mr. Jonathon Howard

Christopher Howard is the son of Ms. Paula Dunlap and Mr. Jonathon Howard. He is a current Junior at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

Christopher is an honor student with a 3.5 G.P.A. and an active member of various activities in school. Christopher participates in the Black Awareness Society for Education (BASE) and is a member of the varsity basketball team.

Outside of school, Christopher actively volunteers with the Rhonda Walker Foundation, Fast Feet NYC and various food banks throughout the city. Christopher spends his free time playing basketball, traveling and spending time with his family.

Christopher hopes to attend an HBCU where he plans to study kinesiology and biology with the plan of being a doctor of sports medicine. Additionally, Christopher would like to extend his basketball career past high school and play at the collegiate level.

Christopher would like to thank his parents, the parents of Kaden Smith and The Cotillion Society of Detroit Educational Foundation for this opportunity.

Christopher will be escorting ***Debutante Kaden Smith*** *today.*

Escort
JARAD JOHNSON

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe and Talona Johnson

Jarad Johnson is a driven and accomplished high school Junior at Stoney Creek High School in Rochester, Michigan. He is recognized for his exceptional leadership and community involvement as a dedicated member of the Teen Auxiliary Group within the North Oakland/Macomb Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Since 2012, Jarad has consistently demonstrated his commitment, serving in various roles including Teen Legislative Chair, Teen Editor, and Teen Service Chair.

In addition to his active involvement with Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Jarad also holds the position of second vice-president in the Pontiac Kappa League, highlighting his strong dedication to youth leadership and mentorship. Beyond these roles, he is a proud member of the National Society of Black Engineers and actively participates in the National Black MBA of Detroit's Leaders of Tomorrow Mentoring Program.

Jarad's leadership qualities shone bright when he represented the Detroit Chapter as a valuable member of the Business Case Competition team at the 2023 National Leaders of Tomorrow Summit. He received accolades during the annual "Blue Blazer" ceremony for his exemplary leadership and unwavering commitment to excellence.

In recognition of his outstanding community service, Jarad was awarded the prestigious Gold Presidential Service Award in 2022, and in 2023, he received the "Do the Right Thing" Service Award from the Urban League of Detroit & Southeast Michigan. His philanthropic spirit extends to several organizations, including the Boys & Girls Club of Auburn Hills, United Negro College Fund, Pontiac Meals on Wheels, Souper Bowl of Caring, Peace Tree Park, Pontiac Holiday Extravaganza, and the Transitional Living Program in Mt. Clemens.

Despite his impressive involvement in extracurricular activities, Jarad remains dedicated to his academic pursuits and is particularly interested in a future career within the automotive industry. He actively participates in career-related programming through the Detroit Area Pre-College Engineering Program, further showcasing his passion for his chosen field.

Upon his high school graduation, Jarad plans to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering, fueled by his unwavering dedication to personal growth and academic achievement. He expresses his heartfelt gratitude to his parents, Joe & Talona Johnson, for their unwavering support, Mr. & Dr. Newsome and Debutante Arielle Newsome for providing him with the opportunity to serve as her escort, and the members and associates of the North Oakland/Macomb Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. for their invaluable mentorship and support. Jarad is truly a young leader making a positive impact on his community and beyond.

*Jarad will be escorting **Debutante Arielle Newsome** today.*

Escort
SENNECA JONES

Son of Dr. Sheriyah Jones and Mr. Dwight Jones

Senneca Jones, son of Dwight and Sheriyah Jones, is a 17-year old with a remarkable journey marked by both geographical shifts and amazing achievements.

Senneca is a senior at Cass Technical High School. He excels academically and stands out in athletics, particularly in track. Representing both his school and the MotorCity AAU team, he has earned acclaim in the 4x4 relay race, securing a commendable 3rd place at the indoor state track meet, and qualifying for New Balance National Track meets.

In addition to his athletic prowess, Senneca is a versatile musician, proficient in playing 11 instruments. He extends his talents to visual arts with his photography and videography business, Shooting Shots, capturing moments with renowned Detroit music artists, including Tee Grizzley and Skilla Baby. His artistic achievements, including podium placements in city track meets in 2022 and 2023, showcase Senneca as more than just a rising track star. He exemplifies the power of passion, dedication, and a diverse range of talents that define an exceptional young individual making his mark on the world.

Senneca Jones would like to thank Debutante Sophia Baker and her family for inviting him to participate in this Cotillion event. He would also like to thank his parents for their love and support.

*Senneca will be escorting **Debutante Sophia Baker** today.*

Escort
Seth Kirk

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent and Jacqueline Kirk

Seth Kirk, a remarkable individual whose unwavering dedication to service and love for the arts sets him apart. As he embarks on his journey to Wayne State University, Seth stands out for his active involvement in community projects, such as the Generation of Promise program by Focus: HOPE, Gleaners, and his schools Black Student Union. Through this initiative, he generously contributes his time and skills to revitalize his school by making his environments be inclusive to all.

Beyond his school commitments, Seth extends a helping hand to those in need by volunteering at local schools, where he selflessly supports students with disabilities, embodying empathy and compassion in action. His genuine passion for making a positive impact shines through his involvement in school plays, where he not only showcases his talent but also inspires others with his infectious enthusiasm and unwavering dedication.

In every aspect of his life, Seth Kirk exemplifies a true leader, a compassionate volunteer, and a passionate artist, embodying the values of service, community, and creativity. He thanks Raiven for this experience and is extremely appreciative of his parents.

*Seth will be escorting **Debutante Raiven Mitchell** today.*

Escort
Jordan Lee

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jason and Nicole Lee

Jordan Lee is the son of Jason and Nicole Lee. He is currently a Junior at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

Jordan is an honor student and an active participant in his school's community. Jordan Is an avid soccer player and proud 3-year Varsity Soccer team member for the University of Detroit Jesuit Cubs. During the 2023-2024 season he was chosen for the All-District First soccer team and received the Team and Individual All-Academic Award.

In addition to being a Scholar Athlete, Jordan is a 3-time Student Senator, member of Black Awareness Society for Education (B.A.S.E.) and an active member of the Model United Nations club. Outside of school Jordan has been a member of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Oakland County Chapter for over 10 years.

Jordan is a servant leader and community activist who has spent numerous hours dedicated to serving youth and senior citizens across metro Detroit. Jordan is currently an active member of the Community Foundation of SE Michigan Youth Advisory Council where he engages in the grant writing process for local non-profit organizations across Metro Detroit whose focus is on supporting and enriching the lives of underfunded and underrepresented communities.

Jordan is a computer enthusiast and has worked with Code 313, a local non-profit organization to teach children in the Detroit Public School system how to fly drones using coding principles. Jordan also frequently volunteers at Focus:HOPE, where he helps pack and deliver food to senior citizens.

Jordan's future plans are to attend a four-year university in the Fall of 2025 after graduating from high school. He is currently interested in the University of Michigan, Michigan State, and Morehouse College where he plans to study Cyber Security or Computer Science with a minor in Business.

Jordan would like to thank TCSDEF, Kayden Smith and her parents for the opportunity to participate in this wonderful evening and experience.

*Jordan will be escorting **Debutante Kayden Smith** today.*

Escort
Antwan McMullan, Jr.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Antwan and Shanta McMullan

Antwan McMullan, Jr. is the eldest son of Mr. Antwan McMullan and Mrs. Shanta McMullan. He is currently a junior at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

Antwan is a hard-working scholar athlete, receiving "high honors" academic designation, while participating in Varsity Football and Track & Field. He is also a member of the Black Awareness Society for Education (BASE) student organization and the Music Appreciation Club.

As a dedicated member of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated - Ypsilanti Chapter for nine years, Antwan has been deeply involved with service in the community, including frequent volunteering with charitable organizations such as Gleaners Food Bank, Hope Clinic, SafeHouse Center, The Salvation Army and Open Door Ministries. He also has participated in the Jack and Jill teen oratorical competition, advancing to the regional competition, ultimately placing third in the region. He has also served on the chapter teen group's executive board for the past two years.

Additionally, Antwan is an active member of Kappa League, a national program under the Guide Right initiative of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He participates locally with the Ann Arbor Ypsilanti Inkster (MI) Alumni Chapter where he currently serves as the group's Vice President of Community Service. He is also a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church, Ann Arbor.

Upon high school completion, Antwan intends to attend a four-year university to study business administration. He would like to thank his parents, the Roberts family, and the Detroit Cotillion Society for this invaluable opportunity and experience.

Antwan will be escorting ***Debutante Jada Roberts*** *today.*

Escort
Keith Morales

Son of Retired Major Ayanna Henderson Morales and Mr. Victor E. Morales

KeithAnthony C. Morales is the son of SFC(R) Victor E. Morales and MAJ(R) Ayanna Henderson Morales. He is a senior at Frederick Douglass Academy for Young Men. He will graduate with an Associate of Arts from Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) two days before earning his high school diploma.

He is a student ambassador and Senior Class President. KeithAnthony has been a member of the FDA Cross Country Team and the FDA Track Team, where he earned city and region recognitions in the 4X4, 4X8, and open 800-meter. Keith has interned for the past two summers in the Biomedical Career Advancement Pipeline through Wayne State University, where he researched Clostridioides Difficile Colitis and SARS-CoV-2 co-infections and How Electroporation affects the Malignant growth of Cancer Cells.

During KeithAnthony's most recent summer, he was selected to study abroad in Spain. KeithAnthony is a member of Pathway to Excellence and Dream Kings. He was elected as the Detroit Public School Community District (DPSCD) School Board Student leader representing the 55K students of the district and currently serves as a Member of the Board of Police Commissioners Youth Advisory Panel (YAP).

KeithAnthony enjoys playing the electric guitar, traveling, listening to all genres of music, studying languages, and swimming—a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, he participates in various acts of service with Gleaners Food Bank and the Special Olympics. He is growing his hair for his 3rd donation to Maggie's Wigs for Kids.

KeithAnthony has been accepted with a full ride scholarship and will attend The University of Michigan in Ann Arbor to dual major in Biology and Public Health. He aspires to be a reconstructive plastic surgeon focusing on craniofacial and cleft palate repair. KeithAnthony thanks his parents, the Walker family of Petersburg, Virginia, Mr. Marcel Todd and Pamela Rhoades-Todd, Dr. Willie and Patricia White, the Frederick Douglass Academy family, Dr. Jim Bridges, Mrs. LaCherryn Hoost, Mr. Deolis and Darlene Allen, the Casali School of Dance and his amazingly supportive village.

He also thanks his debutante, Miss Elaine Cleague, her family, and The Cotillion Society of Detroit Educational Foundation for this unique opportunity.

Keith will be escorting ***Debutante Elaine Cleague*** *today.*

Escort
Amari Ngare

Son of Ms. Nadine Lewis and Mr. Geoffrey Ngare

Amari Wahome Ngare is the son of Ms. Nadine Lewis and Mr. Geoffrey Ngare. He attends Detroit Edison and has done so for six years. Beginning his journey for a steady seat on the honor roll, in his 10th grade year. His GPA has steadily grown, with haste from the beginning of his freshman year to his senior year. Upholding a GPA of 3.5 - 4.5 and for the last 3 years.

Amari values consistent health in every aspect, maintaining a calm lifestyle, and staying true to his beliefs. Whether that be in school, at a place of work and or anywhere else in the world. Amari loves boxing and will be entering college to pursue his dream of being a physical therapist.

Amari trains day in and day out for the sport of boxing, and with such determination even when he's tired or doesn't want to get up. Amari's mental strength to go out into this world and do what he has to, pushes him further so that nothing stops him. Amari has also been a part of many organizations throughout high school year, but the most moral and personal sculpting organizations for him has been Teen Hype and Jack & Jill, Motor City Chapter.

Amari gives his thanks to his parents and everyone else in his life that has been there for him in his times of need, whether that means supporting him or just being there when he needs a little guidance. He also gives thanks to his debutante Nadia Kreft and her family along with TCSDEF for this opportunity to attend the debutante ball.

*Amari will be escorting **Debutante Nadia Kreft** today.*

Escort
Damon Patton II

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Damon and Julia Patton

Damon Patton II is the eldest son of Julia and Damon Patton, currently a senior at Detroit Country Day School in Beverly Hills, MI. Damon has maintained Magna Cum Laude academic standing since 9th grade. He has been recognized as a scholar-athlete, contributing to the varsity track and football teams for the past three years. Additionally, Damon is an active member of the North Oakland/Macomb Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., where he has served as the Service Chair, Foundation Chair, and Recording Secretary. He also holds the position of Co-President in the Black Student Alliance and actively participates in community service and technology/science clubs.

Damon is dedicated to academic excellence and possesses a keen interest in computer programming and engineering. From an early age, he embarked on the journey of learning and excelling in programming languages such as JavaScript, Java, C, and Python. Beyond his academic pursuits, Damon is committed to giving back to his community through volunteering with organizations such as Meals on Wheels, Forgotten Harvest, and Boys and Girls Club, and coordinating donations at Lighthouse Pontiac and Herrington Elementary.

In his leisure time, Damon enjoys spending quality time with family and friends. He is an avid fitness enthusiast, having participated in three 5k races alongside his mom. Damon envisions pursuing a degree in Computer Engineering. He has a goal of developing programming for youth, aiming to engage them with a math and science curriculum from an early age. He attributes his passion for engineering and football to his father and expresses gratitude to his mother for instilling a commitment to extracurricular activities and academic excellence.

Damon extends heartfelt thanks to his family for their unwavering support throughout his life. He expresses appreciation to TCSDEF and the Thomas family for the opportunity to escort Debutante Mackenzie on this significant occasion.

*Damon will be escorting **Debutante Mackenzie Thomas** today.*

Escort

Corey Pittman II

Son of Mr. Corey Darnell Pittman, Sr. and Mrs. Kineta Pittman

Corey Darnell Pittman II, a Junior at West Bloomfield High School in West Bloomfield, Michigan is the son of Corey D. Pittman Sr. and Kineta Pittman.

Corey, affectionately known as "Chops" , is a scholar-athlete. He has help lead the varsity basketball team to back to back division titles, which was the first time in the school history, all with maintaining honor roll status. He is also a member of the North Oakland/Macomb chapter of Jack and Jill of America, where he has served as the Teen Service/Fundraising Chair and Business Retreat Chair. Corey is also a leader in his community with volunteering at charities and schools in his local community.

Corey is grateful for his entire family's unwavering support and their unconditional love. He would like to give a special thank you to his older sister, Makayla for her continuous support of his passions and always being his biggest fan.

Corey is undecided on which college he will attend next year, but he plans to study Sports Marketing and Advertisement, while playing sports at a collegiate level.

*Corey will be escorting **Debutante Nyaela Hakim** today.*

Escort

Jasir Rahaman

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose and Deadra Rahaman

Jasir Supain Rahaman is a senior at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and the son of Jose and Deadra Rahaman. He is a dedicated and passionate student, a top athlete in football and track at U of D, and a competitive swimmer at Detroit Golf Club. Jasir belongs to several community-based and extracurricular programs, such as the Midnight Golf Program, Kappa League, Black Awareness Society for Education (BASE), and the Wayne County Youth Council.

Jasir also volunteers once a week at Most Holy Trinity through U of D's senior service initiative, has taught swimming through Detroit Swims, and is a lifeguard at Red Run Golf Club. He has developed leadership skills by motivating and setting an example for others to follow.

Jasir has accepted a full athletic scholarship to attend college and plans to major in Business Management and Entrepreneurship. Jasir's favorite quote *"I'm going to use all my tools, my God-given ability, and make the best life I can with it."* - LeBron James

Jasir would like to thank his parents, sister and family for their continued support and, his best friend, Debutante Rielly Rudolph and her family for the opportunity to participate in such a long-standing tradition in the Black community, The Cotillion Society of Detroit's annual Debutante Ball of 2024.

*Jasir will be escorting **Debutante Rielly Rudolph** today.*

Escort

Zachary Rogers

Son of Ms. Taqueece Myers and the late Mr. Charles Rogers

Zachary Rogers, the son of Taqueece Myers and the late Charles Rogers, and twin brother of Debutante Zoey Rogers, is a senior at Birmingham Groves High School. As a talented student-athlete, Zachary has been a dedicated member of both the football and track teams. His early and consistent dedication to football yielded impressive results; by the end of his sophomore year, he had received 11 Division 1 college football scholarship offers, a number that continued to increase up until his brief pause.

Beyond his athletic endeavors, Zachary enjoys playing basketball, hanging out with friends, and relaxing at Walnut Lake. His enthusiasm for sports goes beyond playing, as he is also an avid fan, frequently attending a variety of sporting events. He also works with the Rising Stars Football training program, handling the scoreboard and time clock. Committed to his personal health, he maintains a regular workout routine.

Zachary also dedicates time to community service. His community involvement extends to reading to students at Beverly Elementary, making hammocks for charitable causes, and preparing meals for the homeless.

Academically, Zachary has already committed to playing football at the University of Toledo starting in fall 2024, where he intends to major in Computer Science. His aspiration to become a Data Scientist aligns well with his keen interest in technology. His skills in technology were further honed when he participated in Journi's tech program, focusing on front-end web development and creating a mobile-responsive website.

Zachary would like to thank God for His blessings and guidance throughout his journey. He also wishes to express his gratitude to his mother and twin sister for their constant and unwavering love, support, and encouragement, as well as to his grandparents, aunts, uncles, paternal siblings, and cousins. Additionally, he extends thanks to Debutante Amoni Higginbotham and her parents for the opportunity to participate in the 2024 Debutante Ball. He is equally grateful to his friends, mentors, coaches, and trainers for their invaluable contributions to his life.

*Zachary will be escorting **Debutante Amoni Higginbotham** today.*

Escort

Marquis Sagnia II

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Marquis and Krysty Sagnia

Marquis Kaden Sagnia, II is the son of Krysty and Marquis Sagnia of Canton, Michigan. He is a senior at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School where he has been active in various activities and clubs including captain of the varsity football team, member of Mock Trial team, member of the track team and Black Awareness Society for Education. In Summer 2022, Marquis completed a certificate of completion of the Spanish Language & Culture course at Ave Academy Language Institute in Alicante, Spain. In Fall 2023, Marquis was named to the All Detroit Football Team by the Detroit Free Press as well as Lineman of the year as a Defensive End.

Community service has been an integral part of his life. From a young boy he has frequently served and supported events sponsored by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, where his father serves as a district officer. In addition to service, Marquis enjoys traveling, gaming, hanging out with friends and family.

Marquis is considering playing football at the collegiate level while deciding between various HBCUs and Division 1 schools, where he plans to major in Environmental Science with a minor in Journalism.

Marquis would like to extend a special thanks to his mother and father for their unconditional love and support. Additionally, a very special shout out to his family and village includes grandmother, aunts, uncles, and host of cousins and friends. Marquis extends heartfelt appreciation to Debutante Sydney Jones and Dr. Cortney and Alicia Jones for the opportunity to be an escort and participate in this auspicious occasion. Thank you to the Detroit Cotillion Society of Detroit Educational Foundation for all the guidance and support during this journey. The experience has been invaluable.

*Marquis will be escorting **Debutante Sydney Jones** today.*

Escort
Noah Sanders

Son of Ms. Lauren Sanders and Mr. Barry Sanders

Noah Sanders is the youngest son of Lauren and Barry Sanders. He is currently an 11th grader with a 3.7 GPA at the Birmingham Groves High School.

Noah is an aviation and exotic car enthusiast with a passion for all things in the area of car engine mechanics and performance and aesthetic automotive upgrades. Noah also has a passion for football and track.

Noah's rigorous athletic training and academic achievement has resulted in multiple college football scholarship offers, and requests for campus and team visits during his junior year. He is invited to run the 4 x100 relay in the 2023 Junior Olympics in Des Moines, Iowa, and is looking to qualify and return in 2024. Noah holds the sophomore record for the 100 meter dash at Birmingham Groves High School. Noah's hobbies include massive Lego creations and flying around the world using the Microsoft flight simulator. Noah has attended Triumph Church and has provided one on one assistance to special needs students during his school's annual football game Victory Night.

Noah's college plans are undecided but he has his sights set on a D1 school with a top tier athletics program and an acclaimed business school. His career goals are still developing but currently his interests are in marketing and advertising with plans to develop a robust sports agency with his 3 brothers.

Noah would like to send special thanks to Dr. Renita Clark and Debutante Ava Prempeh's Family for the vision that created the opportunity for him to be with you tonight and finally, thanks to his family for all their love, guidance, support and for his fancy car for which he plans to pay his family back.

*Noah will be escorting **Debutante Ava Prempeh** today.*

Escort
Christian Scott

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Devin and Sharnita Scott

Escort Christian Scott, is the son of Mr. Devin and Sharnita Scott of Farmington Hills, Michigan. Christian is a junior at North Farmington High School with a GPA of 3.75. Christian is a member of the National Honor Society, DAPCEP, and Unity 381. Christian is a karate blackbelt, scholar athlete and on the varsity football and track teams. He is in Jack and Jill, Oakland County Chapter and Leaders of Tomorrow Mentoring Program. In his spare time, Christian enjoys travel, video editing, graphic design, cooking, playing video games and watching movies.

When Christian graduates, he plans to attend HBCU and major in software engineering and design innovative video games.

*Christian will be escorting **Debutante Madison Williams** today.*

Escort
Dylan Scott

Son of Ms. Latasha Hughes and Mr. Tywand Scott

Introducing Escort Dylan Scott he is the son of Tywand Scott and Latasha Hughes. Dylan is a junior at Warren Cousino High School, he is an outstanding student in his class. Outside of school Dylan focuses mainly on working because one of his favorite things is making money. When Dylan graduates high school he would like to attend Grand Valley college. He would like to major in Finance and minor in Business, so he can achieve his career goals as a Real Estate agent. Dylan would like to give a special thanks to God because of all the things he has done for him.

Dylan will be escorting ***Debutante Jasmine Pearson*** *today.*

Escort
Joshua Twymon

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lamar and Tanisha Twymon

Joshua Lamar Twymon is the only child of Lamar and Tanisha Twymon. He is a senior at University High School Academy, where he excels academically with a 4.00 GPA, and has maintained being on honor roll since freshman year.

Outside of Joshua's academic excellence, he is currently employed at Panera Bread. Joshua has a very strong work ethic and loves his job because he feels that it is building him into a responsible and respectful young man.

Joshua also plays basketball along with working. Joshua's passion for basketball started at the age of 7. He has played Varsity basketball since sophomore year, and went on to play for The Barney McCosky League. He has received numerous awards for his good sportsmanship and being an outstanding leader.

Joshua is a member of Greater Middle Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit. He is very involved in his church, and every Thursday Joshua volunteers to help service those in need.

In the Fall, Joshua will attend Grand Valley State University so that he can eventually become a physical therapist to help others.

Joshua would like to thank The Cotillion Society of Detroit Educational Foundation and the Hill family for the experience and the opportunity to participate in the 2024 debutante ball.

Joshua will be escorting ***Debutante Bradleigh Hill*** *today.*

Escort
Bennett Vesprini

Son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank and Karen Vesprini

Bennett Ontario Vesprini, the eldest son of Dr. Frank and Karen Vesprini. Bennett received homeschooling until the eighth grade, at which point he transitioned to the University of Detroit Academy. Currently, he is a junior at the University of Detroit High School. In the realm of sports, Bennett excels as a second-year letter Varsity wrestler, clinching the 1st place title in the 150 lb category at the 2023 Detroit City Wrestling Championships. He aspires to continue his wrestling journey into his senior year and, ideally, at the collegiate level.

Beyond the wrestling mat, Bennett is a multi-talented musician. A proficient upright bass player in the U of D Orchestra and Jazz Band, he holds Varsity letters for his contributions. For the last two summers he was invited and received a scholarship for the J.C. Heard Jazz Week@Wayne workshop intensive in partnership with the Detroit Jazz Festival. Bennett has showcased his musical talents at renowned venues such as Aretha's Jazz Cafe in the Music Hall, Cadieux Cafe, Cliff Bells, and the prestigious Baker's Keyboard Lounge. His musical journey began at the age of 3 with the violin, and he has since mastered various instruments including piano, classical and electric guitars, and electric bass. Along with his siblings, he is a member of the A Cappella group "The Whole Notes," performing across Metro Detroit and Southeastern Michigan.

In the world of acting, Bennett has left his mark with roles in local and regional commercials. Notably, he is listed on IMDB for his portrayal of the character Tocho in the Cinemax show Banshee. Onstage, he's contributed to productions such as "The Summer King" at the Michigan Opera Theatre and played the character Boy in the Barn in the Opera House production of the American Classic, "The Grapes of Wrath."

As an entrepreneur, Bennett is the proud owner of Bennett's Lawn Cutting Service, catering to clients in St Clair Shores, Harper Woods, and the Grosse Pointes. Last year alone, he dedicated over 50 hours of community service through his business by providing complimentary services to the elderly and physically impaired.

After high school, Bennett intends to major in Business and Finance with an interest in trading, cryptocurrency and real estate. He will be applying to several universities, with a leaning towards attending John Carroll University in University Heights, OH.

Bennett enjoys hanging out with friends, playing scrabble and investing.

Bennett expresses deep gratitude to his parents for their unwavering support and guidance, shaping him into the person he aspires to be both mentally and physically. He also extends appreciation to the TCSDEF and Dr. Renita Clark for the incredible opportunity.

*Bennett will be escorting **Debutante Ellison Redwine** today.*

Escort
Nicholas Washington

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry and Candice Washington

Escort Nicholas Washington is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry and Candice Washington. He is a junior at North Farmington High School where he plays football for their varsity team and will be running track for North Farmington in the spring. Nicholas has over 5 years of experience playing both the tenor and alto saxophones and has participated in numerous concerts as part of the North Farmington Concert and Jazz bands.

Nicholas is a member of the Southfield Chapter of Kappa League. He volunteers with Brilliant Detroit where he engages with elementary school students as a mentor. As part of the North Farmington varsity football program, Nicholas regularly spends time doing community involvement activities such as packing and sending out boxes of food and toiletries to shelters, food banks, families and individuals in need. He has performed similar activities with Forgotten Harvest and Gleaners Food Bank. Annually, he attends the Money Matters 4 Youth Literacy summer camp and plans to give back to the organization by becoming a counselor for the camp after high school.

The Money Matters organization sparked Nicholas' interest in owning his own business. He plans to pursue a degree in Entrepreneurship or Business Management. He is still undecided about which college he will attend; however, he is researching HBCUs with comprehensive Leadership programs.

In his free time, Nicholas regularly works out and stays ready for the football season. He enjoys spending time with his family and friends. He is also very creative and expresses his artistic spirit with interior design activities.

Nicholas would like to give a special thanks to both of his parents for always supporting and motivating him. He would like to thank his little sister, Amber, for always being there as his best friend. He would also like to thank Debutante Chelsea Durfield and the Durfield family for allowing him to participate in this event as well as the The Cotillion Society of Detroit Educational Foundation for giving him this opportunity.

*Nicholas will be escorting **Debutante Chelsea Durfield** today.*

Love Letters

TO OUR DAUGHTERS

DEBUTANTE

Janae Broadnax

Dear Janae,

From the moment you were born you were my miracle baby. When I was finally able to hold your tiny frame in just the palms of my hand, I was overwhelmed with love for you. You only weighed 1 pound and 5 ounce, I knew I had to protect you, the most important person in my life.

I watched your tiny body overcome so many obstacles. Your bravery has given me hope, made me stronger and as your mother I am so grateful for you. With your kind smile you fill my heart with pride and joy. You are my best friend and I hope to continue to be someone you can always depend on. Someone you can always trust in.

As you grow older you continue to amaze me. You're stronger, braver and smarter than I could have hoped for in a child. I am so proud of the young lady you've turned out to be. So continue to grow, continue to lean on me and take this world by storm.

As your mom, I am truly blessed you are my daughter. I could not have asked for more. So Never settle for less than what you want in this life and know I would do whatever/anything in my power to ensure that you succeed.

My wish is to help guide you to live a life you won't have many regrets in. For you to live a life you can give your all to without fail. And if a time comes when you do fall down, or you feel lost, I want you to remember that whatever happens in life I will always be by your side.

I love you unconditionally with all of my heart.

- Love Mom

DEBUTANTE

Sophia Baker

Dear Sophia,

Words cannot express how much we thank God for allowing us to be your parents. When we chose your name, we chose a name whose meaning we wanted you to embody. So we named you, Sophia which means wisdom. So every time we call your name, we know that God is pouring wisdom into your being. Your middle name was given to you for two reasons. First you were named after your Grandy, Brenda Gail, and more importantly, for what you gave us the minute we laid eyes on you and that was joy. For Gail means, gives joy. We believe that as you continue to grow and mature, you will fully embrace the wisdom that has been imparted to you and we know you will continue to give joy to those who know and love you.

As a mentor to little children, we have watched you blossom into a compassionate and loving leader. We call you the "child whisperer," because all the children love you. Children have a sixth sense when it comes to those who care about them and they immediately sensed that in you.

Our lives have been enriched by having you as a daughter. As your mother, you have made me assess and challenge myself to be a better mother and communicator. I could not imagine my life without you and I will always have your back. As your Dad, you taught me how to love out loud, something I never experienced before having a daughter.

Love Always and Unconditionally,
Mom and Dad

DEBUTANTE

Mirissa Brown

Dear Mirissa,

I wish you could see yourself through my eyes and only then would you truly know how much I adore you. And so that you could see how truly amazing, smart , beautiful, intelligent and breathtaking really you are.

I am so proud of the young woman you are becoming. You can literally do anything you set your mind to.

Thank you for choosing me to be your mother and for granting me the special gift of raising you. Coming into my life you instantly showed me what unconditional love feels like.

I love you so much,
Your mom Tyra

Jeremiah 29:11-13 *"'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.'"*

With all our love and blessings,
Your Parents

DEBUTANTE

Haleigh Cameron

Dear Haleigh,

You are the joy of our life. We raised you to be the incredible young lady you are today. It was also you who Inspired us to be greater parents. We have loved you since the first time we saw you and thank you for representing your family legacy with style and grace. There has not been one day when we have not sent up thanks to God for having you in our life. You were always a determined young girl with a relentless spirit to push through or navigate around any obstacle placed in front of you. Your focus on academics began with a strong parental push that would create its own, lasting momentum because of your competitive spirit. Even from your early days of jumping in the swimming pool to want to swim as fast as your big brothers, you were determined not to let others believe they were smarter than you and resolved to put in the work to match the results of your highest performing peers. You have a heart big enough to accomplish your hopes and dreams and want the same for everyone around you.

You are beautiful, talented, strong, and have incredible influence as a leader to your peers. Your humbleness is captivating, and you have approached life with confidence. Now that you have chosen your path, take all of your exceptional qualities and continue to change the world. You have made us proud, not only with your excellent academic skills but also with your extraordinary abilities to move at your own beat. You have enchanted us with your lovely energy and won the hearts of those around you. Your maternal grandmother Nannie encouraged all to chart their own path and not be constricted by small ideas, and you have done just that. You have approached life with an excellent spirit, and the world is your cheerleader.

No matter how far you go, know that you have a family that loves and cares for you. We are excited that you will soon start a new phase of your life as you enter adulthood. Proud that you embody the grace and compassion of Grandpa Papa and with the wit, tenacity, and determination that is truly your own. I know you will live by the tenants what we all hold true: "Unbowed, Unbent and Unbroken or more importantly Joshua 24:15, "But as for me and my House, we will serve the Lord."

You are the best version of a daughter that any parent could wish for. We will do our best to support your aspirations, lighten your burden when it is prudent to do so, and catch you on the occasions you don't know you are falling. No matter how far you go, know that you have a family that loves and cares for you.

Eternal Love, Mom (Janissa) and Dad (Andrew)

DEBUTANTE

Elaine Cleague

Dear Elaine,

I so vividly remember waiting for you to make your way into this world. When you finally arrived, I could only stare at you in amazement. You were a carbon copy of your father, with your eyes being the only notable resemblance to me. You were the loveliest being that I had ever seen, and you came here with your eyes wide open! From that day forward, it was glaringly obvious that you were intelligent, observant and strong-willed.

As the years progressed, I came to realize that you are the perfect blend of your father and me. You are inquisitive, empathetic, nurturing, funny, and creative. Most importantly, you are caring and kind. You are beautiful, both inside and out.

It has been a considerable pleasure to love you, nurture you, teach you, and watch you grow. Your father and I are extremely proud of you. So is your brother, for whom you have been a fierce protector and great role model.

My prayer is that you will continue to flourish and that you realize all your dreams. As you embark upon this world, please know that the road of life has twists and turns. Do not be discouraged. Instead, be confident that your virtuosity and resilience will enable you to successfully navigate the challenges that you face as you ascend to womanhood.

On your journey, remember to always keep your eyes open and never allow anyone to change you from the intelligent, beautiful, caring person that you are.

Love Forever,
Mom

DEBUTANTE

Joi Coleman

Dear Joi,

To our beloved daughter Joi, we waited a long time for you. Scripture says weeping may endure for a night…but joy comes in the morning. That is truly our testimony. We endured pain for that night 18 years ago and you baby, came into our life, that morning. We affectionately call you our "Joi Joi" because it reflects who you are to both of us.

We are extremely honored that God blessed us with you. Your birth was an answer to many prayers and we praise God for you! We are amazed at your growth. When we look at what God is doing in you, we are thankful He allowed us to be your parents, it's truly an honor.

We are so very proud of the young lady that you are becoming. We boundlessly love you. Though it may not seem like it at times, we even respect your voice as we understand that you dance to the beat of your own drum. Never lose your drum beat and continue to dance your dance.

Know that you are strong, smart and beautiful inside and out. As your parents we are committed to supporting and helping you fulfill and reach your full potential and goals.

Your drive and determination has no bounds and with God's grace and mercy you will forever find joy. Never stop being unapologetically you. Remember, you are perfect just the way you are and meant to be because you were born a leader. Know there are no limits to be and do whatever you desire. You will navigate well through life's opportunities and challenges.

Know that we are so very proud of you, remember to always ***DO ALL, TRY ALL, BE ALL*** that you can be for prosperity, success, wealth, health, joy and peace in harmony, quickly and with ease.

Love,
Mom and Dad

DEBUTANTE

Chelsea Durfield

Dear Chelsea,

We will never forget the day you were born. There was a snowstorm in April just one day after celebrating Easter Sunday. We considered naming you "Stormy" because of the weather and intent that you would take the world by storm! However, we chose the name "Chelsea" because of its association with qualities such as elegance, sophistication, strong femininity, and a beacon of style. These are all characteristics that describe you perfectly.

We are very proud of you and all your accomplishments. Everything you do is with excellence. It is because you are destined for excellence! You are a hard worker, a major busy bee, and a natural born leader. We hope you have enjoyed your debutante journey. Looking back on this experience years from now, we aspire that you reflect on the quality time spent gaining new experiences with your sister debutantes, the car rides to dance practice and learning new dances with Nick and dad. We hope you will smile thinking about the visits with mom for dress alterations, working on ads, and planning your busy calendar.

Your debutante journey is your introduction to society. Embrace the moment and take it out into the world with you as you achieve your life's goals. We celebrate you with this short poem of your name.

C is for the CHARMING one we love
H is for HEAVEN who sent us an angel from above
E is for ENCHANTING us with everything you do
L is for your LOVE and LAUGHTER too
S is for your beautiful SMILE, a SPECIAL, SPLENDID SIGHT
E is for EXQUISITE, an EXUBERANT delight
A is for AMAZING, a girl with great APPEAL
Chelsea, we love you as you're so wonderful, so radiant, and oh so real.

Love you,
Mom and Dad

DEBUTANTE

Nyaela Hakim

Dear Nyaela,

When I look at you, I see strength, resilience, and bravery. I could not be more proud of who you are. I admire how you allow spirit and faith to guide your life rather than rely on what you see. I am humbled and honored that God chose me to be your mother.

You have always been a scholar, constantly immersed in environments surrounded by books and political, philosophical, and scholarly discussions. I will forever cherish our days spent in bookstores and coffee shops, trips to the MSU Children's Gardens, family yoga and meditation, singing and dancing to Earth, Wind and Fire's song, "September," discussions about religion and spirituality, and just spending time together as a family. Your dad and I tried to instill in you at a very young age the importance of focusing on what nurtures and sustains you and having gratitude for the simple everyday things that are often overlooked. I pray you take those memories and experiences with you as you navigate the world. They will continue to shape how you view the world and live.

You have developed into an amazing, mature, and kind young woman who is comfortable in your skin while being your true, authentic self. While your smile lights up a room, people are drawn to your energy because YOU ARE LOVE. You set an excellent example for your little brother, and his love for you shows in how he beams with pride whenever you accomplish a goal. You have been a blessing to us, and I know you will be a blessing to others.

Your determination and ambition have created incredible opportunities to accomplish whatever you choose. Dream big, live boldly, and set the bar high for yourself. I will always be your biggest cheerleader, here to guide and support you in discovering your life's paths.

I would be remiss to write this without honoring your dad's influence because who you are today and will become is not from my work alone but also from your dad's love and influence. Remember that daddy is always with you. Always honor him.

As you begin to experience life more fully, I hope you always know that Mommy did her best to prepare you for everything life brings. Thank you for being my most valuable teacher and the best versions of me and your dad. Untamed… A force… My bravebird.

I Love You, Mommy

DEBUTANTE

Amoni Higginbotham

Dear Amoni,

It seems like yesterday when you were placed in our arms at the hospital. I can only think at the very young age of eighteen the very same age you are now having a kid of my own was a lot more than I could ever imagine but when I looked into your eyes something inside of me connected to you and my heart felt at ease. It's like looking at you gave me comfort and joy at the same time and from the day you were born I knew that everything would be alright. Ms. Amoni you have always been talented and full of life, your dad and I has cherished every moment and many more to come with you. You're the only little girl I know that has played basketball and did cheerleading in the same year. You are truly something special and we are glad to have you as a daughter.

Amoni B, if you only knew the sacrifices we made to get here where we are today, from our pretty little baby into a beautiful smart ambitious young lady. We may not carry you in our arms anymore, but we will always carry you in our hearts, even when you're gone far away off into college. Your future is so bright. You are a leader, you are very smart, and talented, with those three things alone I know you will make it very far in life. You are very head strong and can achieve anything you put your mind to. Your parents are entrepreneurs and with you having your own successful business at this young age is really a dream come true. As you get older life will throw challenges at you, but we know you will be fine. We hope you believe in yourself as much as we believe in you.

Amoni Brooke Higginbotham we love you, we cherish you, you are the better half of both of us and we will always have your back and continue to push you, love you and support you in any way that we can!

Love,
Mom and Dad

DEBUTANTE

Bradleigh Hill

Dear Bradleigh,

As I sit down to pen these words, my heart is full of pride and joy knowing that today marks such a significant day in your life. As we celebrate your Cotillion, I want you to know how immensely proud I am of the incredible young lady you are.

I still remember the moment you came into this world: quiet, but determined. From the very beginning you have filled our lives with boundless love and laughter. Watching you blossom into the remarkable person you are today, I stand in awe, knowing that even as amazing as you are already, you're just getting started. You haven't reached your full potential yet, but when you do, the world better watch out!

Tonight, as you are introduced into polite society amidst the splendor of the cotillion, I want to congratulate you from the depths of my heart. May your presence illuminate every room you enter, and your gracefulness on the dance floor be a reflection of the beauty of your soul. May this evening be filled with unforgettable memories, laughter and joy, and may you dance through life with the same gracefulness and determination that has always defined you. Never forget that you are deeply loved and cherished. Congratulations!

With all my love,
Mommy

DEBUTANTE

Zharia Hunter

Dear Zharia,

How we wish that you could see yourself through our eyes. Only that could help to convey how much we truly adore you. We thank God for choosing us to guide you through life's journey, for granting us the precious privilege of nurturing you. From the moment you entered our world, you illuminated it with the essence of unconditional love. Being your parents is a seamless joy, each day enriched by your presence.

There's no manual for parenthood, and we often contemplate our role in shaping your life. Understand that every word and action stems from our love and concern for you. While we are here to impart wisdom, you, too, teach us invaluable lessons. They say parents teach children about life, yet I've discovered that children illuminate life's true essence for parents. Zharia you have taught and helped us to learn so much, even about ourselves.

Among our life's accomplishments, nothing rivals the pride felt in being your parents. Your compassion, your purity of heart, your insight, and your radiant joy—these qualities resonate beyond mere appearance. Your infectious energy and laughter remind us to savor each moment, to heal any past wounds. Your birth marked the beginning of our own transformations, a shift in perspective towards a life of openness, understanding, and love.

Know that our love for you is unconditional and free from judgment. We embrace every facet of your being, and our pride in you knows no bounds. You can always confide in us, knowing we will offer support and love unconditionally. As your parents, our aim is to equip you with the tools to navigate life's challenges. Keep your heart open, for goodness surrounds you. In moments of doubt, find solace in God's stillness, trust your instincts, and prioritize self-love.

Since the day you were born, your inner radiance has shone brightly. Never let anyone extinguish that light. Surround yourself with positivity and believe unwaveringly in yourself. We will forever be your champion, cheering you on through every triumph and trial. Though our life's story will one day conclude, we are grateful that you'll forever remain one of its most beautiful chapters.

Love eternal,
Mommy & Daddy

DEBUTANTE

Jordyn Jenkins

Dear Jordyn,

As you newly transition into womanhood, I want to remind you to always put God first. Philippians 4:13 says,'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.' He will always be your rock and your salvation. He will never desert you nor forsaken you.

Secondly, remember to never settle. Never allow anyone to convince you that you're not worthy. Remain yourself, who you truly are- an incredibly intelligent, talented, kind, beautiful, young lady, and how capable you are of doing anything you set your mind to. Chase after your dreams and expect nothing but the best because you are worth every bit of it. *"The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."*

I pray you never feel alone because no matter how near or far apart we are…I am always right there in your heart. Just believe in yourself and remember you only fail when you stop trying. Stay brave and bold. Be the light, voice, and advocate for good in this world. The world is better for having you in it.

I hope I've been good example to you. You have been my greatest achievement, the most beautiful chapter in the story of my life. I love you more than you'll ever know, my amazing daughter. You've showed me what unconditional love feels like.

I love you to the moon and back,
Mom

DEBUTANTE

Sydney Jones

Dear Sydney,

I used to whisper to your father, "I want a little girl." God heard my prayers and blessed me with his best little angel in heaven…Sydney Rina Jones! Sydney, you brought this family so much joy…so much love…and very fond memories. You are a remarkable young woman. Your smile, contagious laughter, quip, and depth of social consciousness are amazing. We have seen you transition from sweet little girl with a raspy voice, to a kindhearted young Black Queen. You've blossomed into a beautiful butterfly. Now… spread your beautiful wings and soar into the world of adulthood and become the best at whatever you decide to do. Chase your dreams, stay true to yourself, and never be afraid to take risks every now and then. Remember, you are strong and resilient, and your family will always be by your side. We are so very proud of you.

We love you always and forever,
Your proud parents Dr. Cortney and Alicia Jones

DEBUTANTE

Nadia Kreft

Dear Nadia,

On October 25, 2006, you made me a mom, and I am ever so grateful for you and to you. I am thankful to God for entrusting me to raise you. Nadia you came into this world claiming your space, but I knew you needed some company. 3 years later, you were a big sister. Now you 2 are "thick as thieves", keep that relationship tight as you continue to grow. I am so very proud of all you have accomplished. You are a beautiful, smart, opinionated young lady. You always say, "You are not me", and you are right. You are better than me and I admire your discipline and stick-to-it-ness. You have taught me so many things, you have taught me how to trust God even the more. You belong to God first then me. As I had you christened you when you were a baby, your life is dedicated to Christ. Remember you are his child, and you belong to him.

I know I must drive you crazy at times, but please always know that I am coming from a good place. I will always do my absolute best for you and want nothing more than for you to have a healthy, happy, and fulfilling life.

Life won't always be perfect or fair, but it is beautiful, and you should live it to the fullest and know ***that what God has for you, is for you, and you alone. Doors will open, walk through them. I pray for God's favor over your life.***

Always remember that you won't have to ever do life alone. Remember that your voice matters. Remember that it is healthy to let go of what doesn't serve you. Remember no matter what, Mommy's love for you will never waver. When I lost my mom, I didn't know how was going to continue… But she taught me how to be a great mom, wife, and woman. I will strive to continue to pour into you the way my mom did for me, and one day far far away when you have to do life without me. Along with God, I will be there to guide you forever. You came from me, and you are forever a part of me.

I know that it is inevitable that life will deliver trials and tribulations. Remember, you cannot know love, without having experienced a broken heart; you cannot know the value of life, without having experienced loss, and you cannot know the value of success, without having experienced failure. My prayer is that you remain focused on Christ and no matter how many times life knocks you down, you rise.

As you enter this next chapter, please be prayerful, but also enjoy, take some risks, and continue to learn. Take advantage of the opportunities that are offered to you. You are prepared and you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you! Don't doubt yourself, just walk into your destiny knowing that you are supported and loved, and we have your back NO MATTER WHAT…

Love you unconditionally, Mom

DEBUTANTE

Desirai Mitchell

Dear Desirai,

We write this letter with extreme gratitude and love. It seems like yesterday you arrived in this world ready to take on any challenges that came your way. It was something about that strong solo cry, that showed your self determination. It was clear that you were destined for greatness. Your initial task was to be a great big sister to your twin. You guided her and oftentimes communicated for her during that first year of life. You were always diligent in your level of protection. As your parents, we feel amazed by both your selfless loving character and your continuous determination to be the best at anything you set your mind to. We will miss hearing countless teachers speak of your brilliance and your desire to help others.

We pray that you continue to put God first in all that you do. Keeping God first will strengthen your faith and confidence and will allow you to continue your path to your life's purpose. We believe your intellect and talents will help change the world for the better. We are excited for your journey. You are a Shining Star as affirmed in your middle name, Starr. Continue to let your light shine in all that you do. We will be watching and praying for you as you continue to grow. We will always have you and uplift you in all your endeavors.

Matthew 5:16 : *"In the same way let your light shine before others,that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven".*

Love Always,
Mom & Dad (Darsan & Regina Mitchell)

DEBUTANTE

Raiven Mitchell

Dear Raiven,

We write this letter with extreme gratitude and love. It seems like yesterday you arrived in this world. You were a breached baby, you challenged us on your first day as you entered the world. It was something about your strong will to do things your way with your own grace,determination and self control. It was clear that you were destined for greatness. Your initial task was to be an awesome little sister to your twin. Your sister was always serious. You encouraged your sister to be creative and daring. You built your own confidence ,while building some of hers. As your parents, we feel amazed by both your leadership and determination. We will miss hearing countless teachers speak of your passion and determination.

We pray that you continue to put God first in all that you do. Keeping God first will strengthen your faith and confidence and will allow you to continue your path to your life's purpose. We believe your intellect and talents will help change the world for the better. We are excited for your journey. The Sky is the limit as affirmed in your middle name, Skye. Continue to look to the sky in the heavens and understand that you have purpose .We will be watching and praying for you as you continue to grow. We will always have you and uplift you in all your endeavors.

Psalm 19:1: "*The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of Gods hands*"

Love Always,
Mom & Dad (Darsan & Regina Mitchell)

DEBUTANTE

Arielle Newsome

Dear Arielle,

From the start, you stole our families heart! As the first child, grandchild and God-child of many, you continue to amaze us with your beauty, maturity, sophistication, deep respect and care for elders, and the resilience that you bring to life. Congratulations on completing your Debutante journey, and we hope the lessons in etiquette, in life and the relationships you've cultivated will serve you well! We have no doubt that you will continue to rise to what lies ahead of you - as you take on the next challenges of a prestigious academic career, playing sports at the collegiate level, and navigating life in a new city, with new people far away from home. We know that God has got your back and that YOU have been designed for your unique destiny.

Continue to be the amazing, admirable, astonishing Arielle! Thank you for being a loving and supportive big sister to JJ, who will certainly miss nights of "Nintendo Switch, Singing Monsters and bread making. We love you just the way you are! We have no doubt that you will embrace the Latin phrase, Meliora – and be 'ever better' as you continue to lead a life of consequence and serve others through your acts of service and future practice in the medical field!

A Poem for Ari

We will always remember your little afro puffs, and ponytails draping down your back.
Your sneaky little smile while posing for the camera-
confidence is something you never lacked!
Even when a little doubt clouded your thoughts,
and challenges arose, you never backed away;
The energy and determination you've cultivated along your life's journey,
keeps you from day to day.
As soon as your sister came in the world, she became your best friend;
You prioritized keeping family close, treasuring & cultivating deep bonds that will never end.
And now we see the product of these 17 years and God's grace before our eyes;
Knowing we will treasure all those memories, as you continue to rise.
Daughter, continue to overcome the hills and challenges that life will surely bring;
With the strength of your ancestors, faith and the support of your family,
We have no doubt you will tackle any little thing!

Love Forever,
Mom & Dad

DEBUTANTE

Jasmine Pearson

Dear Jasmine,

As you go out into the world always remember to keep God first in your life. When looking at you we're so amazed at the young woman you are becoming. To know you is to love you because you have a beautiful soul like your mother but you not for the bull like your dad and that's what we love about you. It eases our mind to know we have raised you right and you will flourish in this world. As you enter this new chapter in your life stay true to yourself and don't deviate from your path that God has placed you on. Having a daughter is an emotional roller coaster but we're glad God blessed us to be your parents.

Love ,
Mom and Dad

DEBUTANTE

Ava Prempeh

Dear Ava,

As we write this letter to you, our hearts are overjoyed. Today marks a magnificent milestone in your life, and we marvel at the incredible person you have become. You have given us sixteen years of wonder, laughter and love.

As you are formally introduced to society as a debutante this evening, we want you to know just how cherished you are. We have observed your commitment to the Debutante Club activities and requirements. You have demonstrated a tremendous work ethic, ability to be introspective, and remain faithful to your highest priorities. Thank you for the kindness, intelligence, and strength of character you display that make us incredibly proud to call you our daughter.

Tonight, as you dance in your “princess dress,” we want you to know that you have our unconditional love and support in your every endeavor. Watching you grow into the beautiful young lady presented tonight has been a privilege and a blessing. We have always been profoundly aware that you are a divine gift entrusted to us to guide through an inspired life for His purpose. We see you achieving and walking confidently toward His greatness. You’ve faced challenges with grace, embraced opportunities with enthusiasm, and approached each day with a fervor that fills our hearts with pride. Whether you’re celebrating triumphs or navigating the pitfalls of life, we will always be here to offer guidance, encouragement, and a safe space. We will forever be at your side, supporting, cheering, and motivating.

May this evening be filled with laughter, joy, and unforgettable memories that you’ll cherish for a lifetime. Embrace every moment, dance like nobody’s watching, and let your light shine brightly for all to see.

With all our love,
Mom & Dad

DEBUTANTE

Ellison Redwine

Dear Ellison, We are so proud of you as you make your debut this spring at the 2024 Debutante Cotillion with The Cotillion Society of Detroit Educational Foundation.

Ellie, it is undeniable that you are the greatest joy and love of our lives. Since the day you were born you have been the star of the show, and it is absolutely unimaginable what our lives would have been like without you to guide our steps in parenting. You were the first, and you have made each day in our lives to be a day filled with purpose and for this we are grateful for the gift you have given us. It is generally the case that children look to their parents for life lessons, but in your sixteen years on this earth you have taught us so many valuable lessons. We look at you – a person who believes in hope and seeks to serve humanity effortlessly; a person who works so diligently at the most difficult situations and perseveres; a young lady who protects her space for balance and personal wellness, and an adventurer who enjoys a joie de vivre as an example of how others should live.

Ellie, you are unique and a child of God. You are an exceptional gift and spirit. We recently shared a story with you about how the world is unkind at times to exceptional people because you do not fit the mold of the status quo. YOU are brilliant and creative, YOU are stunningly gorgeous, YOU sing like and hold the heart of an angel, YOU have a deep compassion for living creatures, and YOU are creative, clever and a lover of the arts, music, nature.

We know this moment is one that has not been easy for you, and that you even questioned its importance. Yet, you have handled every moment with grace and perseverance just like when you fell in the park in Brooklyn and skinned your knee. In your years, we have always watched you dust yourself off and get back up to play the game. We know that you will face difficulties in life, but watching you navigate through so many challenges makes us proud that you have the wherewithal to figure it all out and exert an independence that becoming a young woman requires.

A year from now you will go off to university to study, and put those talents and skills you have honed to good use. We know you will find your tribe and you will also find your ikigai. We know you will continue to place stamps in your passport to travel abroad to places where you will have an adventure and an opportunity to see and serve the world. We would hope for and want nothing less for you. As our beautiful daughter you bring light and inspiration to us and practically every good-hearted soul you meet.

Ellie, you were put on this earth for a purpose and you will make your mark and we will watch in awe of how you will inspire the masses. It is always important that you remember that no matter what, you will have us as your parents cheering for you with unyielding love.

Love Forever, Mom

DEBUTANTE

Jada Roberts

Dear Jada,

As your parents, we have watched you grow into an extraordinary young woman, and today, as you step into the esteemed tradition of the Detroit debutante ball, our hearts are filled with immeasurable pride and love.

Your journey at Farmington Hills Mercy High School speaks volumes of your dedication and character. With a stellar academic record and a cumulative GPA of 3.86, you have proven that perseverance and hard work are the cornerstones of success. Your role as a Mercy Link Leader, welcoming and guiding first-year students, shows your natural ability to lead and nurture.

Your accomplishments as the Captain of the Mercy Varsity Pompom team, securing a 3rd Place State win in 2023, and recognized as a Scholar Athlete are testaments to your tenacity and talent. Your engagement in the Co-E4e Club, the Black Awareness Society of Education, and Health Occupations Students of America illustrates your commitment to both personal growth and community service.

Beyond school, your involvement with the Mid-American All-Star State Pompom Team, AKATeens of Detroit, and the Helping Hand Tutoring Group at St. Valentine in Redford, MI, reflects your dedication to extending your impact. Your compassionate work with the Love for Your Elders and at Motor City Steam, creating lab kits for underprivileged students, speaks volumes about your kind and giving spirit.

Jada, your strengths as a leader, a hard worker, and a person of great tenacity, combined with your personable and friendly nature, make you a beacon of hope and inspiration. Your adventurous spirit, love for reading, and the joy you find in spending me with family and friends enrich the lives of those around you.

As you step forward into this new chapter of your life, know that your dreams of a4ending the University of Michigan, majoring in Biology on the Pre-Med track, and aspiring to be a Cardiothoracic Surgeon are within your reach. Your journey thus far is just the beginning of a remarkable story that you will continue to write.

We love you more than words can express, and we are here to support you every step of the way. May this debutante ball be a memorable milestone in your life's journey, a celebration of your accomplishments, and a beautiful prelude to all the wonderful chapters yet to come. Jada, we are beyond proud of the young lady you have become.

We love you to the moon and back! -Mom and Dad

DEBUTANTE

Megan Roberts

Dear Megan,

Dear Megan, where do I start, I simply love you. I birthed a baby who was very quiet and a fast learner. I watched you grow and become the young woman you are today inspite of life occurrences. I walked you into school at 2.5 yrs old, I admired how you let go of my hand and walk over to meet with the other children. I wasn't ready to let go of your hand, I was the one to cry. You and your brother and sister taught me something about strength. You excelled in class and was voted best dressed. Your style was all your own even st that young of age. I remember your love for bright colors and how you made me smile when you were dressed. I understood Eben then the greatness in you and the beauty. You were and still are a natural cook, you loved trying to cook even at that young of age. You are a natural athlete...I cheered you on then and I won't stop cheering for you. Let's talk about intelligence(My goodness) need I say more. Your preparing for the world as an adult and I couldn't be prouder. Truth is you have always been older than your age(smile). I love your heart my sweet baby girl(the last of the 3). I can't wait to see what you will contribute to the world more than now. Meggie congratulations on being a Debutante. I have to let go of your hand again...I'm ready this time.

Love, Mom

Megan, I knew how blessed I was as soon as you were born. You had the smile of an angel and would flash it to anyone that spoke to you. To see you grow into the young lady before me is amazing. You have zero fears meaning you'll try anything at least once, from cheer to volleyball. Then we go to your grades 4.1 during your senior year is incredible especially with your busy schedule. I know we bump heads a lot, but know this I Love You with All of My Heart.

Love, Dad

DEBUTANTE

Zoey Rogers

Dear Zoey,

Zoey, I just love you so much! From the very first moment you entered this world, you have made parenthood not just a role, but an experience that I truly enjoy. Raising you (and your brother) has been the best part of my life. You are amazing, and I cherish every moment we spend together. You are EVERYTHING – not just to me, but in all that you represent and embody. The beauty within you, and the strength and grace that you carry, are testaments to the wonderful, kind-hearted, and resilient person you are.

Your ability to juggle many roles while maintaining a good academic standing has always been impressive. You balance life's many facets with such grace. While some may say that you're a mini-me, I believe you are so much more. Your uniquely beautiful qualities make you distinctly yourself. To know you is to love you. As my firstborn, leading the way by three minutes, you hold a special place in my heart, and you are indeed my favorite daughter.

I am proud of you for simply being you, and equally proud of your achievements and the person you're becoming. As you continue your journey, remember Proverbs 31:25-30. It speaks to the virtue of a strong, dignified, and wise woman, admired not just for her abilities but for her character and reverence for God. It's a beautiful reminder that what truly matters is who you are on the inside — your wisdom, your kindness, your ability to make a positive impact on those around you. These are qualities that I see growing in you every day. I pray for bountiful blessings upon you.

As you continue to grow and explore the wonders of life, keep God first in your life, for His guidance and love are unfailing. And remember to always...always...stay true to yourself and pursue what brings you joy, for in happiness lies life's greatest fulfillment. I'll ALWAYS be here for you.

Thank you for being such an amazing daughter! I love you.
Love, Mom

DEBUTANTE

Rielly Rudolph

Dear Rielly,

As we pen this letter, our hearts swell with an abundance of love and pride for the incredible person you are becoming. Words cannot convey the true sentiments felt within our hearts. You are truly God's gift to us. For years before you were born, we prayed to our Lord to give us a heavenly gift - a child. And then our prayers were answered God sent you.

Each day, we witness the blossoming of your inner and outer beauty of your spirit, and it fills us with joy and gratitude. From the moment you entered our life, you brought a light that has only continued to shine brighter with time. Your laughter is a melody that resonates through our home, a source of warmth that wraps around our soul. Through your eyes, we see a reflection of dreams and possibilities, and it inspires us to be better persons and parents.

As you navigate the delicate and sometimes uncharted waters that is life and becoming a young adult, we want you to know that you are not alone. Life can be challenging, full of twists and turns, but remember that your strength lies within you. Embrace the journey, for it is in the perseverance and meeting challenges that we discover our true selves. You are an amazing young lady whose superpowers are ordained by God, protected by his armor of salvation, and defended by the swords of the Spirit. Your quiet strength, determination, resilience, and ability to rise to the occasion and excel never ceases to amaze us. We have no doubt that you will conquer any obstacle that comes your way.

From the time you entered pre-school till now we've watched you cultivate friendships with kindness and sincerity. You have a natural gift that draws people to you and your ability to empathize and connect with others is a testament to the compassionate soul you are. Cherish these bonds, for true friendships is essential and the pillars that supports us through the highs and lows of life.

Continue to cultivate your love for learning and expressions of your creativity through your artist aesthetic. Your dedication to advancing your education will be a powerful tool, and your commitment to learning speaks volumes about your noble character. Continue to explore the vast world of knowledge, for it is a journey that never truly ends. Let curiosity be your guide, and don't be afraid to question, to wonder, to seek understanding, and fail too.

In your journey of knowledge, never forget the importance of compassion. Ephesians 4:32 tells us "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgive each other, just as in Christ God has forgiven you."

Rielly, you are a unique, fabulous, smart, funny, kind-hearted, soft-spoken young Black woman whose contributions to the rich tapestry of life are already being sewn together.

In moments of doubt, always remember that you are loved unconditionally. Your worth is not defined by achievements or setbacks; it is inherent in the person you are. Embrace your journey with an open heart, and know that we are here, cheering you on every step of the way. With all our love,

Mom and Dad

DEBUTANTE

Aniah Russaw

Dear Aniah,

You have been a blessing since the day you were born! God has shown favor upon your life and blessed you with a wonderful village. You are loved and adored by many. If you only knew how proud we are of you! You have given us joys way beyond our deserving. To watch you grow and mature gives us so much confidence that you will become a woman who will have a meaningful life. Keep dreaming and achieving your goals. We pray that God continues to carry you all the days of your life. Aniah, we love you immensely special girl!

With Love,
Daddy & Mommy

DEBUTANTE

Savannah Shivers

Dear Savannah, To take a moment to write this letter, our hearts are simply filled with an overwhelming sense of love and pride. You are, without a doubt, an incredible young lady who has pushed through adversity while finding your place in the world. You are a quiet, patient, loving, helpful and smart force to be reckoned with, making you truly an extraordinary individual.

As a middle sibling of four, you have always been helpful and kind. Never really causing too much fuss and just enjoying your place in a large family. Even as a toddler you were extremely helpful when your baby brother was born, and that is when your natural nurturing personality began to emerge. This part of your personality is one of your most endearing qualities. Please don't ever lose your caring and helpful spirit.

When asked to find a word to describe you, the word "overcomer" came to mind. We have watched you overcome some tough challenges and STILL manage to be a high- achieving student who donates her talents and gifts to others. You are level-headed and your inner strength has helped you navigate and concur some difficult situations with poise and grace. You need to know that we are extremely proud of the young women you have become. The way you carry and handle yourself is admirable by all that know and love you!

You are honest and can be trusted by your parents to help around the house, do your chores, keep up with your studies, help your brother and follow curfew (as well as other household rules). These things are important because it shows you have great character and have grown into a responsible and accountable young lady.

While we know you have an amazing life ahead of you, we are a great family of faith. Your life must be rooted and grounded in God. Grow closer and closer to God so that you can live a life that is pleasing to Him. He will never leave you or forsake you. Remember, "To Whom Much is Given, Much is Required" (Luke 12:48). You have been blessed with a rich childhood, continue to pay it forward and make this world a better place through your love, faith, and trust in God.

With great pride we watch you balance family, friends, school, work, and other commitments. We KNOW you have all that you need to continue your journey through college and through life. Never forget, as your parents, we will be right beside you and provide all the support, guidance and love you need to be anything your heart desires. No matter where life takes you, you can count on your family!

Savannah, it will be all worth it—all the hard work and tired days. Keep pushing young lady. There is a world out there waiting for you (love you Toot)!

With all our love, Mom, Dad and Alicia

DEBUTANTE

Kaden Smith

Dear Kaden,

As we sit down to write this letter to you, our hearts are brimming with an immeasurable sense of pride and love. Kaden, you are the embodiment of everything we as parents could ever hope for in a child. From the moment you came into our lives, you've brought nothing but joy and light. Your character and intelligence shine through in everything you do, illuminating our lives with your brilliance. But what truly sets you apart, is your compassionate and loving nature. You have a unique ability to understand and empathize with others, a gift that makes you not just a remarkable daughter but a wonderful human being.

Watching you grow and develop into a confident and thoughtful individual has been one of the greatest pleasures of our lives. Your confidence is not just in yourself, but in your beliefs, values and dreams, inspires us every day. Your thoughtfulness, creativity, and the way you consider others' feelings and needs, speaks volumes about the kind of person you are and continue to become.

One of the things we admire most is your ability to make friends wherever you go. Your infectious smile and warm heart draw people to you, and it's no surprise that you are loved and cherished by so many. You have this incredible talent for making everyone around you feel special and important, a rare quality that makes you a true treasure.

Your dedication to your studies is nothing short of outstanding. You've shown time and again that you are committed to your education, and your hard work and determination never cease to amaze us. We are so proud of your academic achievements and the way you balance your responsibilities with grace and poise.

And let's not forget your passion for dance. For 13 years, you've danced your way into the hearts of everyone who has watched you perform. Your dedication to this art form is evident in every move you make, and it's a joy to see you express yourself through dance. Your performances are a reflection of your hard work, discipline, and the love you have for dancing.

Kaden, we want you to know that we are incredibly proud to be your parents. You have enriched our lives in more ways than we can count, and we are grateful for every moment we've shared with you. Continue to shine, to dream, and to be the wonderful person you are. We love you immensely.

With all our love and admiration,
Mommy and Daddy

DEBUTANTE

Kayden Smith

Dear Kayden,

From the moment we first held you in our arms, we knew you were a precious gift bestowed upon us. Each day since has been a journey, watching you grow and blossom into the remarkable woman you are becoming. Seeing who you are today fills our hearts with immeasurable pride and love.

Your qualities shine brightly for all to see, heart and spirit. Your compassion, dedication, and relentless pursuit of excellence in all you do are truly inspiring. Your work ethic is nothing short of outstanding, demonstrating a commitment and perseverance many strive for but few achieve.

We have watched in awe as you have given your time and heart to volunteer, extending kindness and care to those around you. You possess a profound ability to connect with and uplift others, a trait that speaks volumes of your character. This selflessness, this desire to make a difference in the lives of others, is what truly sets you apart.

Believe us when we say God truly blessed us when He chose us to be your parents. Every day with you is a testament to His grace; we are eternally grateful. It has been an honor and a privilege to guide, support, and walk alongside you on this journey.

As you continue on your path, remember that you are destined for greatness. Your faith, your courage, and your unwavering spirit are the compass that will guide you through life's challenges and triumphs. You are on your way to becoming a successful, God-fearing woman, and we do not doubt that you will achieve everything you set your heart on.

This is just the beginning, Kayden. A beautiful, exciting, and fulfilling life lies ahead of you. As your parents, we promise always to be here for you, to cheer you on, to support you, and to love you unconditionally.

With all our love and blessings,
Your Parents

DEBUTANTE

Mackenzie Thomas

Dear Mackenzie,

For 17 years we have poured love into you each and every day. Take a minute to read our love story to you. We wanted to be your parents' way before you arrived. Finally, after a long journey God answered our prayers. The moment we heard your little heartbeat, we were instantly in love with you and our heart was filled with joy and happiness. The day we went to the doctor to get an ultrasound to determine if we were having a boy or girl, you were very uncooperative! Mommy had to eat M&Ms to get you excited. And finally, the chocolate gave you the energy needed to move all around and the doctor told us we were having a GIRL!! We instantly began to love you. And then on a sunny Wednesday evening you came into this world, and it was love at first sight.

Mackenzie, we love you more than words can express. Watching you grow the last seventeen years has been the best years of our lives.

Mackenzie, as your mother, you are truly my mini me. It's more than a mother and daughter just looking alike. You have my compassion, confidence, wisdom, independence, courage, integrity, tenacity, and of course my personality (that can be bossy at times). Like mother and daughter, we are strong, yet walk with grace, we are true to our friends, and have a heart of gold. And for all of that I am so proud to say that I raised you to be the thoughtful and wise young lady you are today. I raised you to run this world that surrounds you. I raised you to be the best version of YOU. You are the fire, light, and wisdom the world needs. I am so happy God made me your mommy in this journey of life. YOU are simply AMAZING, and I am so proud of you. You are beautiful inside and out and I love you for that. I am your BIGGEST cheerleader and never forget that!

Mackenzie, as your father, it is my job to be a devoted and chivalrous admirer. Some people don't believe in heroes, but they haven't met you, my daughter. It gives me such pride and happiness to say that I am your father because of the great young lady you have become.

As parents you are the joy of our lives. As you continue to blossom, keep your faith a priority and always work hard. Life will throw so many things at you, but you are strong. You can face any challenge that comes your way. When you fall, it's just a crossroad in life, get up, regroup, and do the right thing. The candle in you will never burn out. It will shine and shine for years to come. "He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay, and HE set me free upon a rock, making my footsteps firm." (Psalm 40:2). Mackenzie, believe that the Lord will protect you at all accords.

So, as you complete your senior year of high school in the fall and enter young adulthood, our prayer is that you continue to surround yourself with positive people, keep your head high, eyes on the prize, dream big and never stop believing in yourself. The sky's the limit for you. Enjoy this last journey in high school and follow the path God has laid ahead for you. Always remember, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

Love you to Infinity, Mommy and Daddy

DEBUTANTE

Autumn Walker

Dear Autumn, Congratulations for completing this enchanted journey of service, scholarship, and social graces. It gives us great joy to see you seizing every moment of this joyous opportunity. We write this letter to express our overwhelming pride and love that fills our heart when we think of you. You exemplify love, commitment to family values, and the pursuit of excellence in every aspect of your life.

Ever since you were a little girl you have amazed us with your uncanny curiosity towards discovering the world around you. Your father would call you a "reverse-engineer" when you took your toys apart to figure out how they worked and then rebuilt them. Your imagination and creativity will build your future. Use them well.

Your commitment to our family and your values are what makes you a remarkable young lady. We love that you are family oriented and value family traditions. Your dedication to our family is heartwarming. Your warmth and compassion create a sense of unity and belonging that is truly special. You have a sisterly spirit that fosters organic bonds that will last a lifetime.

Your dedication to academic excellence is inspiring. Your pursuit of high academic performance showcases your determination and thirst for knowledge. We have no doubt that you will achieve greatness in these career fields. Your leadership qualities are evident in everything you do. Whether it's taking charge of a project, being a loyal friend, making difficult choices and holding yourself accountable, or leading by example and inspiring those around you. These are the traits of a true leader. Your advocacy for self and others speaks to your passion and desire to help others in need and protect your agency for what is best for you. You stand up for what is right, and your voice serves as a beacon of hope in a world that often needs advocates for change.

As your mother, remember to live for joy and never give up! You come from strength and resilience. You possess the power to reinvent yourself whenever you want to. As your father, remember to always let your light shine and never be small for anyone. When your light shines, you show others how to do the same. Be your own shade of brilliance every day! Together, we want you to remember to be a good Christian, live with integrity, and don't compromise your standards for temporary gains. We thank God for allowing us to be your parents! Always remember that you are capable of achieving anything you set your mind to. We are endlessly proud of the person you are becoming, and we can't wait to see all the incredible things you will accomplish in the future.

With boundless love in our hearts, we love you Autumn Rose!
Mom & Dad

DEBUTANTE

Madison Williams

Dear Madison,

Words can't express the love and joy your presence brings into our lives, but we will try. It has been remarkable watching you grow from a brainy little girl to a poised young woman. A parent wishes that their child is a better reflection of themselves and you are. You're good in every sense of the world; to people, in academia and in life. You care not only for yourself, but you care for your community, your friends and family. You have passion and drive all while remaining human.

Nothing prepares parents for how fast these years would go by. We pray that we have filled you with every ounce of love, confidence & hope that you need to see the gift GOD gave us in you.

With All The Love,
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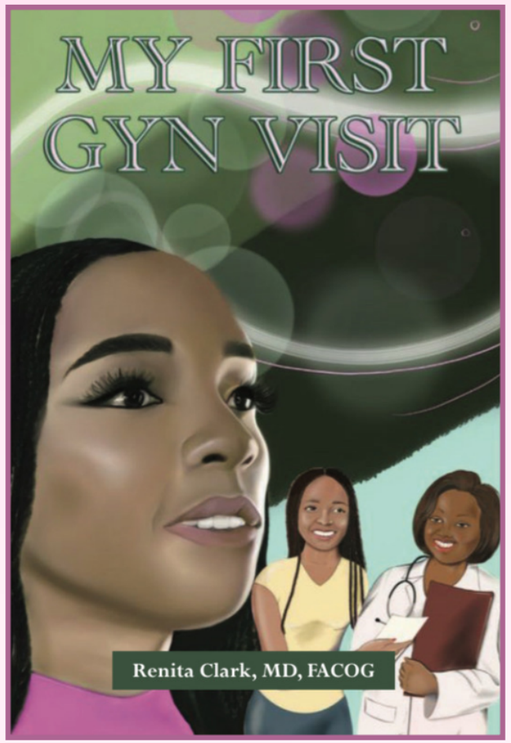
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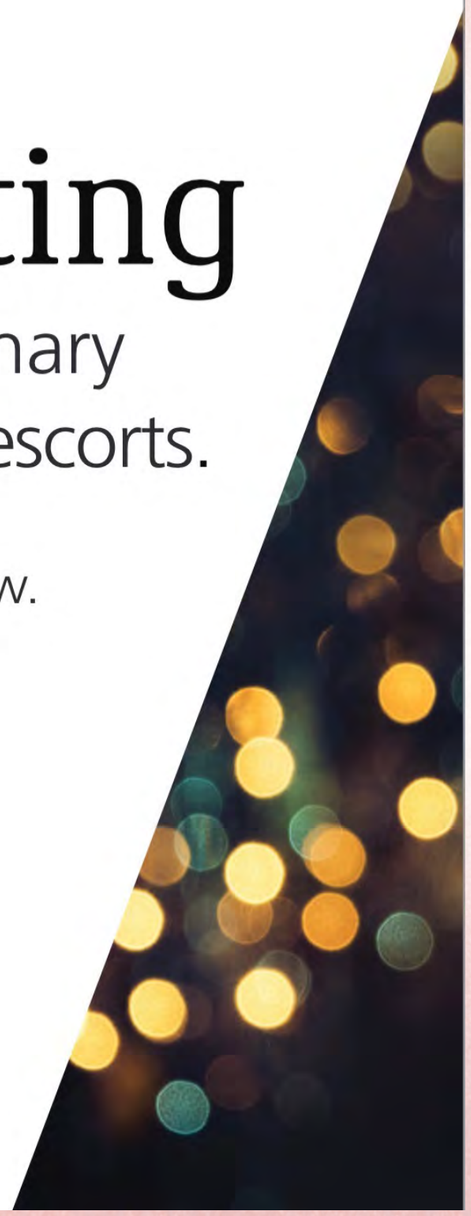

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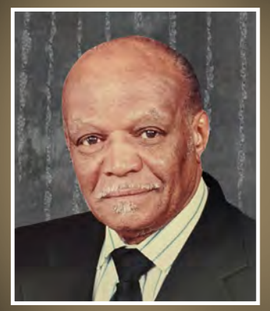

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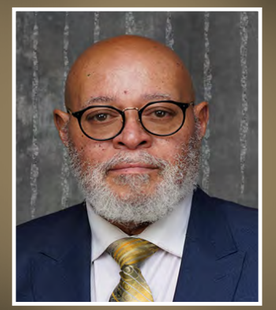

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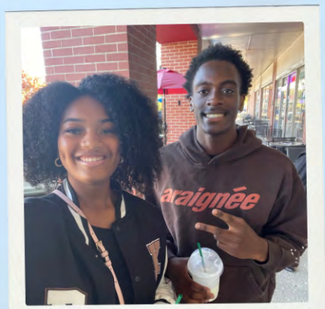
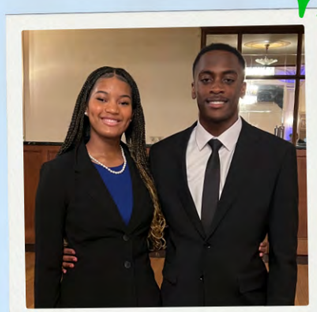
Debutante Autumn Walker and Escort Robert Bridges





We are so proud of you two. Continue to radiate brilliance wherever you do!

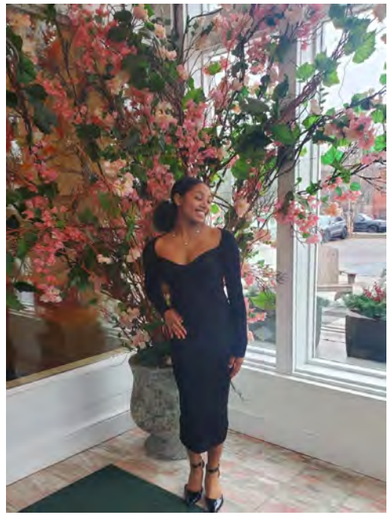
Love,
Your parents,
Sharod & Alisa Bridges and Donald & Tara Walker

Congratulations Aniah and Chelsea!

It has been a pleasure watching you grow into such beautiful young women!
Wishing you a wonderful cotillion and future success in all your endeavors!

Love,

Crystal R. Gardner-Martin, MD



Congratulations to Zharia Hunter, Madison Williams and Nyaela Hakim!

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Congratulations to Debutante Elaine Cleague and Escort KeithAnthony Morales!

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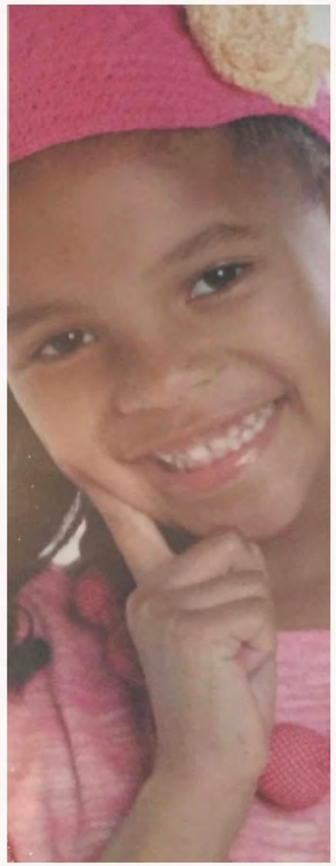
It has been a long journey and you have worked hard. There is so much more ahead of you!

Many blessings to you both as you enter the next phases of your lives.

Love,
Your Parents

Congratulations! Desirai & Raiven Mitchell



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Wishing you an amazing Cotillion!

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Congratulations Jada and Bradleigh!

It has been a pleasure watching you grow into such beautiful and strong young ladies! Wishing you continued blessings in all your endeavors. Enjoy your cotillion and let your light shine!

Love,

Crystal R. Gardner-Martin, MD

HIGH FIVE!

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS RIELLY AND JASIR!

The future can't look any brighter. Wishing you both all the best in your endeavors!
Love your parents,
David & Contessa Jose & Deadra

Scholar
Athlete
Man of God

Jasir,

Thank you for saying "yes." You are a beautiful soul, a devoted friend/cousin and protector. We are so proud of you and look forward to seeing how you make your mark on this world.

Rielly, Contessa and David Rudolph

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DEAR SON,
YOU ARE FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE, STRONG IN BODY AND MIND. YOU ARE OUR TREASURE, JOY, AND PRIDE, IN WHICH WE UPLIFT ALL YOUR HOPES AND DREAMS. AS A BLACK MAN, YOU WILL WEAR MANY HATS: HUSBAND, FATHER, SON, BROTHER AND LEADER. YOU WILL BE TEMPTED TO MAKE YOURSELF SMALL, BUT HOLD YOUR HEAD HIGH, LIFT YOUR CHEST AND KNOW YOU ARE MORE THAN ENOUGH. YOU WILL MOVE IN THIS WORLD WITH THE FORCES OF YOUR ANCESTORS AND YOUR FAMILY.
LOVE ALWAYS, DAD, MOM AND AJEYA

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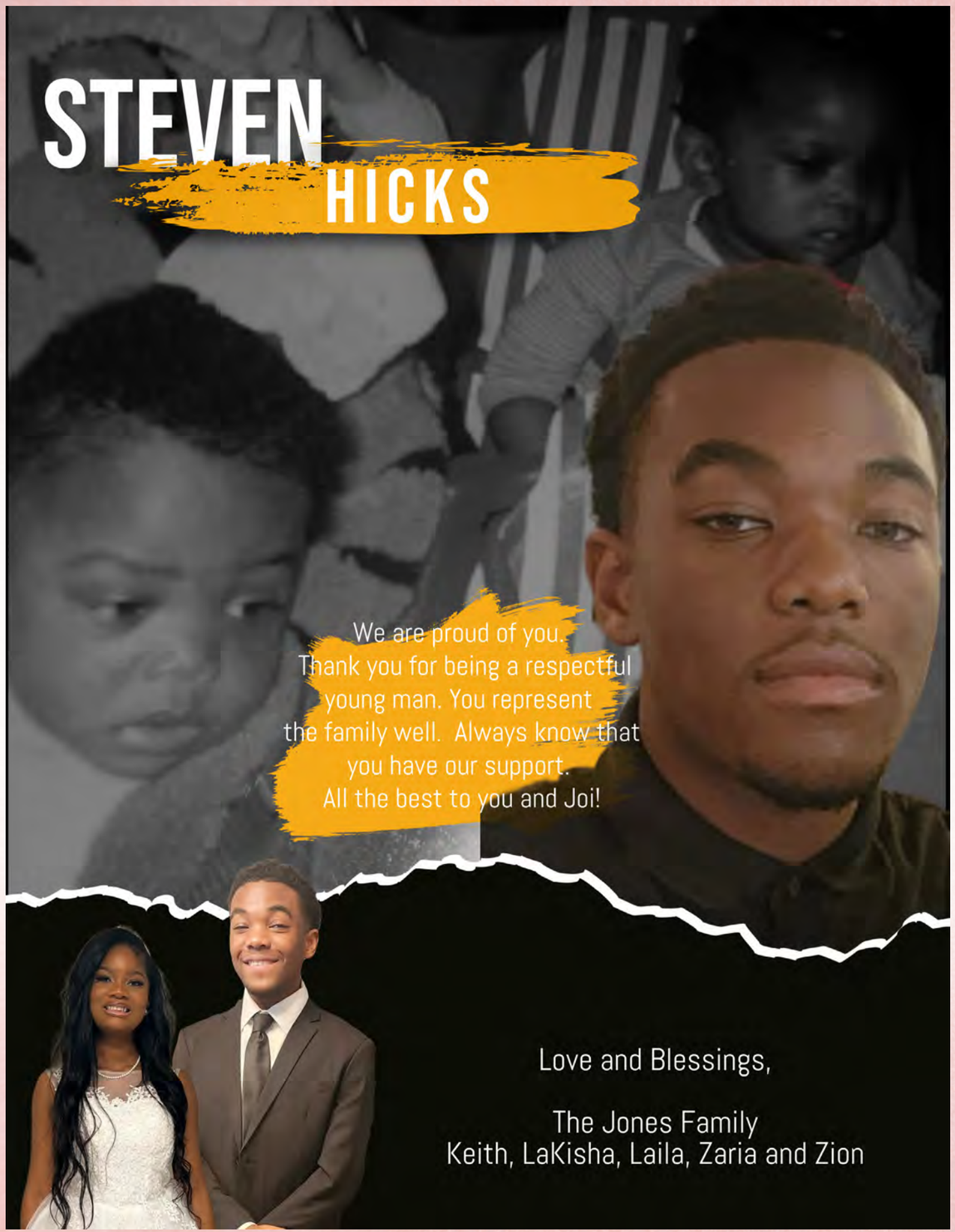
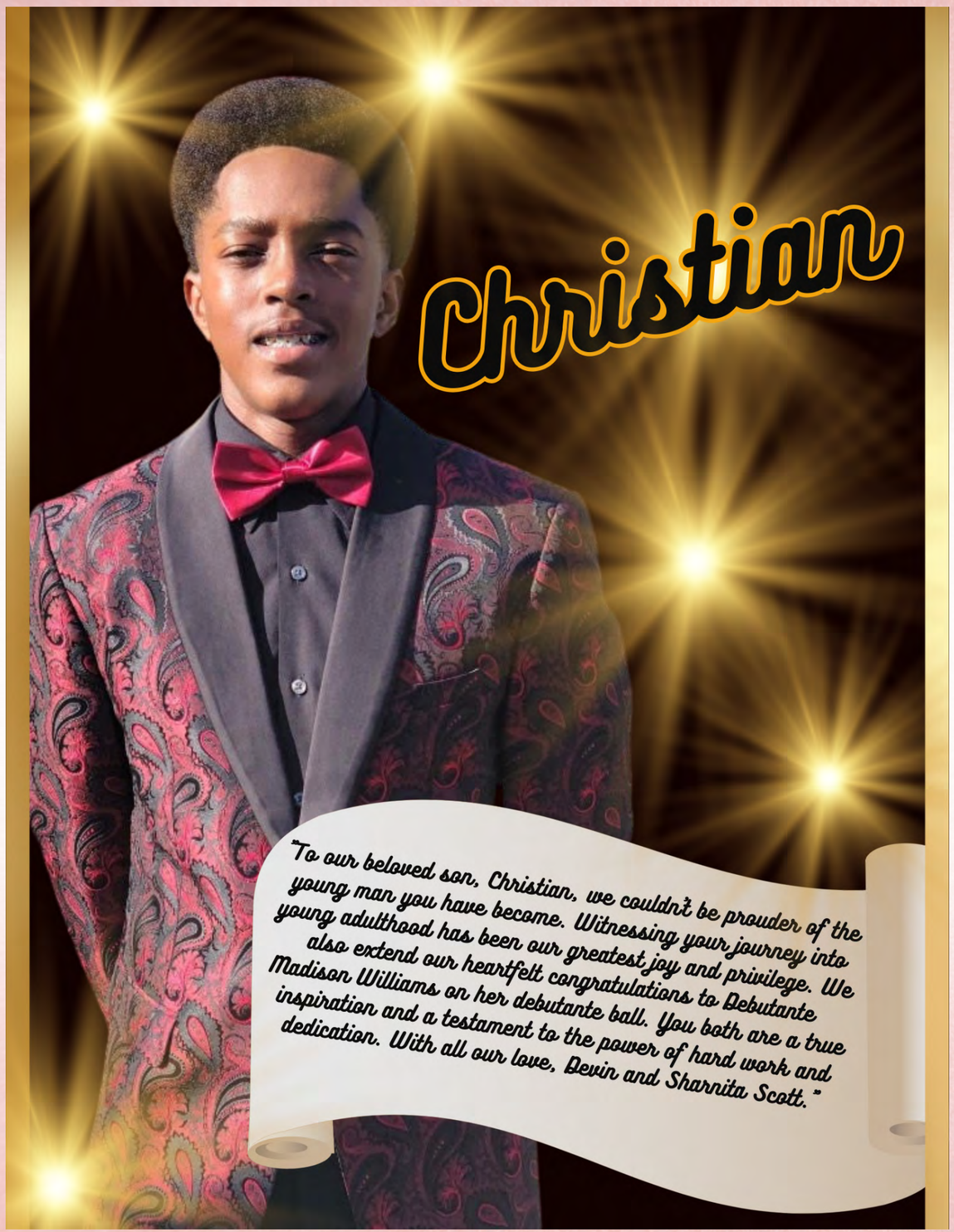

STEVEN
HICKS
We are proud of you.
Thank you for being a respectful
young man. You represent
the family well. Always know that
you have our support.
All the best to you and Joi!
Love and Blessings,
The Jones Family
Keith, LaKisha, Laila, Zaria and Zion

Steven Hicks
We are extremely proud of you.
It is a blessing to have you as a
son. Continue to follow God
and He will lead you into the
success He planned for you.
Love,
Mom and Dad
We are God's masterpiece. He
created us anew in Christ Jesus,
so we can do the good things
he planned for us long ago.
Ephesians 2:10

Cayden,
Watching you grow up and mature has been so gratifying. As a parent I have prayed that my children would be intelligent, kind, caring, humble and successful individuals. Cayden, you are all of that and so much more. Your kindness and the way you care for others shines through in the way you treat everyone you encounter. Your intelligence is demonstrated in your academic achievements in the classroom, your capacity to design websites, defend a case in teen court or the way you fight for justice in your youth advocacy work. Finally, your humble spirit is illuminated through your ability to achieve so many accolades, awards and acknowledgments, but still manage to recognize that it is not your own doing, but only because of God. From your inception I have always known that you were born to be a star! Always remember there's nothing that you can't accomplish with God. I can't wait to see you what's in store for you next.
Love,
Mom

I may be biased, but Cayden, you are one of the hardest working, intelligent, and forward-thinking individuals I know, with a natural leadership ability and compassion that makes you stand out in any setting. As your father, you challenge me to exceed my own limits, blending curiosity with determination to explore new ideas and tackle obstacles head on. Your practical intelligence, empathetic problem-solving, and relentless pursuit of growth not only demonstrates your commitment to excellence but also inspires those around you to strive for their best.

Love,
Dad



Debutante Congratulatory Messages & Ads

DEBUTANTE

Sophia Baker

Congratulations

Sophia.

There are
no words to
express how much
I love you.
Love,
Mom

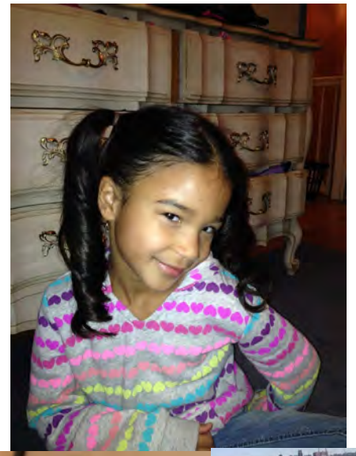
SOPHIA BAKER

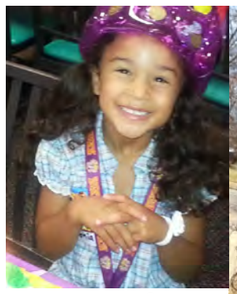
Congratulations Sophia! We are so proud of you. You have grown to be a beautiful, strong, smart, talented, and accomplished young lady.

May God continue to bless you in all of your endeavors. We will always be here to support, encourage, and love you as you are.

You are truly amazing and loved!

Love,
Dad and Tanya





Dear Sophia,

I am so proud of you. Watching you embrace the debutante process was amazing. I am honored to be here to see you grow every day, and I am so glad to call someone so amazing, kind, and loving my best friend.

-Mary Kate Redwine

Congratulations

DEBUTANTE
SOPHIA BAKER

WE CELEBRATE YOU AND ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!
THE CLARK FAMILY - LEXI, COLE, ELLIS & RENITA

Congratulations SOPHIA!

Love Auntie Erica

Sophia Gail Baker

We celebrate Sophia Baker's remarkable milestone as she takes her débutante curtsy and we witness grace, elegance, and the beauty of our goddaughter's journey.

We take pleasure in honoring her debut with added love and joy, on such a magical evening.

Congratulations Sophia Baker!

💜 We Love You, 💜

Auntie Kim & Uncle Reggy Eadie

Sophia Gail Baker

Congratulations Sophia,

May you shine brightly and confidently as you go forth into this world as a young lady full of grace and determination.

- *Sophisticated*
- *Open Minded*
- *Precious*
- *Helpful*
- *Idealistic*
- *Athletic*

Wishing You All the Best!

Love,
Grandma, Granddad, &
Auntie Crystal

Congratulations Little Star!

Grandy loves you very much.
Wish you all the best.

Love,
Brenda Yarbrough

Warmest congratulations and best wishes, Ms. Sophia Baker. May this new chapter be filled success and joy!

David & The Hon. Kenyetta Stanford Jones

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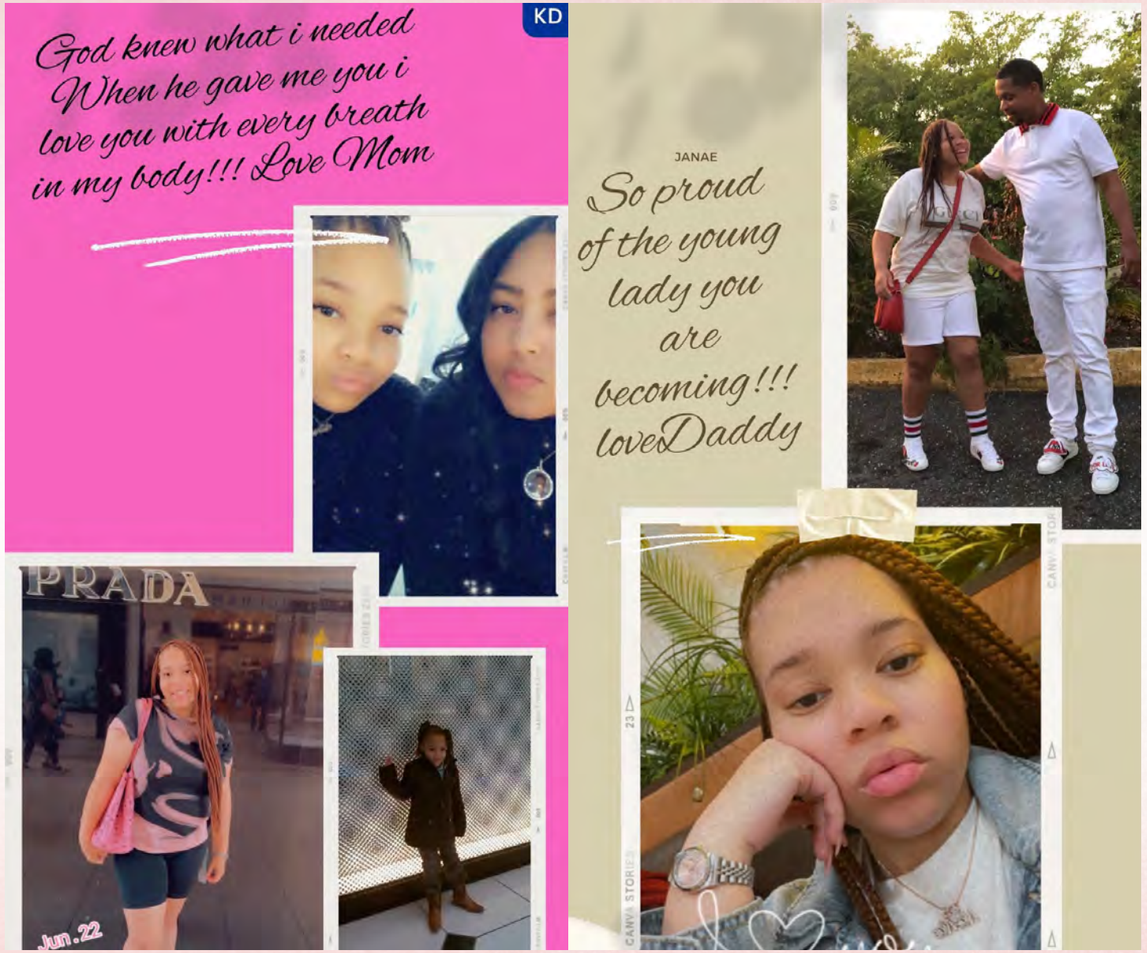
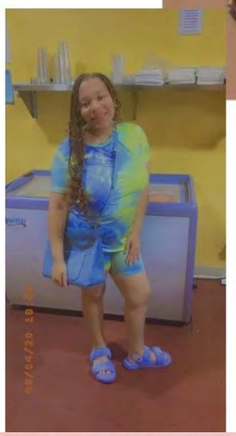


CONGRATULATIONS NAE! LOVE, AUNTIE DANIELLE AND KRU

YOU MAKE US PROUD & WE LOVE YOU ALWAYS!



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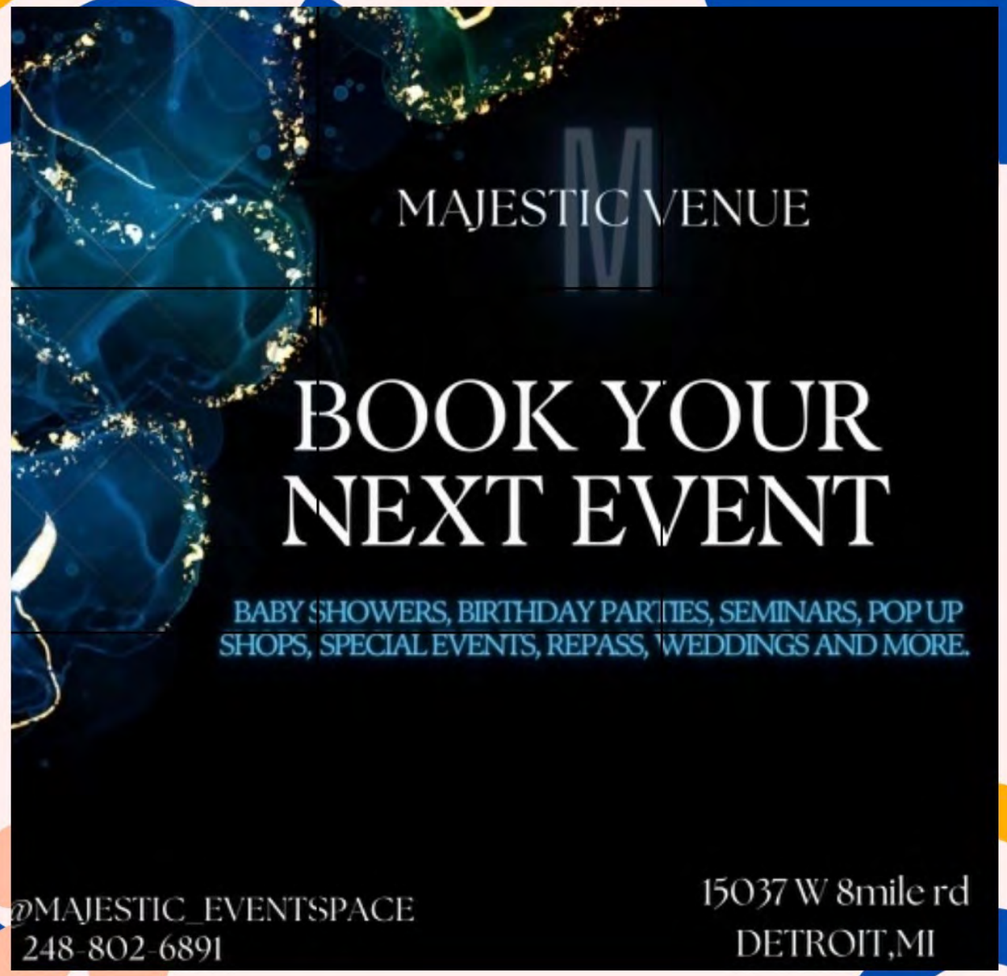


Congratulations Janae

To our beautiful daughter,

You are growing into a remarkable young woman that your Dad and I love more than anything in the world. You are resilient and strong, confident and willing to speak up for what you love.

Equally, you are courageous enough to challenge and question the things you disagree with. You light up the room with your smile, love and your compassion. We our so proud of you Mirissa! Keep being you, your future is so bright!

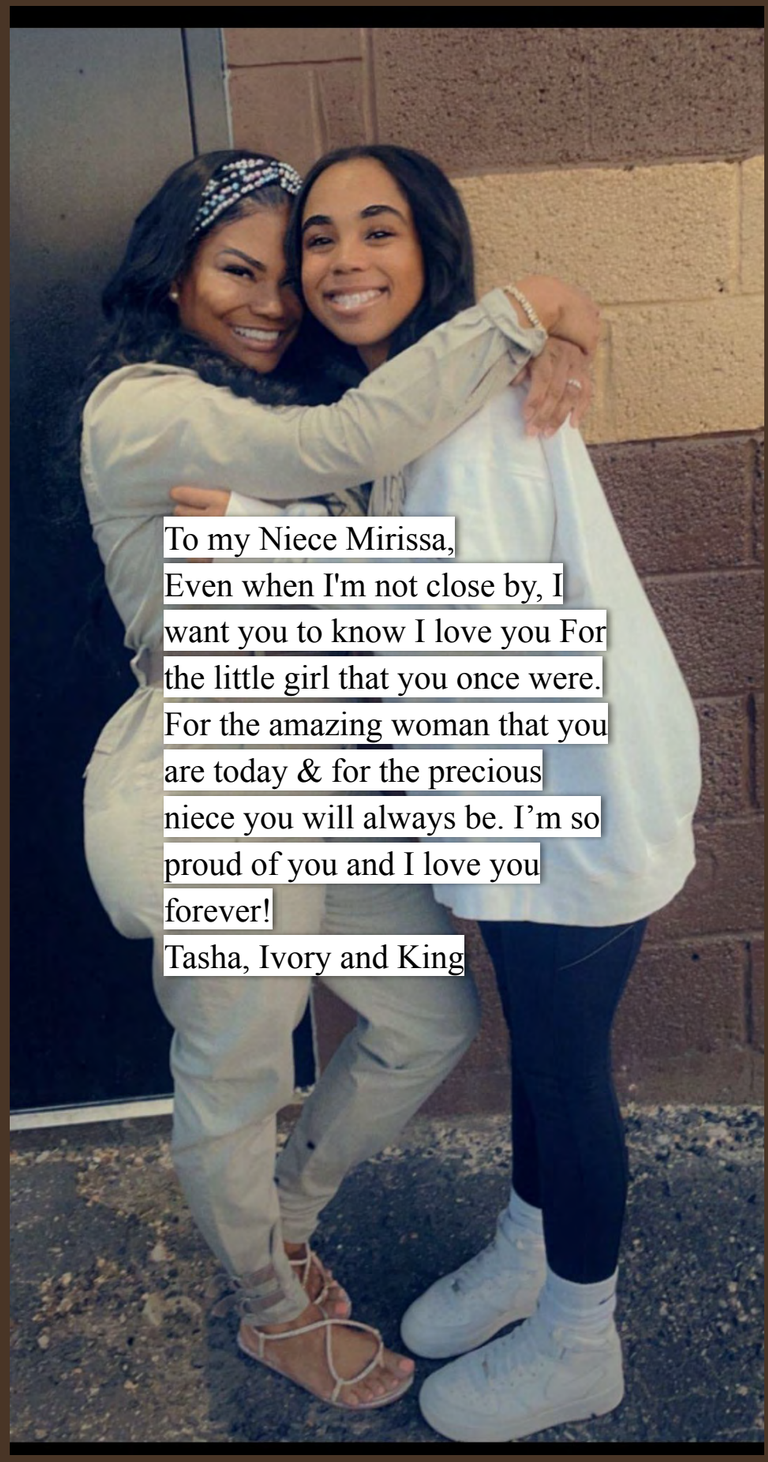
Love,
Mom, Dad and little brother!

Mirissa, we are so proud of you. Amazing things happen to amazing people. One more fantastic chapter to add to the book of your life! Hats off to you 🫡

Love,
Cynthia Reese & Family!❤️

Mirissa, I'm so impressed with your achievements my lovely granddaughter...

Xo your Granny Tanya!



To my Niece Mirissa,
Even when I'm not close by, I want you to know I love you For the little girl that you once were. For the amazing woman that you are today & for the precious niece you will always be. I'm so proud of you and I love you forever!
Tasha, Ivory and King

Dear Mirissa,

I've been brought to reflect on our journey, and it's remarkable to witness the way God brings life full circle. We grew up together, and after years apart due to the pandemic, our recent reunion happened in the unexpected setting of the Oakland County Teen Court. We've stood the test of time.
Our shared last names have always given us a reason to call each other "cousins," but to me, you're truly family. May we continue to cherish these moments as we evolve into the Men and Women of God our parents said we'd be when we were just those little kids playing tag.

All my love,
Cayden

PATRONS OF

Mirissa Brown

Tyra Jones

DEBUTANTE

Haleigh Cameron

Congratulations!

Haleigh Cameron

You are strong, talented, driven, ambitious, passionate and full of potential. Never doubt yourself, your are destined for greatness. Remember to stay true to yourself and keep striving for excellence.
The whole family is proud of you.
Love Mom and Dad
Janissa and Andrew Cameron

Haleigh

Congrats on your magnificent accomplishments!

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Haleigh Cameron

Congratulations on this wonderful milestone!

Continue to embrace new experiences with curiosity and joy.

We love you and wish you all the best!!

Uncle Toby, Auntie Riki, Griff, Dylan & Riley

Haleigh

Our Little Sister has grown up!

We will always be around to protect your and love you! WE ask that God surrounds you and protects you with his angels. YOU are a beautiful sister and our angel!

Love your brothers,

William and Brendan Cameron

Haleigh

My beautiful granddaughter celebrate this memorable event and enjoy all your roses that are given to you. You have a bright future ahead of you. All things are possible so keep striving for greatness! I am proud of the young lady you have become. God Bless.

Love, Grandpa Murelle

Naleigh,

It truly takes a village to raise a child. We're so proud of the young lady you've blossomed into. You are sweet, kind, compassionate, loving, and a caring young lady.

Love, Fred and Erica Prime

Surround yourself with the dreamer and the doers, the believers and the thinkers, but most of all surround yourself with those who see the greatness within you, even when you don't see it in yourself.

Edmund Lee

Congratulations, Debutante Naleigh

With Love, John and Nicole Smith

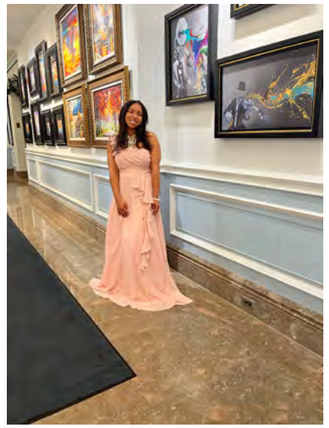
Congratulations Miss Haleigh Cameron! We are proud of you!

Love,

Cousin Aunt NaNa Dora and the

Porter Family.

Congratulations
Haleigh Cameron!



“To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment.”

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

So proud of you!
May God continue to bless you on your life’s journey.

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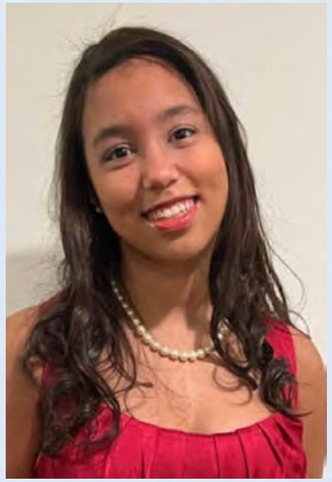

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Laura Washington
Stacy Wilson
Zaundra Wimberley

DEBUTANTE

Elaine Cleague

We are so proud of you and all of your hard work. Wherever you go, whatever you do, we will be right there supporting you. Congratulations! We love you.

Mom and Dad

Elaine, you are the best sister ever. You always stand up for me and you are the best dancer. Love, Marlo

Congratulations to Debutante Elaine Victoria Cleague

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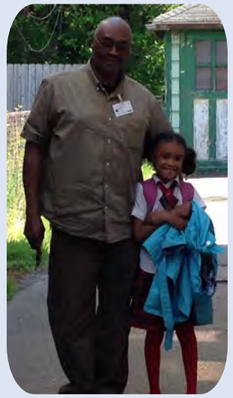
To our lovely Debutante, Elaine Victoria

Elaine, watching you grow, learn, and explore this world has been a true pleasure. Congratulations and keep excelling!

Love, Uncle Calki

Elaine, you are such a talented young lady. Never stop exploring. Never be afraid to be different and keep following your dreams!

Love, Auntie Donnie



Who wants to be a princess, when you can be a scientist?

Love, PAPA

My first and only niece. Watching a fearless baby become a clever young woman has been quite an experience.

Love, Uncle Lawrence

Granddaughter Elaine

To an amazing granddaughter. Strong, smart and beautiful. Remember that!

I love the person you are and can't wait to see what the gift of life brings you. Don't forget to enjoy the journey!

Granny Annie

Granny Pam

To the 2024 TCSDEF Debutantes and Escorts:

Congratulations on achieving a huge milestone! Wishing you joy, love and success in all of your endeavors!

Judge Christina V. Kennedy

Of the 36th District Court
Detroit, Michigan

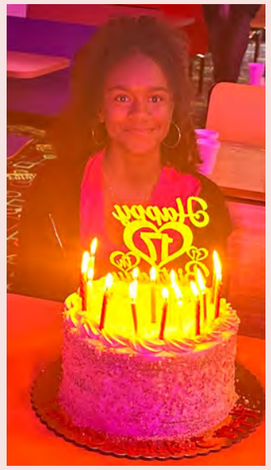
Congratulations Debutante Elaine Cleague!

Elaine, it has been an absolute pleasure watching you grow up into a wonderful young lady! I am proud of all your accomplishments and look forward to celebrating you every step of the way. You are brilliant, compassionate, creative, disciplined and loved! All the amazing qualities you possess will follow you on your journey of life, allowing you to achieve any goal!

Love Lolita, Jeremiah, and Jacob

Congratulations on your Cotillion Elaine!

Your grace, charm, and brilliance have truly shined throughout this memorable journey watching you grow up.



Wishing you all the best as you continue to make lasting memories and impact in your journey ahead.

Here's to the bright future that awaits You!
Love, the Moy Family (Pete, Cemone, Roman, Rylee)

Elaine Victoria Cleague

It has been an honor and a pleasure to watch you grow from an adorable baby to a lovely young lady.
Congratulations on all of your achievements.
Love Always, Your Family

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LOVELY DEBUTANTE, ELAINE VICTORIA!

Love Always,
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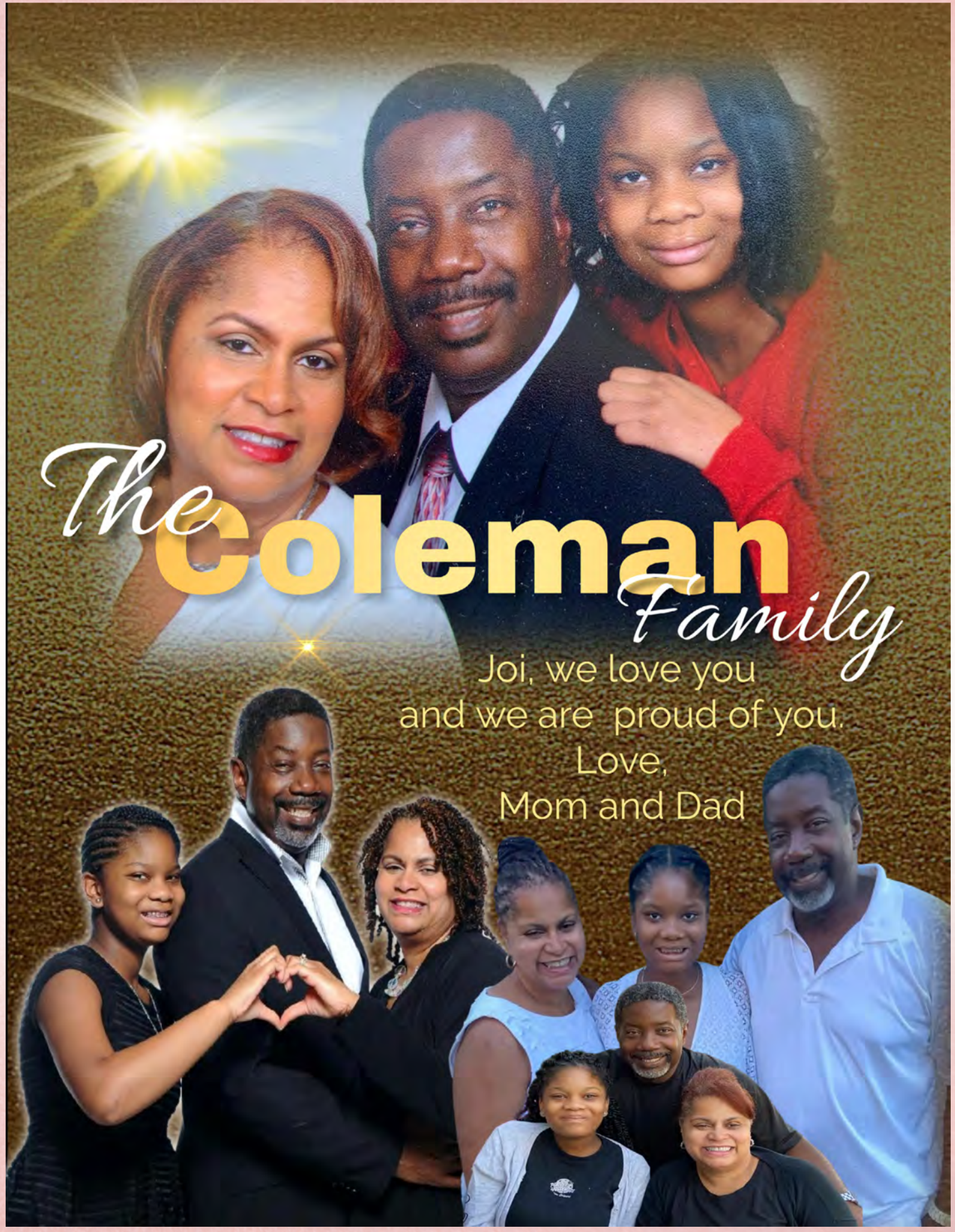

CONGRATULATIONS

DEBUTANTE

Joi Coleman

Joi,

Our hearts overflow with a profound sense of pride and love as we watch you grow into the extraordinary young woman you've become. The future holds endless possibilities and we can not wait to be a part of the incredible journey ahead.

With all our love and unwavering support,

Your Cousins
(Andrea, Robert, Gwen, Carissa, Jessica, Boyd, Kaiden)

TO OUR SPECIAL DEBUTANTE

C/O 2024

Joi Coleman

Joi,

I want you to carry yourself with unwavering excellence, holding your head high and exuding grace in all that you do. Always know in your heart that you are a precious and unique creation. Today, my love, we celebrate you for the countless accomplishments you've achieved. You make us so proud, and your journey fills our hearts with joy!

Love,

Mom & Dad

CONGRATULATIONS
2024 DEBUTANTE
JOI COLEMAN

Joi,

We are incredibly proud of the beautiful young woman you've become. Your journey has been remarkable, and we know you have a bright future ahead of you. May your path be filled with success and fulfillment in all your endeavors. Keep shining, Joi, as your loved ones cheer you on every step of the way.

With Love and Pride,
Aunt Patricia Parks & Uncle Samuel Coleman

You've grown into a breathtakingly beautiful young woman, and your accomplishments have brought tears of joy to all those surrounding you. Each milestone you've achieved has been a testament to your strength and resilience. Please know that, even in our absence, we'll be forever present in spirit, watching over you with a love that transcends the boundaries of life and death. As you navigate the winding paths of life, may you feel our comforting embrace, and may the echoes of our pride and affection guide you. Our love for you is eternal, just like the bond we share.

With everlasting love,
Grandmother Shirley A. Summers
Grandfather Boyd W. Jones
Grandmother Josephine Coleman
Grandfather Joe Samuel Coleman

DEBUTANTE

JOI COLEMAN

20 24

Your future is a canvas yet to be painted, and we eagerly await each brushstroke and color you choose, knowing that with every step you take, we'll be there, cheering you on with all the love in our hearts.

Love,
Papa and Uncle (Ronald and Duryea Summers)

CONGRATULATIONS

Joi,

Congratulations on reaching this incredible milestone! Your hard work, determination, and radiant spirit have carried you through with grace. As you embark on this new chapter, may your journey be filled with endless possibilities and the joy of pursuing your dreams.

With All Our Love,
Aunt Linda Little &
Aunt Jamara Simpson Sanders

Congratulatzions

Debutante

Joi Coleman

Congratulations on the start of what I know will be your season of success in 2023 - 2024. I am immensely proud of all your achievements and can't wait to see the joy, happiness, and success that await you in your future endeavors. Your determination is truly inspiring, and I'm here to support you every step of the way. Here's to your amazing journey ahead!

Love,
Samon, Daryl, Daryl Jr., Ania and Kyro

Joi,

2024 is your year, step into it with abundant joy and success! Keep shining and embracing happiness. We look forward to being part of your journey; you are destined for greatness.

Best Wishes,

Dr. Monica Lewis & Mr. Benny Scott

Joi Coleman

Congratulations on your accomplishments Joi. Thank you for choosing me to share this time with you.

This is just the beginning of many great things for you. Stay focused, dream big, work hard and keep God first.

Your Friend,
Steven

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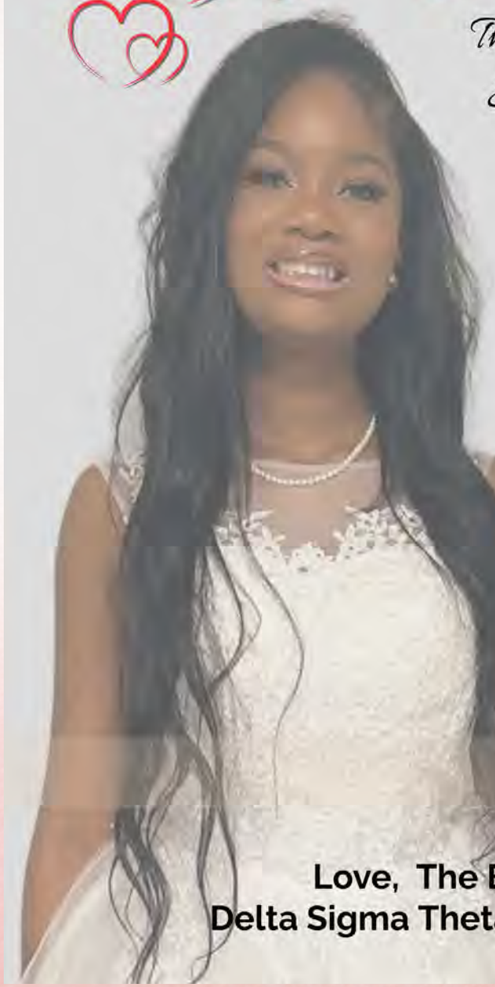

The Epsilon Epsilon Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Spring 1982 Line "20/20" wishes to congratulate Joi Coleman, The daughter of our Sands Judge Alicia Jones Coleman for a job well done. You are a shinning star and we wish you the best in everything you do.

Love, The Epsilon Epsilon Chapter of
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Spring 82 - 20/20

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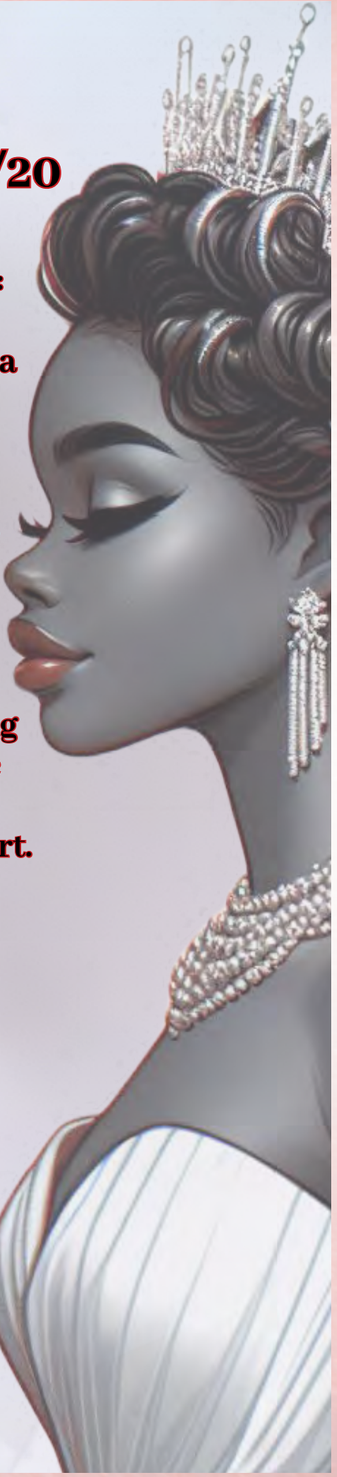

We extend our warmest congratulations to:

Joi Ann Coleman (our Sands #11 Judge Alicia Jones-Coleman's Daughter) and the final jewel in our lineage.

Joi, your journey is just beginning. Though you may have surpassed our embrace, but your place in our hearts remains eternal.

Remember, true success is found in embracing your authentic self and extending a helping hand to others. May your path be filled with joy and fulfillment. Knowing that we stand by you with unwavering support.

With love and pride,
Line 20/20

1 Joy Young	11 Alicia Jones-Coleman
2 Kendall Johnson	12 Michele Mann
3 Edie Valentine	13 Bonita Williams
4 Lorna Beard	14 Regina Strong
5 Monica Lewis	15 Adrienne Streeter
6 Alethea Lewis	16 Gail Burton
7 Rosalind Vinson	17 Tyra Wright
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10 Marchellle Weaver	20 Lisa Williams

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DEBUTANTE

Chelsea Durfield

DURFIELD Strong

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PRINCESS
ON YOUR DEBUTANTE EXPERIENCE!
LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR SPECIAL
EVENING OF EXCELLENCE!

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU,
CHELSEA DURFIELD!

YOUR DELTA AUNTIES HAVE WATCHED
YOU GROW FROM BIRTH TO A
DELTA ACADEMY SCHOLAR AND
BECOMING A DELTA GEM!

NOW YOU SHINE BRIGHT AS A
2024 DEBUTANTE!

CONGRATULATIONS!

CHELSEA
YOU'RE A BEAUTIFUL GEM!
LOVE YOUR DELTA AUNTIES!
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CELEBRATING
CHELSEA DURFIELD
WE JOIN OUR SISTERS IN CELEBRATING THE YOUNG LADY YOU HAVE BECOME AND YOUR DEBUT AS A DEBUTANTE! WE ARE PROUD!
LOVE, YOUR DELTA AUNTIES AND MENTORS
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JOY

WITH ALL THE MAJOR "TITLES" YOU HOLD IN OUR FAMILY, ON THE DAY OF YOUR COTILLION, YOU SHALL BE CROWNED "PRINCESS CHELSEA"! CONGRATULATIONS!

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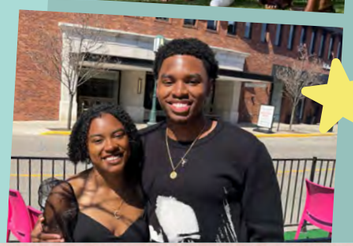

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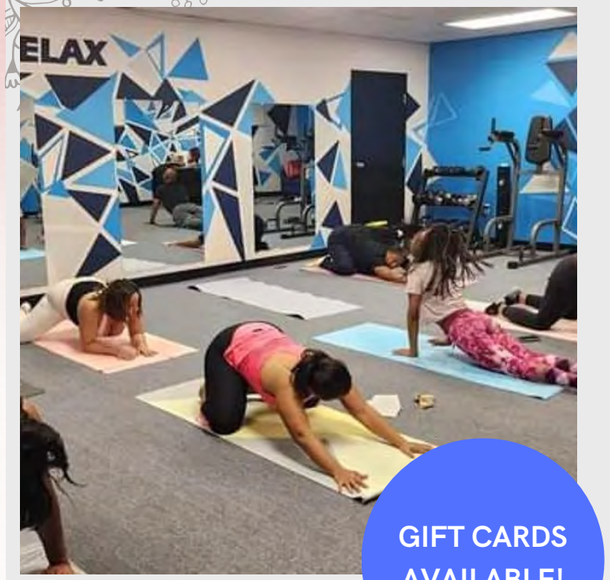

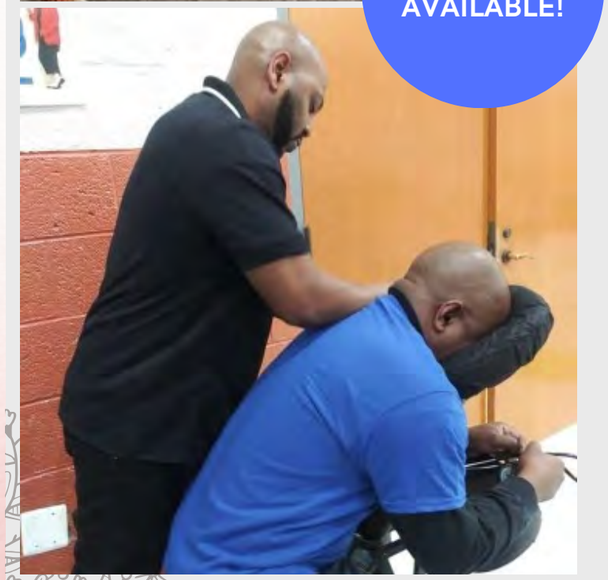

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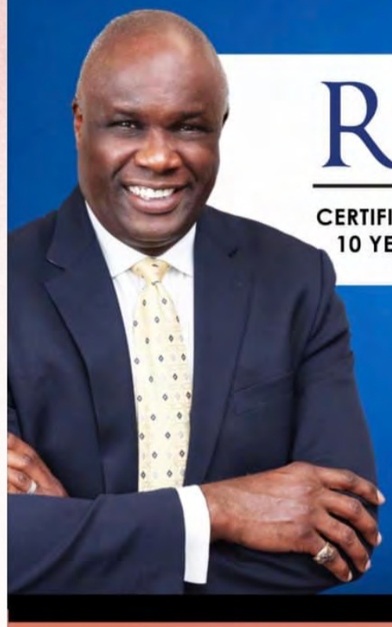

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FROM YOUR DAD AND UNCLES

CONGRATULATIONS TO

DEBUTANTE CHELSEA DURFIELD

I-L-L-I-N-I!

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU AND
YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

Mom (Yolanda) and Aunties Janice, Audrey,
Pleshette, Marilyn, and Fontella

WITH LOVE,
THE GARNER GIRLS

CHELSEA DURFIELD

JNRS FAMILY

YOUR ROOTS ARE STRONG
AND YOU BELONG LEGACY OF
EXCELLENCE!

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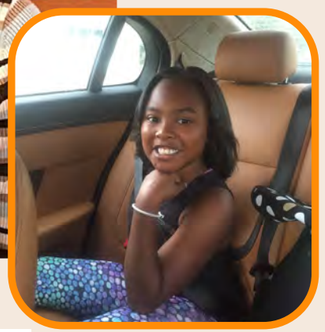

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in your debutante journey!

With love,
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CONGRATULATIONS CHELSEA ON YOUR JOURNEY AS A DEBUTANTE!

Sharing "personal pearls of wisdom" with you as you prepare for your next steps of life!

Just like the legacy of your grandmother and mother, you are an amazing woman! Believe it!

Strive for excellence in every endeavor and never let any obstacle overcome you! Go for it!

Celebrate your wins yet always challenge yourself! Achieve it!

You are destined for greatness!

Best Wishes, Necole Jones
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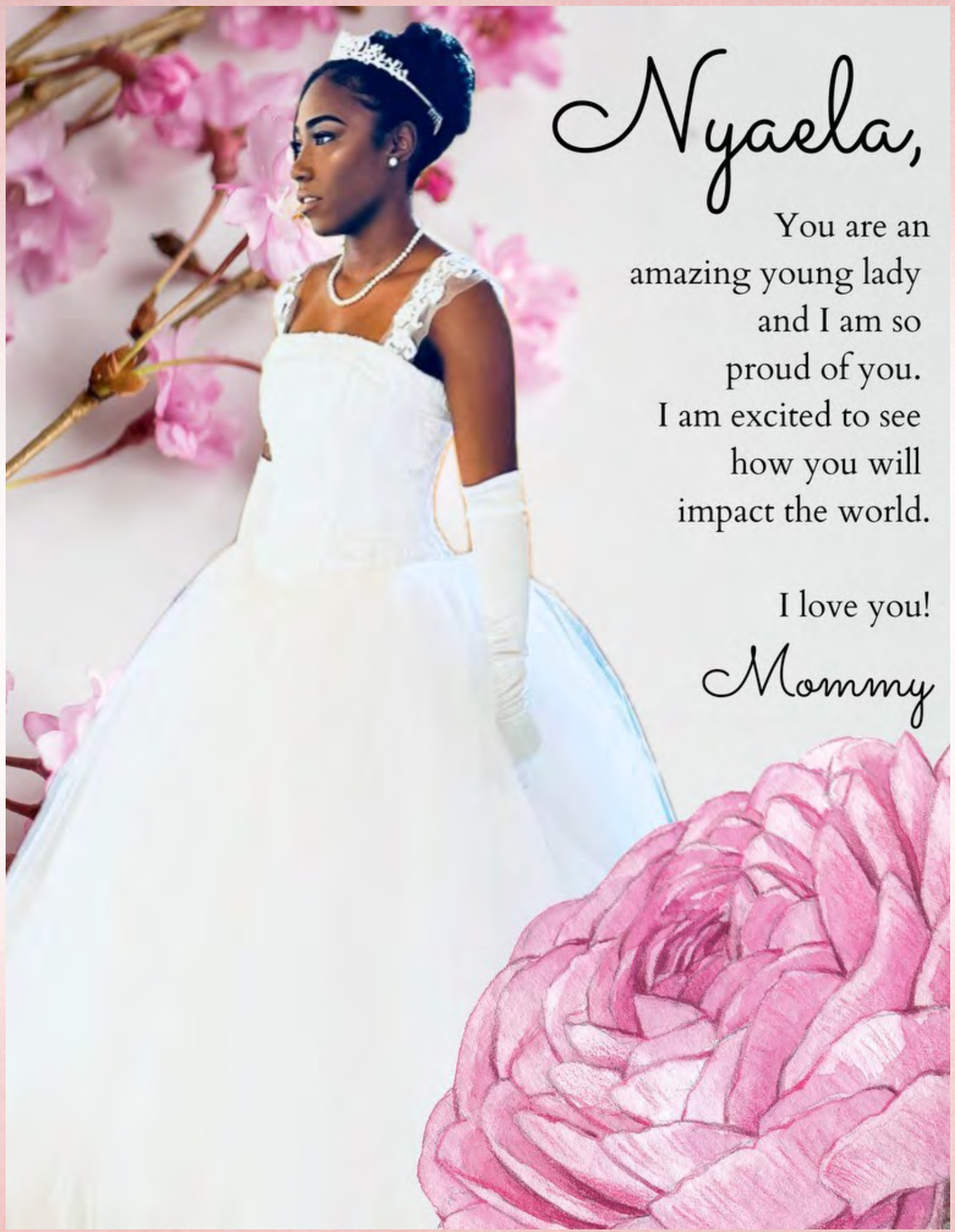
Nyaela Hakim


Nyaela,
You are an amazing young lady and I am so proud of you. I am excited to see how you will impact the world.
I love you!
Mommy

Congratulations
Nyaela!
We love you
and are very proud of you.
Love,
Mommy, Kobe,
Grandma, Uncle Shawn,
Zachary and Olivia

Dear Sister

I love you so much! You are an amazing big sister and the most beautiful debutante.

Love, Kobe

Congratulations

It has been an honor seeing this little girl grow intoo an amazing young woman. Continue to dream big and live boldly. I am so proud of you!

Love, Mommy

Congratulations Nyaela and Mackenzie on your debuts!

May you both continue to dazzle the world

with grace, charm, and kindness!!!

Here's to endless possibilities!

From your mommies ❤️

Always a lady.

Always my little girl.

Congratulations. – Mommy

GRANDDAUGHTER

As you step into polite society, remember the strength and grace that runs in our bloodline. Shine bright on your debut, my dear granddaughter.

LEGACY

LOVE, GRANDMA

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DEBUTANTE

Amoni Higginbotham

I WANT MY DAUGHTER TO KNOW SHE IS BEAUTIFUL, BUT I ALSO WANT HER TO KNOW SHE IS STRONG, SMART, AND CAPABLE.

I'M VERY PROUD OF YOU MY LOVE!!!

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Congratulations
2024
As a mentor and coach watching you blossom from a young girl to a beautiful young woman is a honor. You make me so proud and very honored to be apart of your journey! More is yet to come.

I am very proud of you, wishing you a very bright future!!
Congratulations love granny!

I LOVE YOU AMONI
ENJOY YOUR DEBUTANTE BALL

BABY JAMES

Hold your head up high. Walk through life with humility and confidence.

Love, Aunt Lanay

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DEBUTANTE

Bradleigh Hill

Congratulations on your
Cotillion
Bradleigh
May this day be full of wonderful memories
and lots of joy! We are so proud of you.
-Love Mom, Caitlin and Ava Rose

BRADLEIGH HILL
2024
Debutante

Congratulations Bradleigh

I'm so proud of the young lady you're blossoming into! Congratulations on being a Debutante and completing this process! You do so many things with grace, kindness, and joy and that's one of the many things I love about you. You know your big sister is forever in your corner and I want to take this moment to give you the flowers you deserve.

Love,
Cait

Congratulations
To My Big Sister Bradleigh
I am so proud of you!!
Love Ava Rose

2024 Debutante
BRADLEIGH HILL
To our beautiful granddaughter: Congratulations
on your Cotillion. May you have a wonderful
evening full of joy and lasting memories-
Love GG and Papa

PATRONS OF

Bradleigh Hill

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DEBUTANTE

Zharia Hunter

ZHARIA

you are brave, you are capable, you are beautiful, and you can accomplish ANYTHING your heart desires!

We are so proud of you!!

Love you to the moon and back!!

Mommy, Daddy, and Adi

Congratulations Zharia!!

We are so proud of you.

Much Love!

GiGi and Aunt Candy

We are so proud of you Zharia!!

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Congratulations

Debutante

Zharia Hunter

You have embraced your education and accomplished so many wonderful things!
We cannot wait to see what God has in store for you next!

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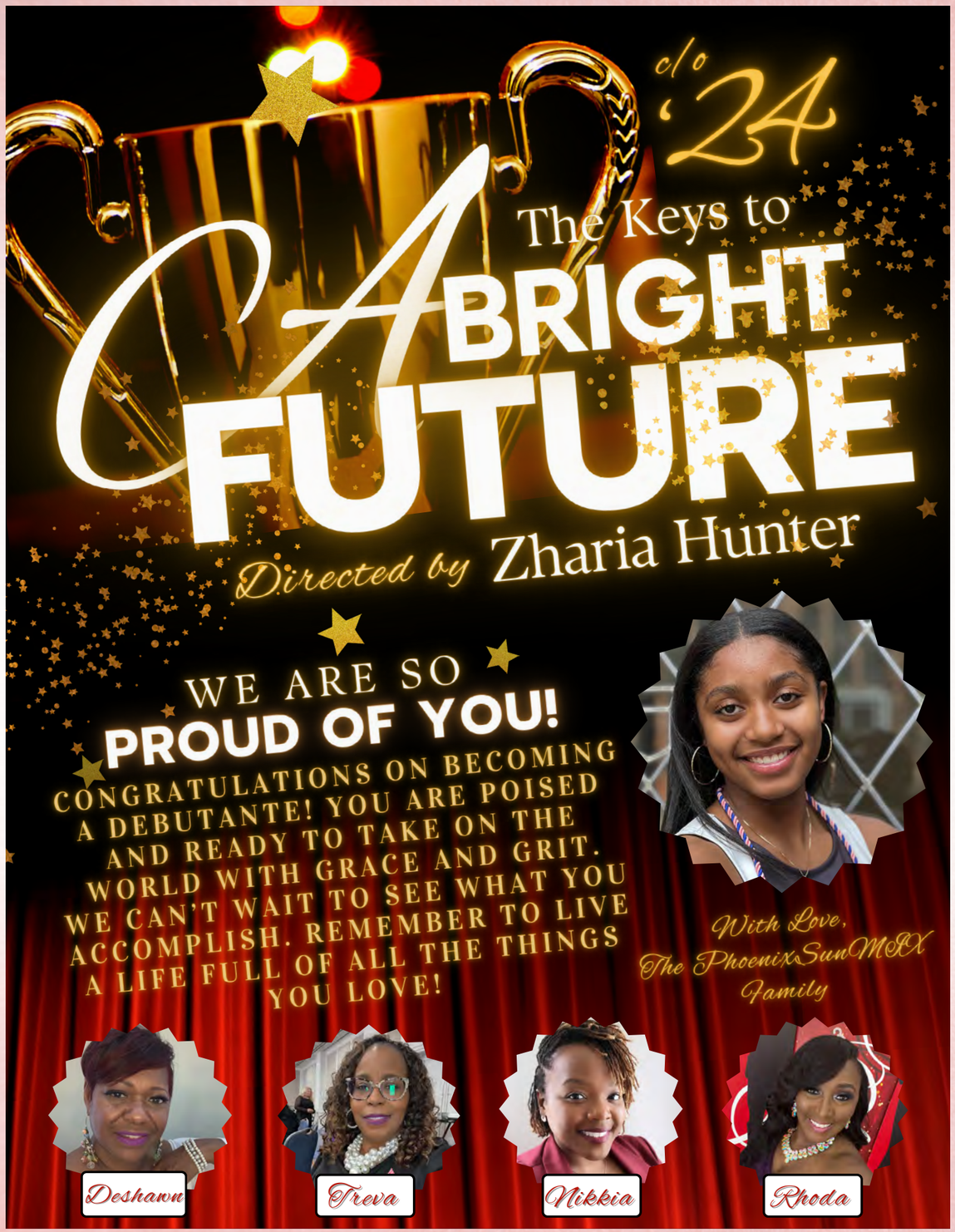

Congratulations

Debutante Zharia Hunter

Your poise, your grace, your intelligence, and your kindness amaze us! We couldn't be more proud of you!

With Love,

Uncle Tony and Auntie Stacie

Thank you

I am grateful for the outpour of love and support that I have received this debutante season! Every donation meant so much to me, and I appreciate everyone who was able to contribute to my scholarship efforts!

Love,
Zharia

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DEBUTANTE
Jordyn Jenkins

Congratulations
Debutante
Jordyn Jenkins
Our Dear Jordyn !
You have grown from crayons to perfume, beginning on your path into womenhood. May God bless you in all your future endeavors as we present you into society.
We love you JOJO.
Love Mom, Dad, Jacob,Josie, Ceta (PaPa) and Grandad.

Congratulations
Debutante
Jordyn Jenkins
Our Dear Jordyn !
You have grown from crayons to perfume, beginning on your path into womenhood. May God bless you in all your future endeavors as we present you into society. We love you so much JOJO.
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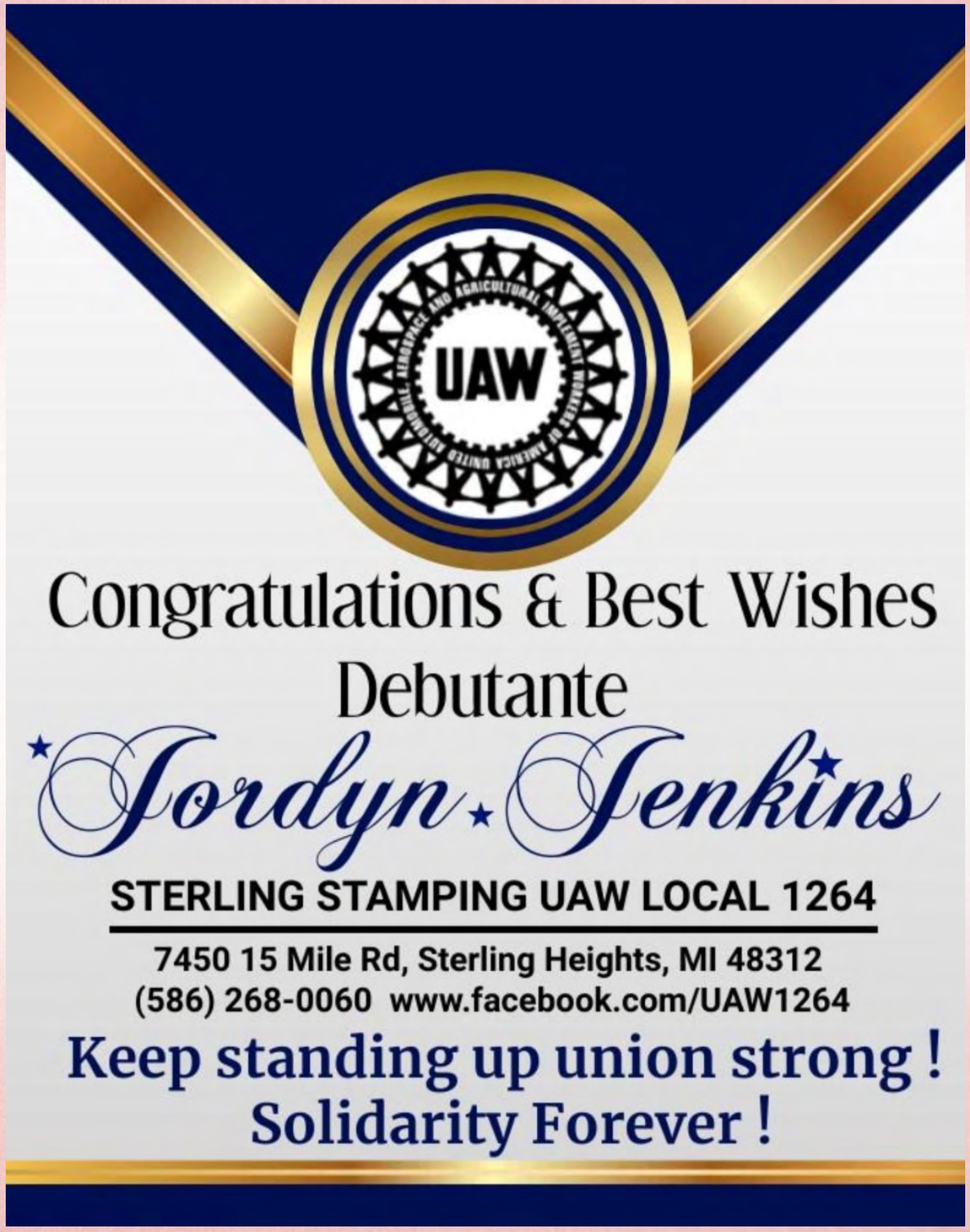
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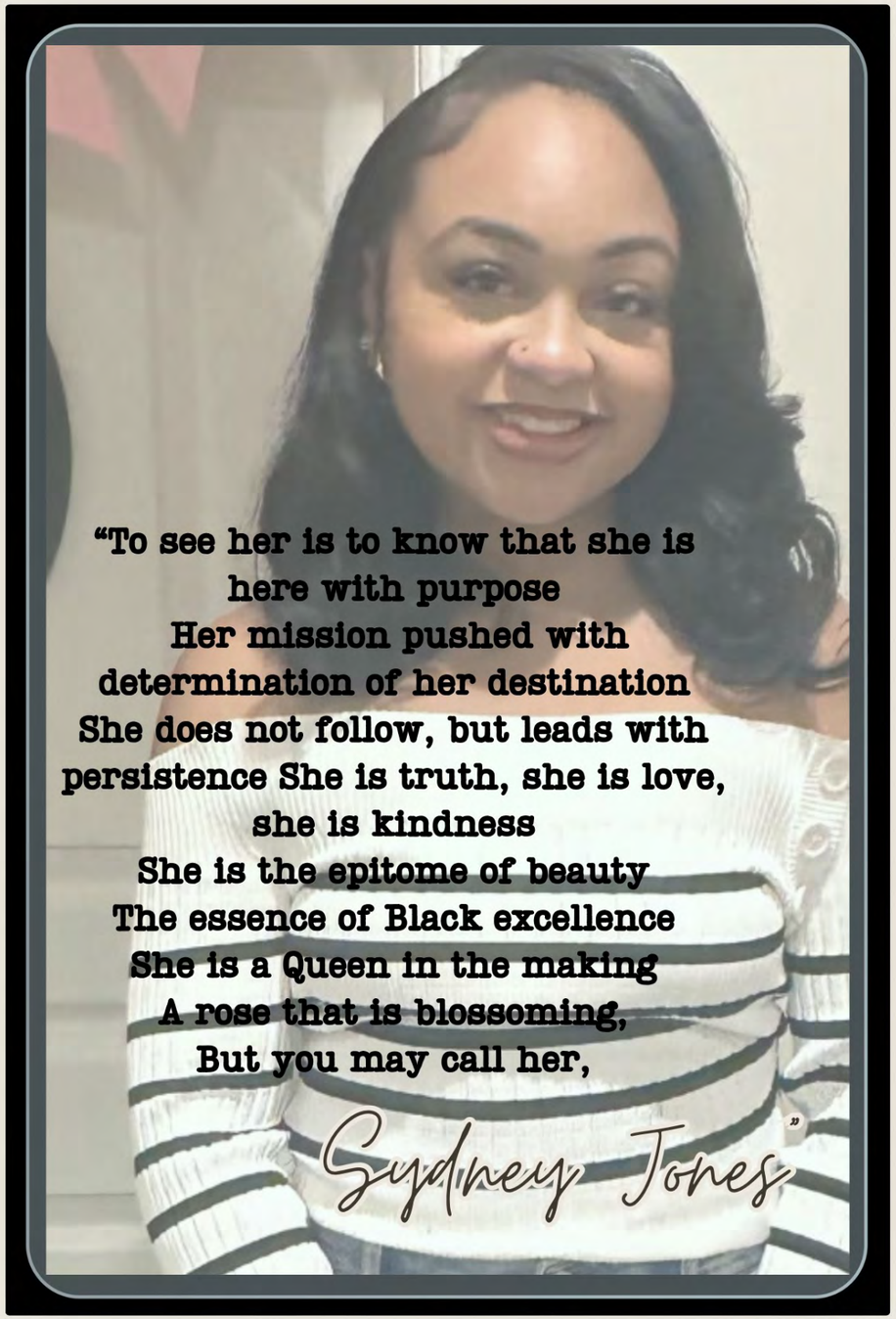
"To see her is to know that she is
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But you may call her,
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Congratulations
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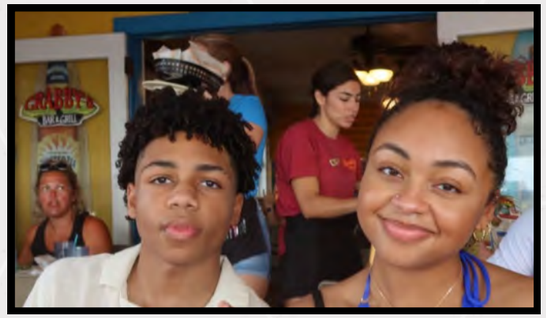

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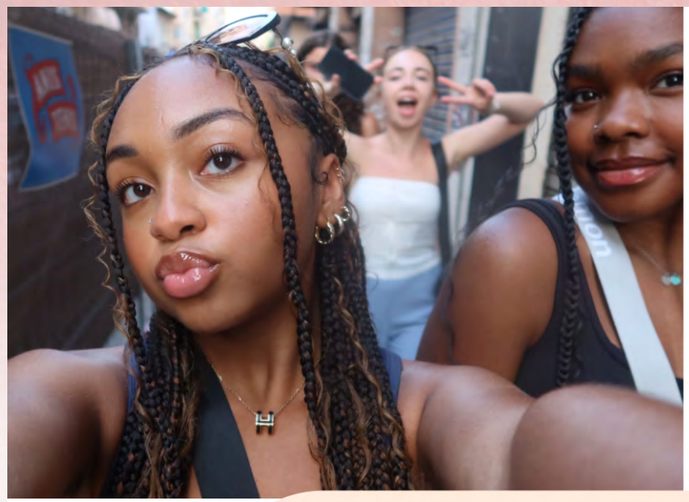
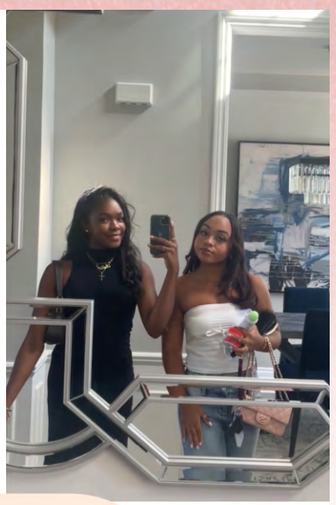
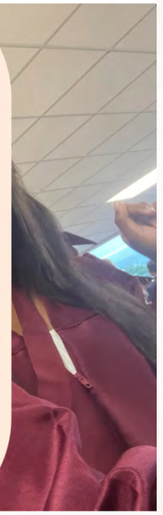




Looking back on the past four years I reflect on the countless memories we've shared, the trips, the sleepovers, the laughter-filled off hours, and being your passenger princess. I am so very proud of you and congradulations.
With love Madison W



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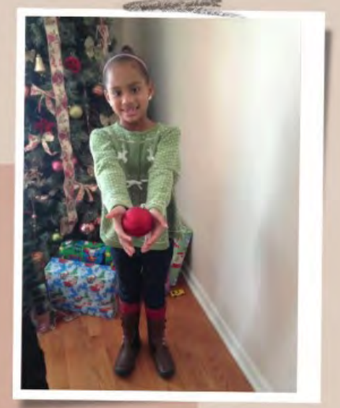
DEBUTANTE

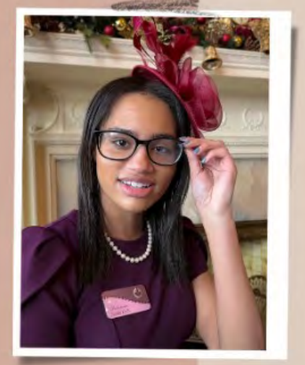
Nadia Kreft

Congratulations Debutante Nadia Cheyenne Kreft

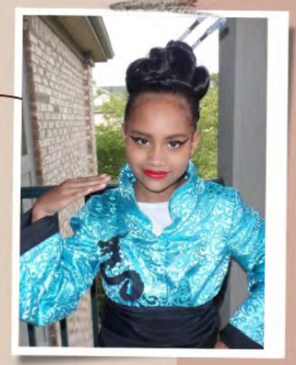
Continue to strive for excellence and be assured that with the Lord as your guide, you will be blessed on your journey. We are very proud and LOVE you to the moon and back !!

Mom, Dad T, Emery & Jaelin





Congratulations Debutante Nadia Kreft



May your special day be filled with joy, laughter, and wonderful moments. Love Mommy

Nadia, we are all so proud of you.You are an ambitious and beautiful young lady.We admire your determination to keep dreaming and your dedication to achieve those dreams. May God continue to bless you in all your endeavors.

Ms. Nadia Kreft

We are your biggest fans! Your beloved Granny is cheering for you from above.

We love you,

Poppa, Auntie Kellie and Auntie Crystal

DEBUTANTE NADIA KREFT

Live your life with smiles, not tears. For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Auntie is so proud.. Love and God's Blessings, Auntie Lucy

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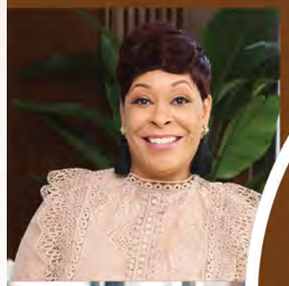

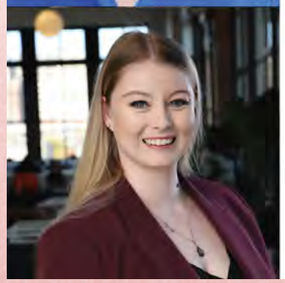

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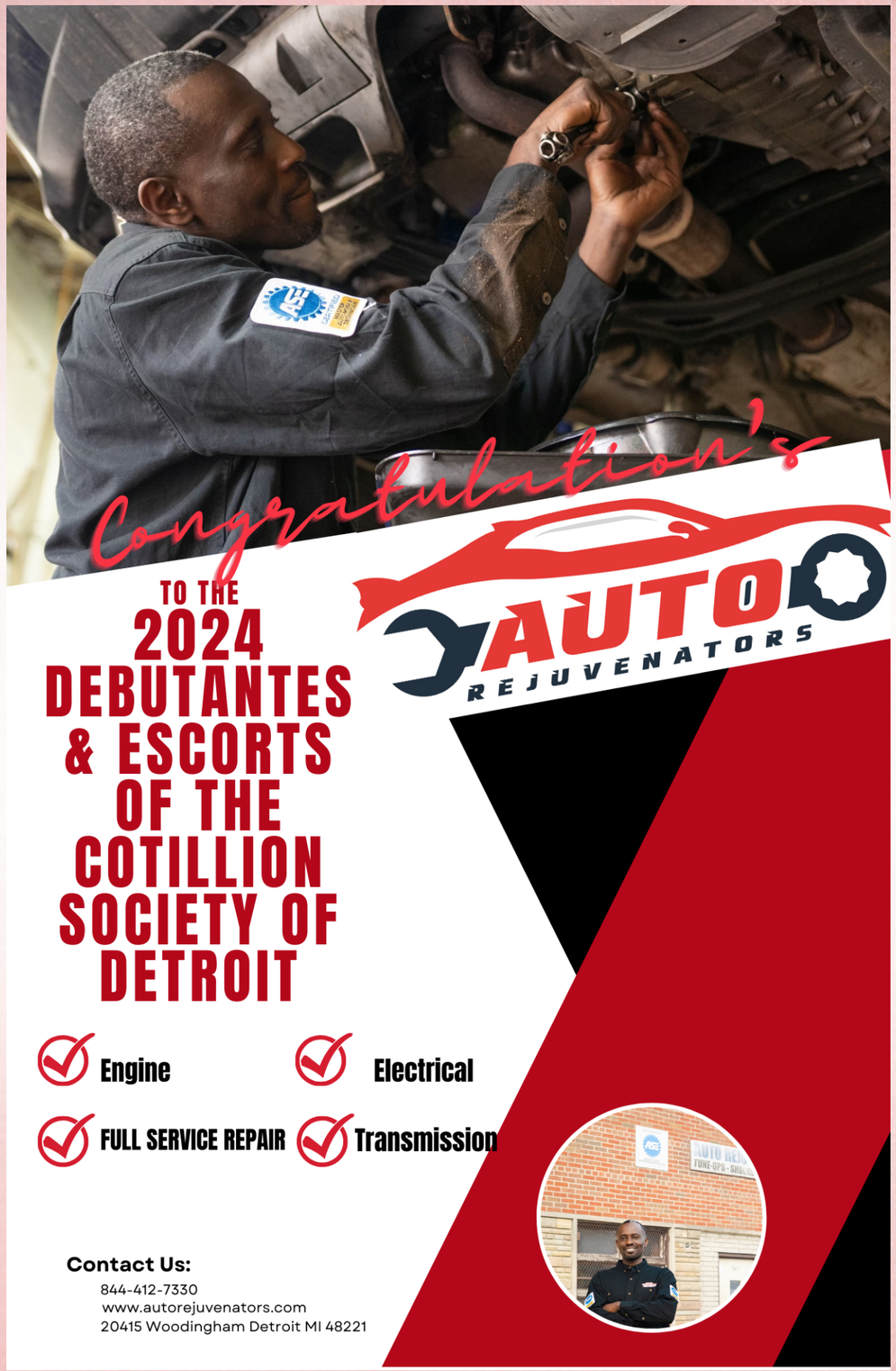

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DEBUTANTE

Desirai Mitchell

DESIRAI & RAIVEN MITCHELL

WE ARE PROUD OF BOTH OF YOU.
MAY GOD BLESS YOU BOTH IN ALL THAT YOU DO.
LOVE, MOM & DAD, GRANDMA GAIL & GRANDMA SANDY

Congratulations! Desirai

Love Always, Your cousins Maili, Morganne & Marcus

As you make your grand entrance into society, surrounded by friends, family, and admirers, remember that you're not just stepping into a new chapter of your life, but also into our hearts even more deeply. Your kindness, grace, and unwavering friendship have enriched our lives in countless ways, and tonight, we couldn't be prouder to call you our dear friend.

So, as you dance the night away, may your heart be filled with joy, your smile as radiant as ever, and your spirit as bright as the stars above. Know that we'll be cheering you on from afar, sending you all our love and support as you embark on this magical journey.

Congratulations, debutante extraordinaire! Here's to a night you'll never forget and a future filled with endless possibilities.

With all our love and admiration,
Frederick

Liggett Varsity Softball

Dear Desirai,

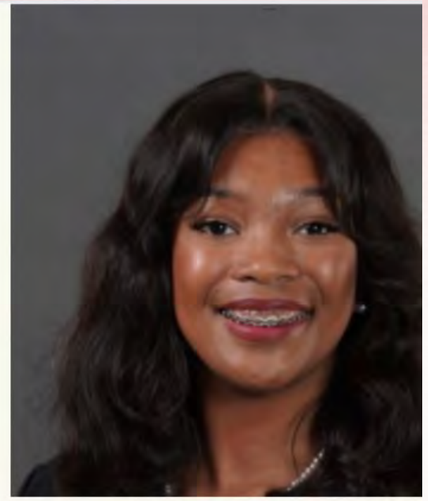
As you prepare to step into the spotlight of your cotillion, we wanted to take a moment to express our deepest admiration and support for you. While we may be accustomed to seeing you dominate the softball field with your skills and determination, tonight is your moment to shine in a different arena, surrounded by elegance and grace.

Just as you've shown incredible strength and perseverance on the diamond, we know you'll dazzle everyone with your poise and charm on the dance floor. Your dedication to excellence and your unwavering commitment to everything you do inspire us all, and tonight, as you make your debut into society, we couldn't be prouder to call you our teammate and friend.

Desirai Mitchell

Dear Desirai,
We, the members of the Black Student Union, wanted to take a moment to express our gratitude for your steadfast leadership and unwavering commitment to our community. Under your guidance, our club has flourished into a vibrant space where our voices are heard and our experiences are valued. Your dedication to fostering a sense of belonging and empowerment among us has not gone unnoticed, and we are truly grateful for all that you do.
As we move forward, we are filled with optimism and excitement for the future of our organization. With your guidance, we envision even greater opportunities for growth, advocacy, and solidarity within our community. Together, we will continue to uplift and support one another, striving for positive change both within our campus and beyond.
Thank you once again for your leadership, passion, and dedication to the Black Student Union. We are honored to be a part of this journey with you.
With gratitude and solidarity,
The Members of the Black Student Union

Congratulations!



Desirai Mitchell

Love, Uncle Bobby &
Your Cousin David

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11

Congratulations

Debutante

Desirai Mitchell

Congratulations Debutante Desirai Mitchell

We wish you all the success in your Debutante and College Endeavors!

Remember to let the Lord guide you down the path to your dreams!

We are so proud of the beautiful young lady that you are!

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Debutante Desirai Mitchell

Desirai, it has been an honor to watch you grown into the young woman that you are. Your empathy, determination , and kindness continue to amaze me every day. As you navigate life's journey, know that you are cherished beyond words, and my love for you knows no bounds. No matter where life takes you, I will always be with you.
Love, Grandma Sandy ❤️

Debutante Desirai Mitchell

LIFE HAS ITS UPS AND DOWNS, BUT THROUGH IT ALL, YOUR RESILIENCE AND STRENGTH NEVER CEASE TO INSPIRE ME. I ADMIRE YOUR COURAGE IN FACING CHALLENGES HEAD-ON AND YOUR UNWAVERING KINDNESS TOWARDS OTHERS. YOU BRING SO MUCH LIGHT INTO MY LIFE, AND I'M ENDLESSLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP. REMEMBER, I'M HERE FOR YOU NO MATTER WHAT, READY TO LAUGH WITH YOU THROUGH THE GOOD TIMES AND HOLD YOUR HAND THROUGH THE TOUGH ONES. YOU'RE NOT ALONE IN THIS JOURNEY, AND I'LL ALWAYS HAVE YOUR BACK. LOVE YOU TO THE MOON AND BACK!
LOVE, YASMEEN

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DEBUTANTE

Raiven Mitchell

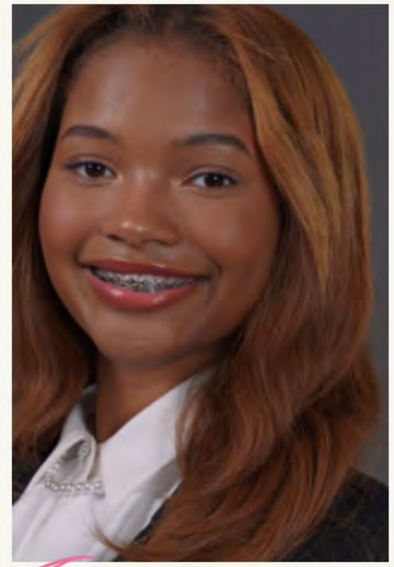
Congratulations Debutantes
Raiven Mitchell & Desirai Mitchell
Love Always, Mom & Dad

Congratulations

Raiven Mitchell

You've accomplished so much as a Debutante and can't wait for your next journey!
~Sandra Stewart

Congratulations!



Raiven Mitchell

Love, Uncle Bobby &
Your Cousin David

CONGRATULATIONS RAIVEN! WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU KEEP CHASING YOUR DREAMS!

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." Joshua 1:9

Congratulations

Debutante

Raiven Mitchell

Best Wishes to Debutante Raiven Mitchell

Congratulations on your participation in the 2024 TCDS Debutante Cotillion.

We are sending our prayers for success and great accomplishments for you in the future!

Blessings and the warmest regards to you!

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Congratulations on Your Debut as a Debutante!

Dear Raiven Mitchell,

On behalf of the entire tennis team, I want to extend our heartfelt congratulations to you on your debut as a debutante! It's an incredible milestone, and we're thrilled to celebrate this special moment with you.

Just as you bring finesse and skill to the tennis court, your grace and elegance as a debutante were undoubtedly captivating. Your debut was a testament to your poise, charm, and the dedication you bring to everything you pursue.

Your journey as a debutante reflects your ability to excel in various arenas, and we couldn't be prouder to have you as a member of our tennis team. Your commitment to excellence inspires us all, and your debut serves as a reminder of the remarkable individual you are both on and off the court.

As you continue to chase your dreams and achieve new milestones, know that your tennis family is cheering you on every step of the way. Your debut is just the beginning of a journey filled with endless possibilities, and we're excited to see all the incredible things you'll accomplish.

Congratulations once again on your debut as a debutante! May this be the start of an unforgettable chapter filled with joy, success, and countless memories.

With warmest congratulations and best wishes,
The Tennis Team

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Raiven Mitchell

We are thrilled to extend our warmest congratulations to you on your debut as a dancer. Your performance was nothing short of sensational, and it was an absolute joy to witness your talent shine on stage.

Your dedication, hard work, and passion for dance were evident in every graceful movement and every expression you portrayed. Your debut not only showcased your incredible skills but also left a lasting impression on everyone who had the privilege of watching you perform.

As a member of our dance team, you have continuously inspired us with your talent and commitment. Your debut marks the beginning of an exciting journey filled with endless opportunities to showcase your artistry and continue to captivate audiences with your performances.

We are immensely proud of you and your accomplishments as a debutante, and we cannot wait to see where your dance journey takes you next. Keep pursuing your dreams with the same determination and enthusiasm, and know that we will always be here cheering you on every step of the way.

Once again, congratulations on being a debutante! May the cotillion be extremely special for you!

With heartfelt congratulations and best wishes,
The Dance Team

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DEBUTANTE

Arielle Newsome

CONGRATULATIONS DEBUTANTE ARIELLE !!

The quicker you graduate from college, the quicker we can play Minecraft! Love your Sister, Jeannelyn

Arielle, always remember you are loved. Follow your dreams. You are so beautiful, smart and talented. I know the next chapter in your life will be as amazing as your past ones. Loving you always! – Granny P

Ari Cari – watching you develop into the young lady you are has been one of the greatest joys in life the past 17 years. As you embark on the next chapter of your life, may you fulfill all your dreams and approach every step on your path gracefully. Love, Uncle Troy'e

HELLO MY TALL DRINK! I HOPE YOU REMEMBER HOW STRONG YOU ARE! EVEN WHEN YOU FEEL THAT NOTHING IS GOING YOUR WAY. THE ADVERSITY YOU FACE IS WHAT BUILDS YOUR CHARACTER. STEP INTO THE STRUGGLE AND APPRECIATE IT AS THE LARGEST MOMENTS OF GROWTH. ON DAYS YOU STRUGGLE REMEMBER TO SAY " I GOT THIS". I LEAVE YOU WITH THIS REMINDER. PERSPECTIVE IS EVERYTHING! HAVE A POSITIVE MINDSET IN ANY SITUATION (WE CAN'T CHANGE OTHER PEOPLE BUT WE CAN CHANGE HOW THEY MAKE US FEEL!) YOU HAVE GIVEN ME THE GREATEST HONOR OF BEING YOUR TEACHER. MAKE SURE TO REACH OUT TO ME FREQUENTLY SO WE CAN "SPILL THE TEA". SO MUCH LOVE! – MRS. LIZA ZANOTTI

Arielle, I love your beautiful kindhearted spirit. Your dedication and determination to work hard at whatever she encounters, coupled with her pleasantly calming personality, even under pressure, are great attributes that will help her achieve whatever in life her heart desires. Sandra Brunson

The sky's the limit, superstar! As you continue to rise, remember to keep God first! Love always, Grandma Terrie & Poppa Henderson

To my beautiful niece, I just want to let you know how proud I am of you. I'm overjoyed to have watched you blossom into a lovely young lady, remember to keep God first and be your own person, I know you have the intelligence and with God's help you will flourish in all your dreams- Aunt Valerie

Loving you from Heaven: Pops, Whitey, Uncle Dee

Ari, have a wonderful time. Just the beginning of many special occasions that you will have throughout your life – Sage and Pappy Paw

Ari, I am so proud of the young lady you are and the bright future you have ahead of you. I love you so very much and know I will always be here to support you. – Auntie Mary

As an Uncle, you always have unconditional love. Arielle, you have done nothing but bring joy to our lives. Thank you for giving us so much to cheer about both in the classroom and on the volleyball court. Always remember God has anointed your path. – Uncle Jay & Aunt Angie

My adorable niece who means everything to me. Auntie's very proud of you and everything you have done! You will always be Auntie's baby. Congrats Ari and keep God first in all you do. Love, Aunt Mallory

You are so beautiful inside and out. Continue to reach for your goals. I know that you will obtain every single one of them. Love, your Godmother Shon

Meow, Meow, Meow;
Butt Scoot, Butt Scoot,
Bark, Bark, Bark;
Love, Tyger, Pumpkin & Kingston

You are entering in a new chapter that will be a journey of many decisions; but know that God is with you and trust him with all of your decisions. Auntie Mika

Arielle -

Watching you grow, has been one of our greatest joys...

Even the simple countless memories like playing frisbee in the yard, going to the wetlands behind the house, dragging you and your sister and the pets on the tarp with the leaves or teaching you how to drive are so precious! We will miss the little girl you were, but are excited to see the young woman you are becoming!

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YOUR GIRL - GRANDMA TERRIE

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Congratulations Arielle
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A toast to your achievement
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We Love You,
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CONGRATULATIONS ARIELLE!

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU AND CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT YOUR FUTURE HOLDS!

To My God daughter Arielle:
May God continue to bless you and keep you.
Congratulations on completing your debutante journey and continue to be the dynamic young woman you are!

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philipians 4:13

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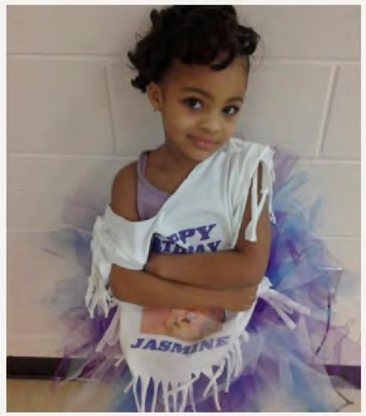
DEBUTANTE

Jasmine Pearson

JASMINE THE ONE AND ONLY AS WE WATCH YOU GO FROM A LITTLE WOMAN TO A YOUNG WOMAN HAS BEEN SO WONDERFUL. AS YOUR BROTHERS WE HAVE MOLDED YOU TO BE TOUGH AND FEARLESS. WE KNOW YOU WILL BE GREAT. AS YOUR MOM I HAVE MOLDED YOU TO BE UNDERSTANDING AND LOVING. I KNOW YOU WILL BE AN AMAZING WOMAN. AS YOUR FATHER I MOLDED YOU TO BE A GO GETTER AND NEVER TO SETTLE FOR ANYTHING NOT WORTHY OF YOU. AS YOUR FAMILY WE HAVE WATCHED YOU GROW INTO THIS AMAZING YOUNG LADY WHO WILL DO GREAT THINGS IN HER LIFE.

LOVE MOM, DAD AND YOUR BROTHERS

HEY GIRL HEY, I SEE YOU GROWING AND BLOSSOMING INTO THIS BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY WHO IS CHECKING OFF GOALS ON YOUR LIST SO EFFORTLESSLY. I AM PROUD OF WHO YOU ARE BECOMING AND WHEN THAT NEXT CHAPTER EMERGES I KNOW YOU'LL BE READY TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD.
LOVE YOUNGER JASMINE.



HELLO DARLING, AS I WATCH OVER YOU FROM ABOVE I AM HAPPY TO SEE THAT YOU ARE DOING SO WELL IN LIFE. TO BE THERE IN THE FLESH TO WATCH YOU GROW WOULD HAVE BEEN A BLESSING BUT WATCHING OVER YOU FROM ABOVE IS A JOY BECAUSE I AM PROTECTING AND KEEPING YOU SAFE. CONTINUE TO BELIEVE IN YOURSELF AND ENJOY LIFE. I WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU, MY LITTLE ANGEL.
LOVE YOUR ANGEL IN THE SKY
GRANDDADDY QUINN

JASMINE IS MY SUPPORT ROCK. JASMINE IS ALWAYS THERE FOR ME WHEN NEEDED. JASMINE GIVES ME HOPE AND BELIEF IN MYSELF WHEN I MIGHT DOUBT MYSELF. SHE IS THE BIGGEST SUPPORTER AND ONE OF THE BIGGEST MOTIVATION IN MY LIFE WITHOUT HER EVEN KNOWING
-LOVE RICKY

JASMINE HAS THE ABILITY TO LIGHT UP ANY ROOM SHE IS IN. I LOVE MY SISTER, SHE IS CONFIDENT , LOVING, AND CHARISMATIC. SHE IS DEFINED IN HER MORALS AND IS UNWAVERING, SHE IS MY BIGGEST SUPPORTER AND MY BIGGEST MOTIVATION. SHE IS NEVER AFRAID TO SPEAK HER MIND AND IS ALWAYS STANDING STRONG BEHIND THE PEOPLE SHE LOVES.
-LOVE DAVON

JASMINE IS SOMEONE I CAN COME TO WHEN I NEED SUPPORT WHEN I NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO AND SOMEONE TO RELY ON. I LOVE HER UNCONDITIONALLY. SHE MAY NOT ALWAYS HAVE THE BEST ATTITUDE BUT SHE IS ALWAY CARES FOR MY WELL BEING. I COULDN'T EVER IMAGINE A LIFE WITHOUT HER. SHE IS MY FAVORITE PERSON IN THE WORLD AND IS ALWAYS THERE FOR ME.
-LOVE JAMAL

THE BROTHERS

AS YOU APPROACH THIS NEW CHAPTER IN YOUR LIFE JUST REMEMBER TO KEEP GOD FIRST IN EVERYTHING YOU DO. YOU'RE A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY WITH YOUR WHOLE LIFE AHEAD OF YOU SO GO BE GREAT...

-LOVE GRANNY AND POPS

MY JAZZY JAZZ YOU ARE A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY AND WITH SUCH A WONDERFUL PERSONALITY SO CONTINUE TO SHINE BRIGHT LIKE THE STAR YOU ARE

-LOVE MUMMA

HEY BESTIE YOU HAVE GROWN INTO A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE MEMORIES WE SHARE AND THE TIME WITH YOU

-LOVE GRANDMA BLANCHE

YOU'RE A SWEETHEART AND BEAUTIFULLY SPIRITED PERSON WHOM I LOVE ADORE AND ADMIRE VERY MUCH
-AUNTIE LENA

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR WONDERFUL ACCOMPLISHMENT JAZZY MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU

CONGRATULATIONS, JAZZY! I AM SO PROUD OF YOU! CONTINUE TO ALLOW GOD TO GUIDE YOU ON YOUR JOURNEY AND ALWAYS REMAIN HUMBLE.

HEY JASMINE!!! IT'S TETE CHANEL!!! I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW I AM SO PROUD OF YOU!! YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL AND SO SMART AND I CANNOT WAIT TO SEE THE FUTURE YOU WILL I!!! I KNOW IT WILL BE BRIGHT AND YOU'RE GOING TO DO GREAT THINGS!!! I AMSO PROUD OF YOU!!! CONGRATULATIONS JASMINE!!!
-LOVE TETE CHANEL!!

ALWAYS FUEL YOUR LIFE WITH POSITIVE ENERGY STAY POSITIVE CONTINUE TO PUT GOD FIRST AND FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS. MESSAGE TO JAS

TODAY, SOCIETY GETS TO SEE WHAT YOUR FAMILY HAS SEEN FOR THE LAST 17 YEARS; A BEAUTIFUL, SMART,AND WELL EDUCATED YOUNG LADY. YOU ARE DESTINED FOR A BLESSED, BRIGHT AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE.
CONGRATULATIONS JASMINE -
-LOVE AUNTIE ANDRIANNE

LOVE YOUR AUNTIES

SERENITY -
SHE IS ONE OF HER FAVORITE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD SHE LIKE THE BEST BIG SISTER TO HER

DA'NYLA -
SHE IS A NICE PERSON SHE IS SMART AND VERY PRETTY

CHLOE-
SHE IS HELPFUL SHE IS PRETTY AND SHE CAN DEFEND HERSELF VERY WELL SHE IS A STRONG GIRL

-LOVE YOUR FAVORITE LITTLE PEOPLE

I LOVE YOU
FROM BRYSON

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR ME AND BRYSON. I LOVE YOU
FROM DAKOTA

JAZZY, IT HAS BEEN A BLESSING TO WATCH YOU TRANSFORM INTO THE BEAUTIFUL, SMART , CARING, GOD FEARING YOUNG LADY THAT YOU ARE. NEVER LET YOUR FEARS KEEP YOU FROM REACHING YOUR DREAMS. NEVER GIVE UP ON YOU.
LOVE YOU, FROM AUNTIE NITA

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERY ONE THAT HAS BEEN APART OF THIS EXPERIENCE. THANK YOU SO MUCH I APPRECIATE Y'ALL AND LOVE Y'ALL SO MUCH!
-JASMINE

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DEBUTANTE

Ava Prempeh

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Congratulations to our beautiful daughter, Ava.
We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom and Dad

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We are so proud of you Ava!

Love, The Ayala Prempehs

Congratulations Ava Christina! I am so proud of you and what you have accomplished!
Love, Auntie Chrissy

We are so proud of you and we love you so much!

Love, Jabari and Lauryn

I am so proud of the young lady that you are blossoming into. Congratulations!

Love, Grandma

Congratulations
Debutante Ava Christina Prempeh

We are so proud of the beautiful confident and compassionate young woman you have become. We wish you continued success in everything you do. Your future is so bright.

Love, The Clark Family
(Aunt Miriam, Uncle Frank, Aunt Christina and Uncle Deuce)

Congratulations to my beautiful Ava Prempeh!

"My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor and some style
-Maya Angelou

Ava,

You have a legacy of greatness and strength. I have already seen that you have inherited the Ayala traits that will allow you to continue that legacy. May God continue to bless you as you soar through this journey of life, Ava. I will always there to you cheer you on!

Your loving Aunt,
Crystal R. Gardner-Martin, MD

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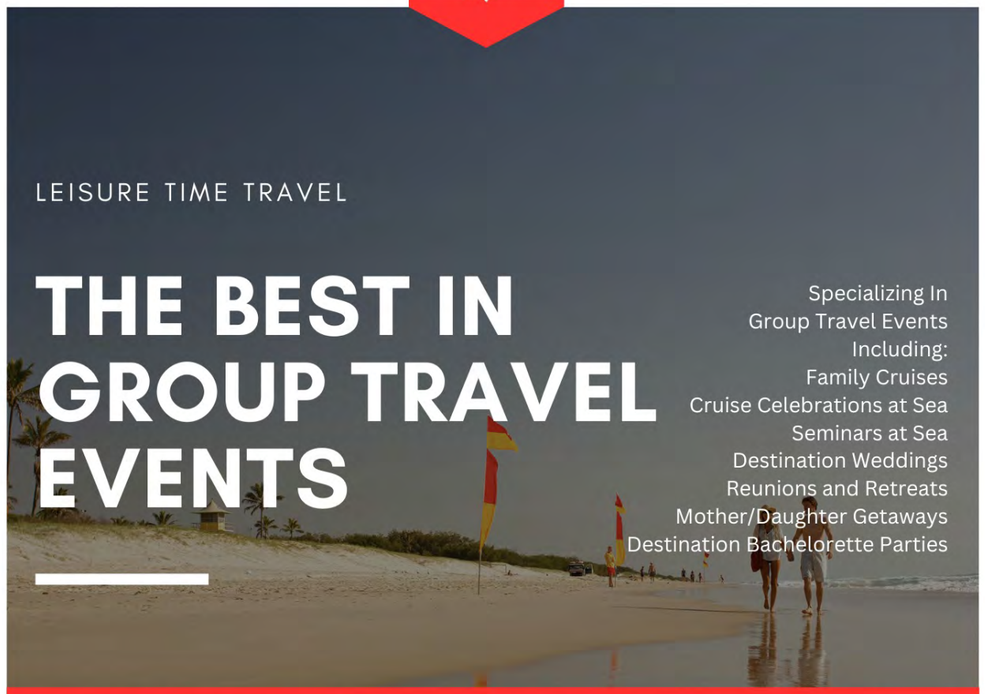

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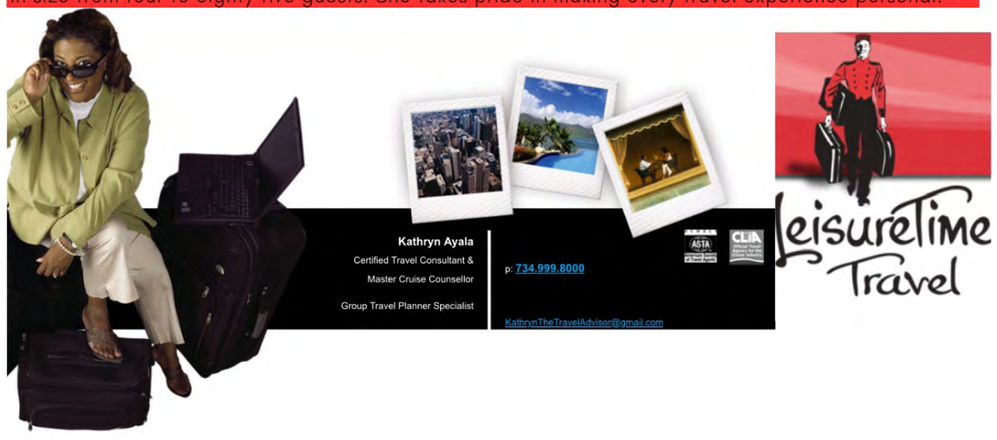

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Congratulations Debutante Ava!
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DEBUTANTE

Ellison Redwine

2024 TCSDEF DEBUTANTE

Ellison Mireille Redwine

The light and love you bring to the world is unmatched. You are a true child of God destined for greatness. You are incredibly intelligent, witty and bright. You are thoughtful and caring to all living beings. You believe in kindness, hope and love. Your heart is pure and allows you to give the best and most heartfelt hugs. As you came into the world you have always been the person who exemplifies integrity, adventure and bravery.

We are incredibly proud of you and salute you as a 2024 Debutante with The Cotillion Society of Detroit Educational Foundation. We are in awe of the young woman you are becoming. Ellie, go forth and conquer the world!

WITH LOVE,
MOMMY, DADDY, MARY KATE AND NATHAN

CONGRATULATIONS

Debutante Ellison

Sending love to my beautiful Granddaughter, Ellie on your Debutante Cotillion. Always remember you are blessed, and a child of God blessed with many gifts and talents. You are precious and treasured. Always hold your head high, and be bold and unafraid. I love you very much!

With love,
Your Grandmother Jacqueline Esters

CONGRATULATIONS, ELLIE

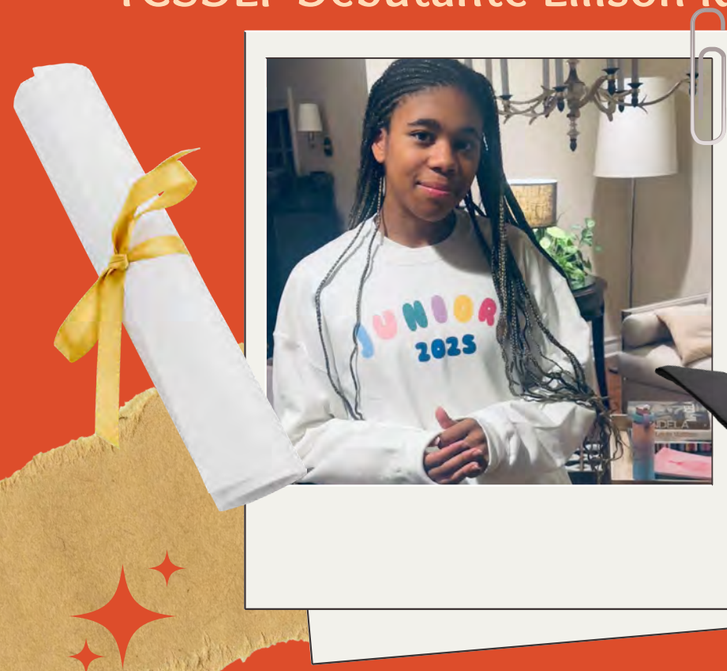
2024 DEBUTANTE ELLISON MIREILLE REDWINE

As your Special JJOC Aunties, we have watched you grow into a beautiful young lady, and we couldn't be more proud of you at this time. The courage, tenacity and perseverance you have shown has been outstanding. We love that you live in your authenticity, and we honor and celebrate you today!

With love,
Kristina Avant Mays, Yolanda Bates, Carla Jones, Nicole Lee, Shelly McLean, Naomi Oglesby, Rochelle Prestage, Chelsea Vasser.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Saturday Scholar Program Salutes
TCSDEF Debutante Ellison Redwine



Congratulations Ellie.
We're so proud of you!!

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CONGRATULATIONS

2024 TCSDEF DEBUTANTE

Ellison

With love,

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Congratulations Debutante

ELLISON MIREILLE REDWINE

The Upper School at the Academy of the Sacred Heart wishes you well on your 2024 Debutante Cotillion with the TCSDEF! This is a GREAT example of you living Goal 4!

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Congratulations Ellison!

We have watched you blossom into a beautiful young woman. We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Enjoy your cotillion and continue to shine!

Love,
Daisha Martin and Dr. Crystal R. Martin, MD

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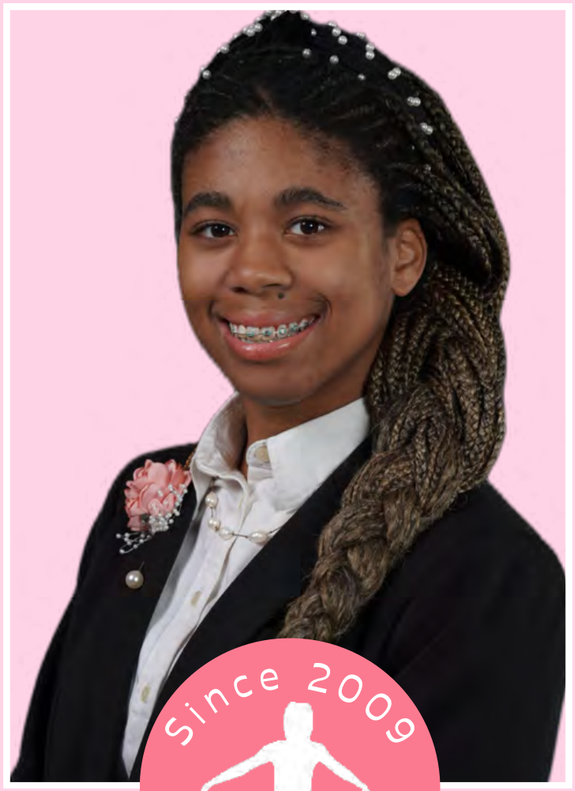

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WE LOVE YOU AND ARE SO PROUD OF YOUR AMAZING ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

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DEBUTANTE

Jada Roberts

Congratulations

Jada Roberts

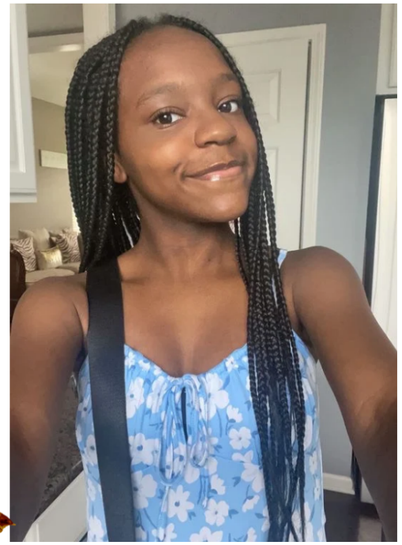
On Your Debutante Ball

In the tapestry of life, each thread represents moments that define us, we are honored to add a vibrant new thread as you make your elegant debut at this year's Cotillion.

We Love You to Pieces!
Dad, Mom, Alexis, Sasha & Buddy

Jada Roberts

CONGRATULATIONS JADA J ON BEING A 2024 DEBUTANTE! WE ARE SURE THAT YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO THE WELLBEING OF OTHERS WILL MAKE YOU A GREAT DEBUTANTE, AND WILL CARRY YOU FAR IN LIFE. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF THE YOUNG LADY THAT YOU HAVE BECOME AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT YOU WILL ACHIEVE AS YOU PURSUE YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS. WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST THAT LIFE HAS TO OFFER, AND LOVE YOU VERY VERY MUCH❤️!



Love,
Granddaddy
& Grandma

Jada Roberts

Congratulations!

Here's to a night that's fun and fabulous as you are! I am proud to witness your special moment as a debutante. I wish you all the happiness and joy. Continue to shine your light everywhere you go!

Love,
Dawn

Jada,

It has been a joy watching you grow from a bright-eyed beautiful baby to becoming the smart, outgoing young lady that you are today. It is a pleasure to be part of your village. I am also proud to say that you are my goddaughter.

I look forward to seeing how you continue to navigate this world in your special way. I do not doubt that whatever you set your mind to, you will be successful. Continue to use your voice to "advocate" for yourself.

You make us proud!

Love,
Godmommy/Auntie "Seany" (Cynita Smith-Watson)

CONGRATULATIONS JADA

Congratulations Jada!

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Jada Roberts

Congratulations on becoming a Debutante! Sis, we're so proud and happy for you. This is an amazing accomplishment, you should be extremely proud of yourself! We love you very much and will always support you on this journey called life.

Love,
Alexis & Sasha

Congratulations Jada!

"Debutante" Looks Good on You

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Congratulations

Jada Roberts

on becoming a 2024 Cotillion Society Debutante!

All the best,
DoubleTree Fort Shelby
Downtown Detroit

Jada Roberts

CONGRATS TO OUR GRANDDAUGHTER ON BECOMING A DEBUTANTE! YOU HAVE DEMONSTRATED HARD WORK IN YOUR ACADEMICS, EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, AND CHARITABLE WORK. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE PERSONALITY TO SUCCEED AND CARE FOR OTHERS.
WE LOVE YOU❤.

Love,
Nana & Papa

Thank You
Antwan McMullan Jr.
& Family

I am forever grateful for you all of your support!

Love,
Jada

RENAISSANCE APPRAISAL

We congratulate

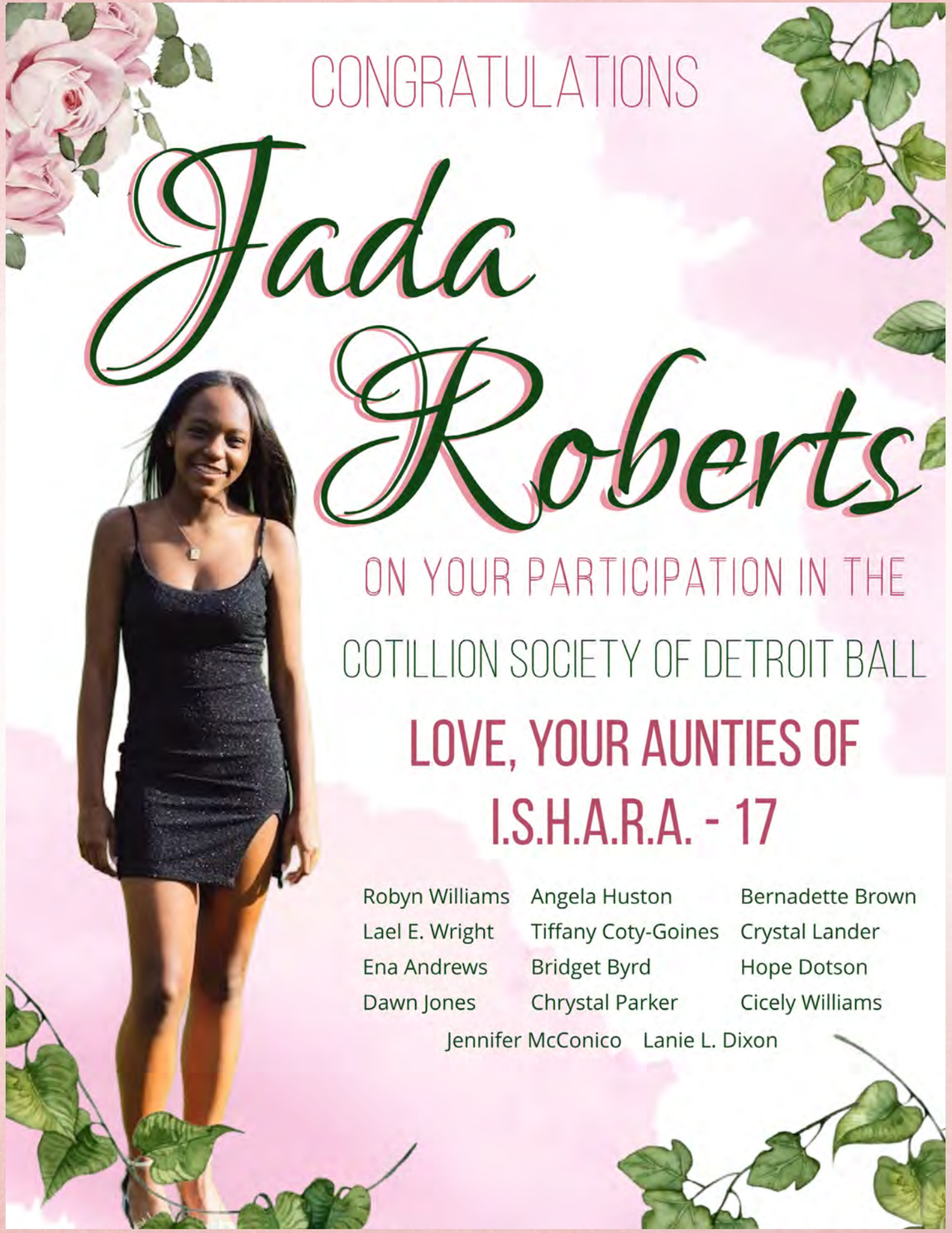
Jada Roberts

on this remarkable

accomplishment!

We are so proud of you and

wish you all the best!



Jada Roberts

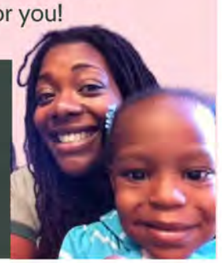
CONGRATULATIONS

ON YOUR

COTILLION SOCIETY OF DETROIT BALL

My Jada Bear! It is my pleasure to witness the amazing young lady you have become. May you continue to shine bright just like your beautiful smile! Always know that I am cheering you on from afar and always here for you!

Love,
Godmommy
Lanie



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DEBUTANTE

Megan Roberts

MEGAN ROBERTS

"Watching you grow into the beautiful young woman you are today fills our hearts with pride beyond measure. Congratulations on your high school graduation, Megan. May your journey ahead be as radiant and remarkable as you are."

Love your Family

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DEBUTANTE NEWS

Senior debutante Megan Roberts at the MGP formal winter ball with elegance!

DEBUTANTE DAY VIEW

MEGAN ROBERTS

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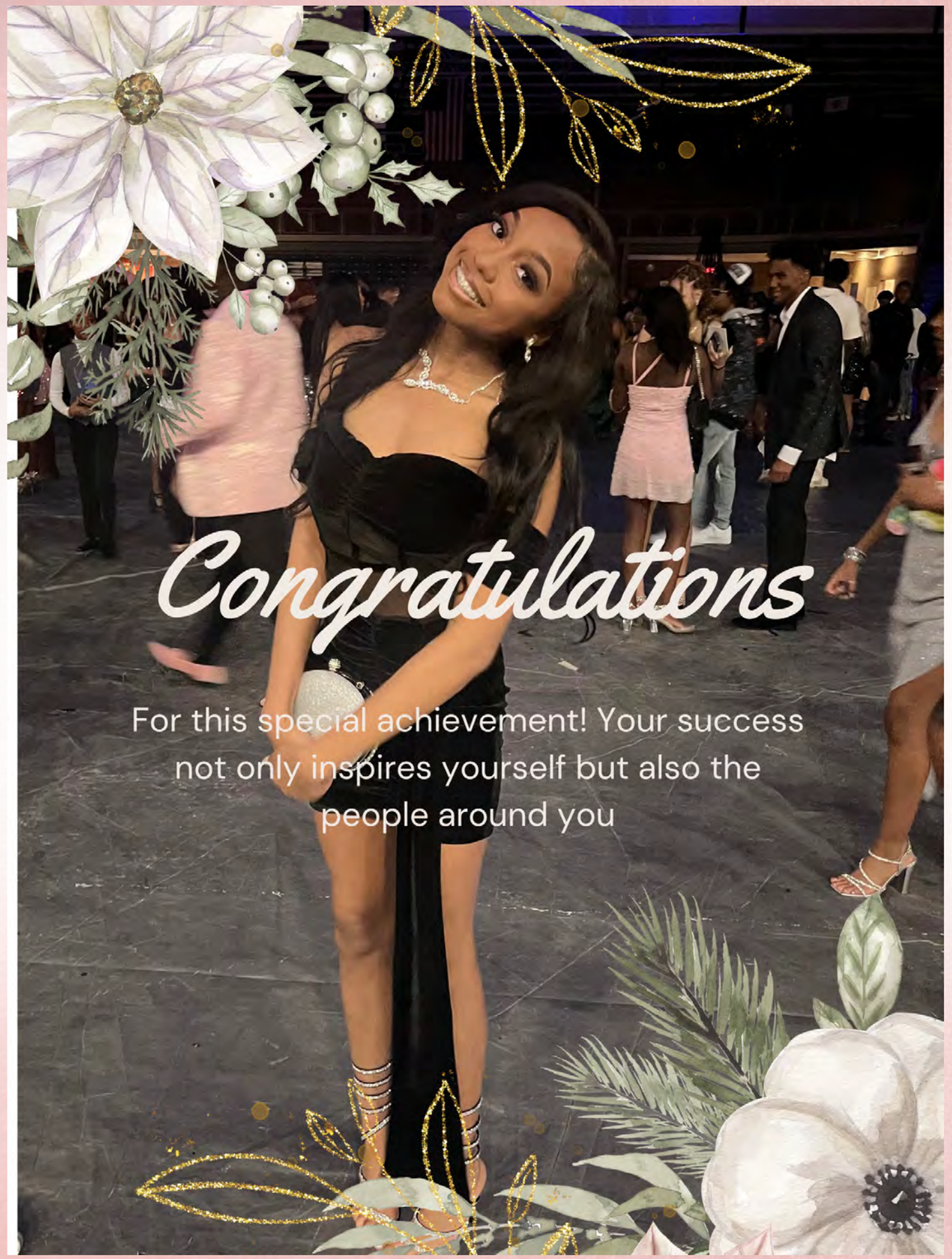
Debutantes in pink

Shine
AND SPARKLE!

Salford & Co.
Congratulations Megan
Roberts

Congratulations Debutante Megan we are all very proud of you - Class officer family.


Congratulations
For this special achievement! Your success not only inspires yourself but also the people around you

Congratulations Megan! We are so proud of the young lady you are becoming. Continue to spread positivity. We love you!
-Your Cousins

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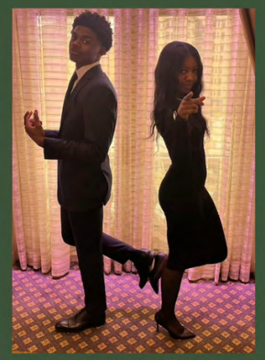
DEBUTANTE

Zoey Rogers

I love you, Zoey. You make me incredibly proud every day. You are the best girl in MY world. Love, Mom

LOVE, THE GIRLIES



Love you

LITTLE BIG SIS

-ZACH

Congratulations Debutante
Zoey Rogers
Continue to shine your light with beauty & grace.
We Love you!
The Guidance Couch, GodMommy, and GodBrother Chase
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Congratulations Debutante Zoey
Keep reaching for the stars, knowing that you have our unwavering support and love behind you every step of the way. We love you!
Proverbs 31:25

Congratualations Debuntante

ZOEY ROGERS

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We're incredibly proud of you and wish you all the best.

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DEBUTANTE

Rielly Rudolph

RIELLY RUDOLPH

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL
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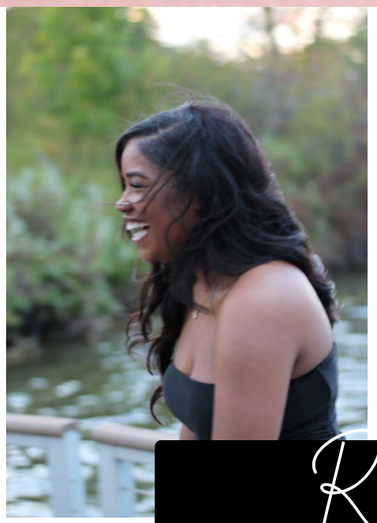
Dear Daughter,

We are so proud of you. Your beauty shines through as a reflection of your compassionate spirit. Your kindness for all living things is a gift from God. Your future is bright and full of limitless possibilities.
Be kind, Have Fun. Love God.

Mommy and Daddy



RieRie

BEAUTIFUL

Congratulations
Rielly

We are so proud of the lovely
young lady you have become.
May God continue to Bless you!

Love,
Grandma Rudolph
&
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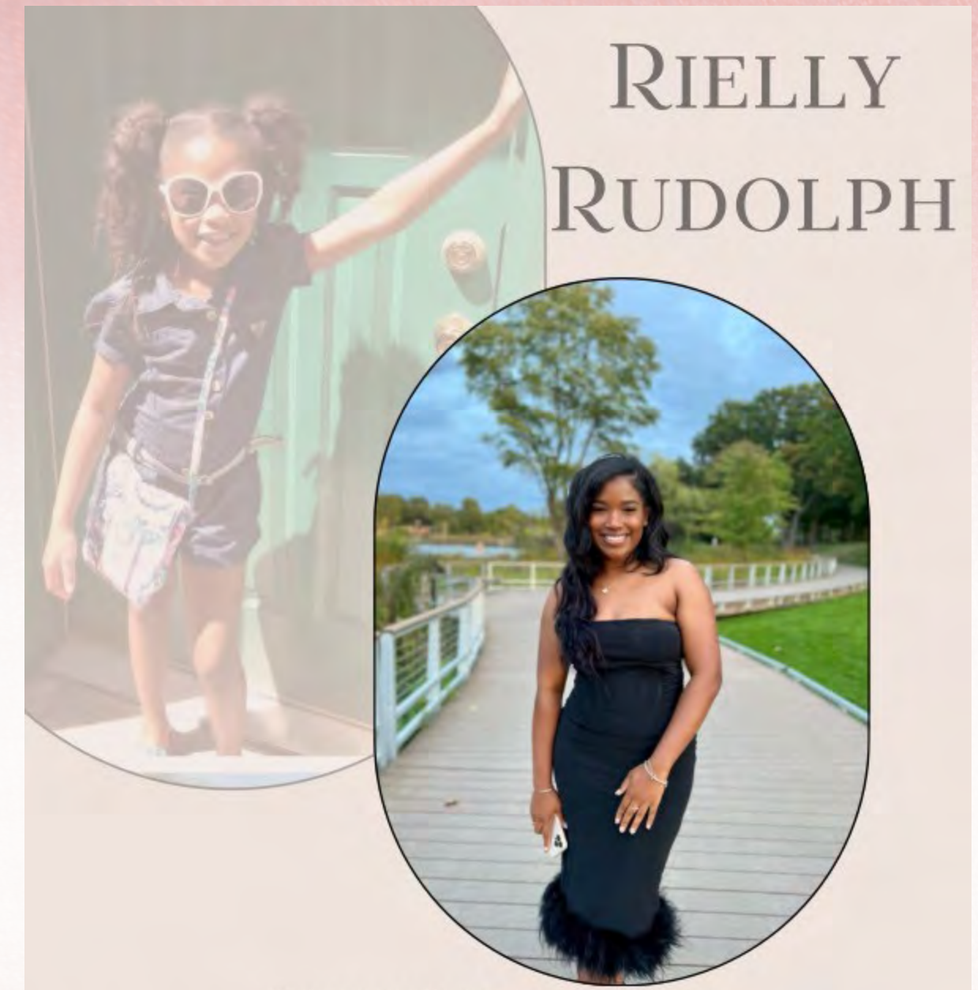

OUR BEAUTIFUL BABY GIRL, RIELLY.
WE LOVE YOU MORE THAN YOU WILL EVER KNOW AND BEAM WITH PRIDE GOD CHOSE US AS YOUR PARENTS.
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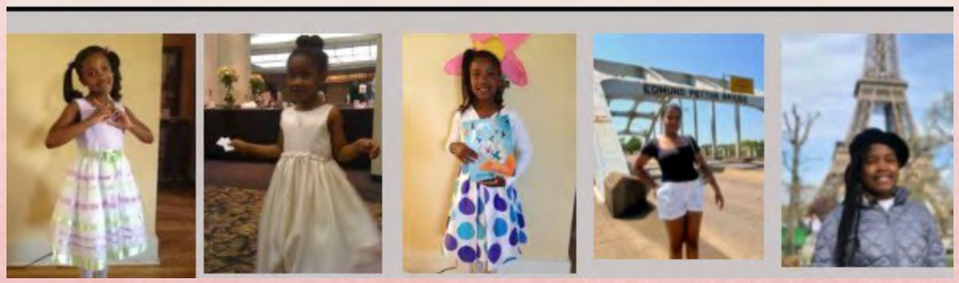
MOM AND DAD



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Rielly Rudolph

Congratulations

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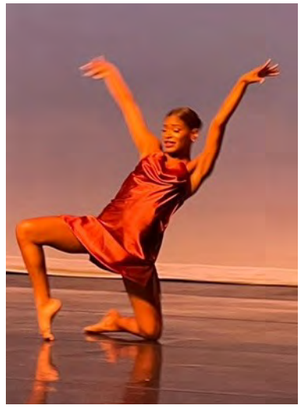

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Racquel Winkler-Smith

DEBUTANTE

Savannah Shivers

Congratulations to my precious daughter Savannah Shivers!

You have been a joy to love, guide and mold. Keep God at the center of your life and keep⭐LIGHTING up the world!

~Love Your Mom

Dr. Lubrina Bryant congratulates:

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We LOVE you!!!
We are so PROUD of You.

Mom, Josh, Courtney, and Elijah

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

TO OUR

BEAUTIFUL GRANDAUGHTER

SAVANNAH NICOLE SHIVERS

YOU HAVE ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED MANY GOALS IN LIFE

AND YOU HAVE THE MAKINGS OF BECOMING A GREAT LADY,

ALWAYS REMEMBER…

IF YOUR MIND CAN CONCEIVE IT—

AND YOUR HEART BELIEVE IT—

THEN YOU CAN ACHIEVE IT!!!

WITH LOVE,

YOUR GRANDPARENTS – WALTER AND MARIAN MCINNIE

Congratulations Savannah Nicole Shivers

We Are Delighted for You at This Wonderful Time in Your Life. We Pray God's Continued Blessing and Guidance on Your Life.

Sending Love,

Your Cousins in Maryland

Henry P., Weptanomah, Lilybelle & Henry P. C. Davis

PATRONS OF

Savannah Shivers

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DEBUTANTE

Kaden Smith

Dear Kaden,

TCSEDEF
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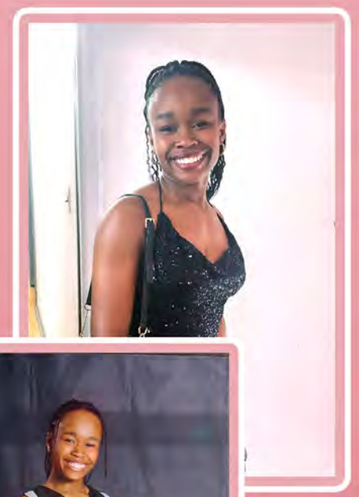
We are bursting with pride as we congratulate you on becoming a Debutante with the Cotillion Society of Detroit. Your thoughtfulness and empathy, has shaped you into an exceptional young lady. Your ability to think independently and express your unique perspective leaves us in awe.

As you enter into this new chapter, remember that you carry our ultimate love and support, along with the admiration of all who know you. Continue to shine brightly because the world is brighter with you in it.

with all of our Love
- Mom & Dad

Dear Family & Friends,



As I think about my journey through life, I am extremely grateful to have each of you who continue give me knowledge and wisdom to help shape me into the genuine person I have grown to become.

I am especially thankful for my mom, dad, and grandparents who have always encouraged me to pursue my ideas and my passions. As I grow into adulthood, I keep the lessons and memories that you've taught me and will use them to continue to make you proud.

~ Love Kaden

KADEN LOGAN SMITH

We could not be prouder of the incredible young woman you've become. Your journey as a Debutante with the Cotillion Society of Detroit marks a significant milestone, that reflects your grace, poise, and the values you hold dear.Seeing you grow and flourish into the beautiful young lady that you are fills our hearts with immense pride and joy. Your empathy, thoughtfulness, and individuality are qualities that set you apart and bring light to our lives every day. As you transition into young adulthood, always remember the love and support that surrounds you.

We love you immensely,
- Granny & Papa

Kaden,

You are such a wonderful and talented young woman. We have loved you since you were born and even though we live all around the Globe, you will always have a team of "Aunties" supporting you and praying for you.
Keep living out your dreams!

Love,
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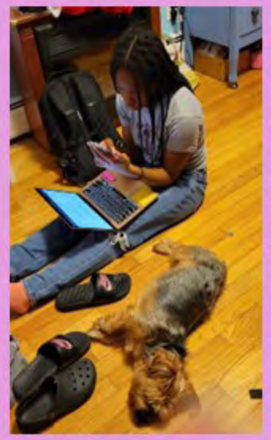
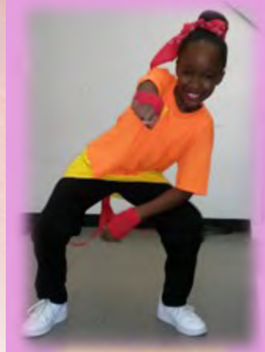


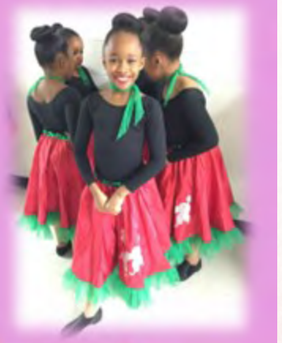
Kaden & Rebel

Best 4-Legged Little Sister

DEAR KADEN, YOU ARE THE EPITOME OF GRACE AND BEAUTY. IT HAS BEEN AN ABSOLUTE JOY WATCHING YOU GROW AND MATURE. YOU ARE DESTINED FOR GREATNESS, AND YOUR DELAWARE FAMILY CAN'T WAIT TO SEE IT HAPPEN.



KADEN LOVES DANCE



Congratulations Kaden!

The Nelson family is so proud of you all the way from Philadelphia, Mississippi and Texas.

Keep doing great things and know that we are always in your corner.

Love,

The Nelsons

Grandma, Grandpa, Uncle Will, Aunt Jenny, Justin, Jordan, Jalen and Jaxson

We're so proud of you Kaden!

Love,
The Williamstons & Philadelphia Family

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Kaden Smith

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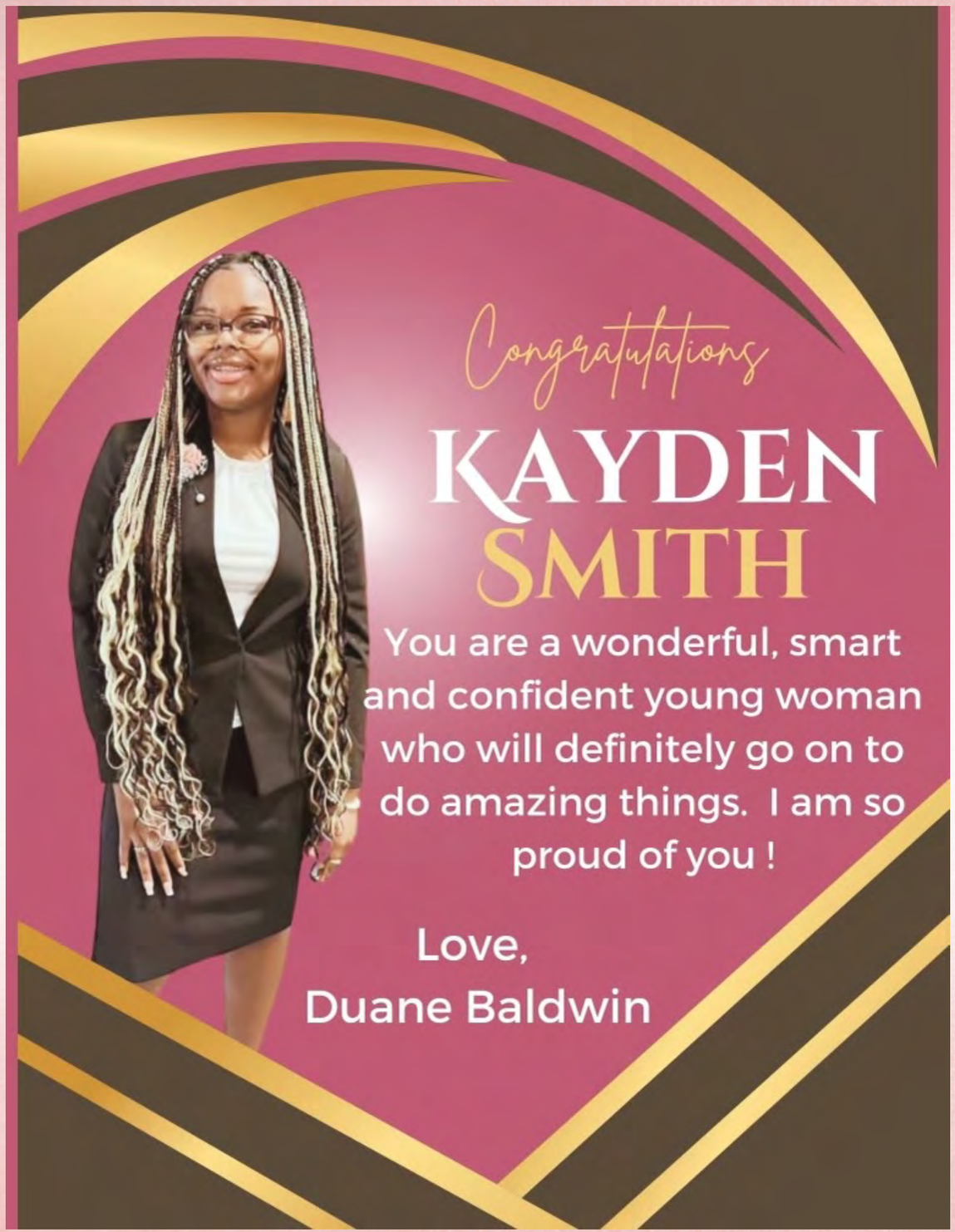
DEBUTANTE

Kayden Smith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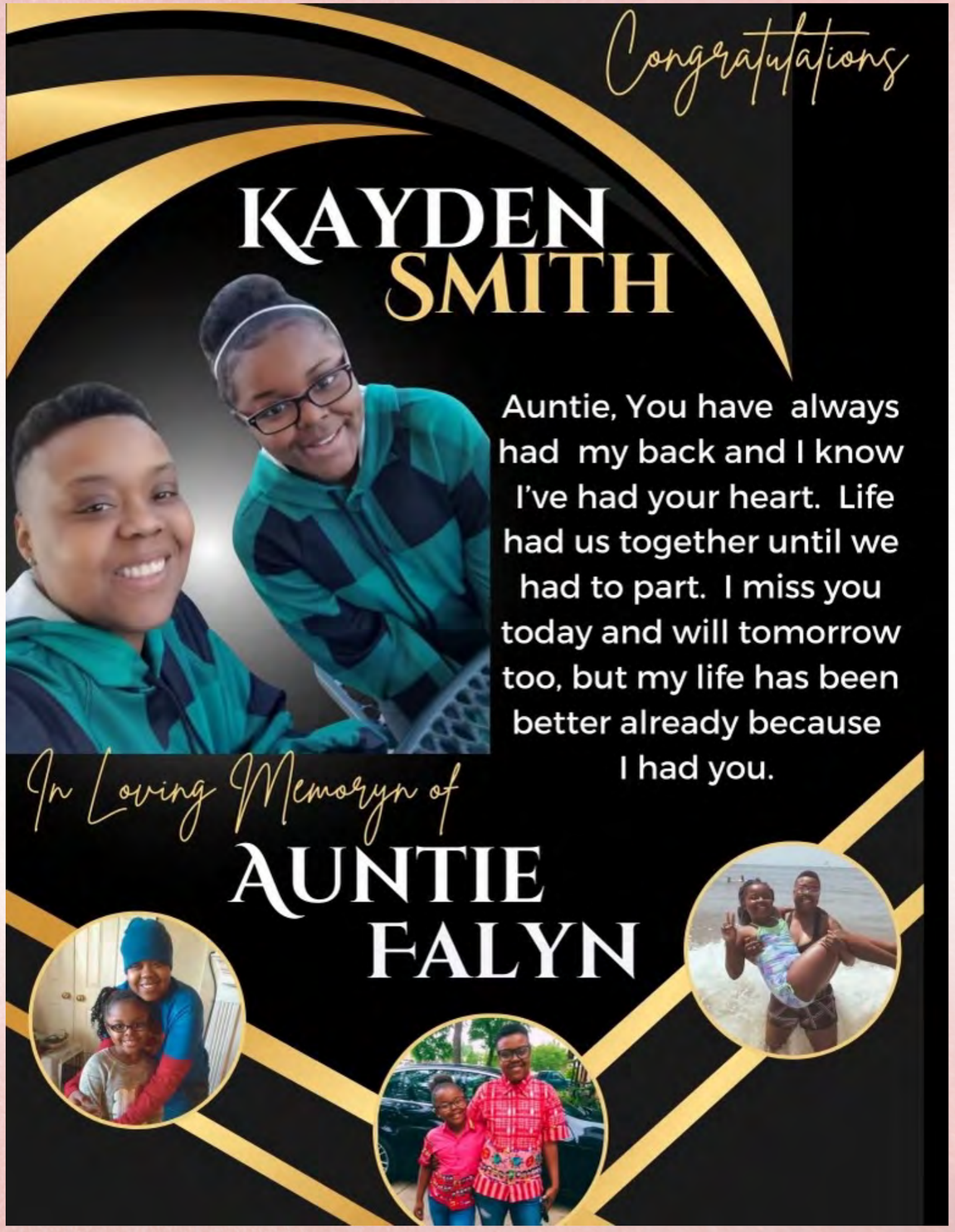
KAYDEN
SMITH
You are a wonderful, smart and confident young woman who will definitely go on to do amazing things. I am so proud of you !
Love,
Duane Baldwin


Congratulations
KAYDEN
SMITH
Auntie, You have always had my back and I know I've had your heart. Life had us together until we had to part. I miss you today and will tomorrow too, but my life has been better already because I had you.
In Loving Memoryn of
AUNTIE
FALYN

Kayden Smith
2024 DEBUTANTE
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!
CONTINUE TO LET YOUR
LIGHT SHINE! WE SEE YOU!

Congratulations!
Debutante
Kayden Smith
MAY YOUR LIFE AHEAD BE A
BEAUTIFUL ADVENTURE AND
MANY HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS
ALWAYS SURROUND YOU!

Congratulations!
KAYDEN
SMITH
We will forever celebrate and fully support you and your efforts.
You have made us proud!
WE LOVE YOU
MOM & DAD

Congratulations
Kayden Smith
You will always have my whole heart! You are beautiful inside and out.
I am so very proud of you my dear daughter!
A Mother's Love is forever!

Congratulations

KAYDEN SMITH

Poppy, You are gone but will never be forgotten. Your light will always shine over me as my guardian angel. You taught me that I could do it all and because of you, I always will. My light will shine brighter because I had you to guide me through!

In Loving Memoryn of

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Mackenzie Thomas

Debutante Mackenzie Thomas

Mackenzie, Today is the beginning of an amazing & exciting new journey filled with new experiences, opportunities, and memories you will cherish forever! You are maturing into a young lady and I know this debut will be the start of a new chapter putting you a little closer to your goals. The future awaits you baby girl!
Love Mommy!

Escort
Damon Patton

Congratulations

on your
Debutante Ball
2024

MACKENZIE NOELLE THOMAS

This is a once-in-a-lifetime moment to celebrate your induction into society as a young woman. May you reach for the stars and capture the moon!

May today be filled with light and love, may beauty surround you in every way.

Love always and forever...

Your Dad, Roderick Thomas
Grandma Mattie
Uncle John & Cousin Ashanti
Auntie Toni & Auntie Jennifer
Uncle Al & Auntie Nicole
Cousin Tyre & Brianne
Uncle Kenny & Auntie Debra

Debutante Mackenzie Thomas

Congratulations
on your debut!!

Here's to celebrating
YOU and the
AMAZING person
you are.

Love your Aunties of
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MACKENZIE THOMAS

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Big Sister

Mackenzie THOMAS

Congratulations on your special day!
I hope you enjoy yourself and cherish this day forever!
Love, Nicholas

Mackenzie Noelle Thomas

You have grown up to be such a beautiful, strong minded young lady. You have so much poise, grace and all the qualities that will give you anything you desire in life.

We are all so proud of all that you have accomplished thus far and we know that there are big things to come in your near future!

Keep following your dreams, striving for the best, and stay steadfast in your dreams...

With love from your family....

AUNTIE MARSHA
SAIGE & PAISLEY

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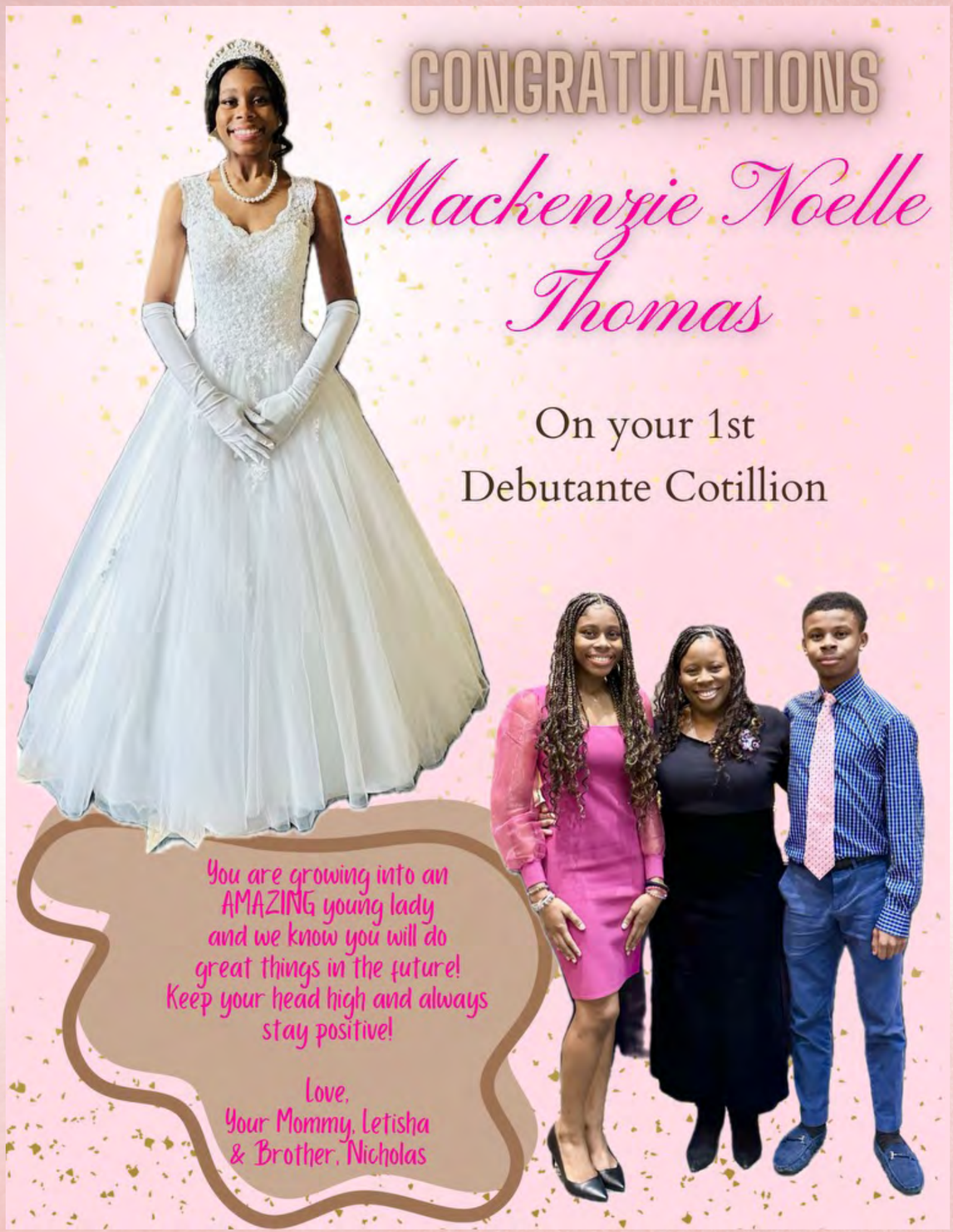
Congratulations on your Debutante Ball!



Congratulations Mackenzie!!!

AKA Jack & Jill
Mothers of the
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Congratulate
Mackenzie Thomas
on her debut as a Debutante
in the 2024 TCSDEF Cotillion.
What an incredible honor and achievement it is to be part of such a distinguished event!

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DEBUTANTE

Autumn Walker

Congratulations Autumn Rose!

Autumn, I am so proud of the young lady you have become. I know that you're going to do amazing things. You can do anything you put your mind to!

Love, Big Sis

CONGRATULATIONS

Autumn Rose Walker

ON BECOMING A 2024 DEBUTANTE!

WE ARE SO PROUD OF ALL OF WHAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED. YOUR SCHOLARLY ATTRIBUTES ARE ONLY EXCEEDED BY YOUR GENEROSITY, RESPECT, AND KINDNESS TO OTHERS. YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IS PHENOMENAL! WISHING YOU THE VERY BEST!

LOVE,
GRANDMA & PAPA

CONGRATULATIONS

Autumn Rose

YOUR HARD WORK HAS PAID OFF, AND YOU'RE STARTING TO SEE THE REWARDS. THIS SUCCESS MARKS THE BEGINNING OF EVEN GREATER ACHIEVEMENTS AHEAD. YOUR ABILITY TO IMPRESS NEVER FAILS TO INSPIRE. WE EAGERLY ANTICIPATE WITNESSING YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS!

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Congratulations

DEBUTANTE AUTUMN

"Beauty may be dangerous but intelligence is lethal. Intelligence is the torch of wisdom."

All the Best,

Stephanie L. Williams, Tamar Swain,
Dr. Larissa Barclay Abrams, Janice Willis,
Sangeyia Wiggins, &
Kimberly Owens Calloway

Congratulations Autumn!

Unlock your inner strength and achieve greatness!

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Congratulations, Autumn Rose!

In Delta Love,
Your Delta Aunties of 63 J.E.W.E.L.L.S.

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Congratulations, Autumn Rose!

Love, Harvey & Annette

A niece is very special! She's the child of someone dear. She's the person we can spoil, whether far or near. As years pass by, we hope you know how much you mean to us, and as you make your way in life, we will always be there for you.

You have a spark that's truly one of a kind. We can't wait to see where your dreams will take you.

AUTUMN,

the best is yet to come!

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Autumn Rose,

We are so proud of your accomplishments. You are a stunning young lady and we feel honored to be able to watch you fulfill God's promises in your life. Keep reaching for the stars, because with your talent and passion, there's no limit to what you can achieve.

We love you!

Auntie Wanda & Auntie Brenda

Congratulations Autumn Rose!

“All dreams are within reach. All you have to do is keep moving towards them.”

Viola Davis

Love your Savory S.I.X. aunties of
Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc.:
Dr. Ruby Nzoma, Dr. Lenette Jones,
Dr. Doresea Lewis, Dr. Ima Vanderpool,
and Mamie Wells

Congratulations Debutante Autumn Rose

Watching you achieve your goals and excel in everything you do fills us with immense pride and joy! Always remember that we believe in you wholeheartedly, and we are here to support you every step of the way.

Love the Tyus cousins:

Nikeyia, Kai, Brian, Dayna, Brandon, LaShawnda, CJ, Nikki, Macy, Carlton, and Carnique

CONGRATULATIONS LITTLE SIS!

This is one big step on your journey in life. There will be bumps along the way, but remember to always keep moving forward!
Love, AJ

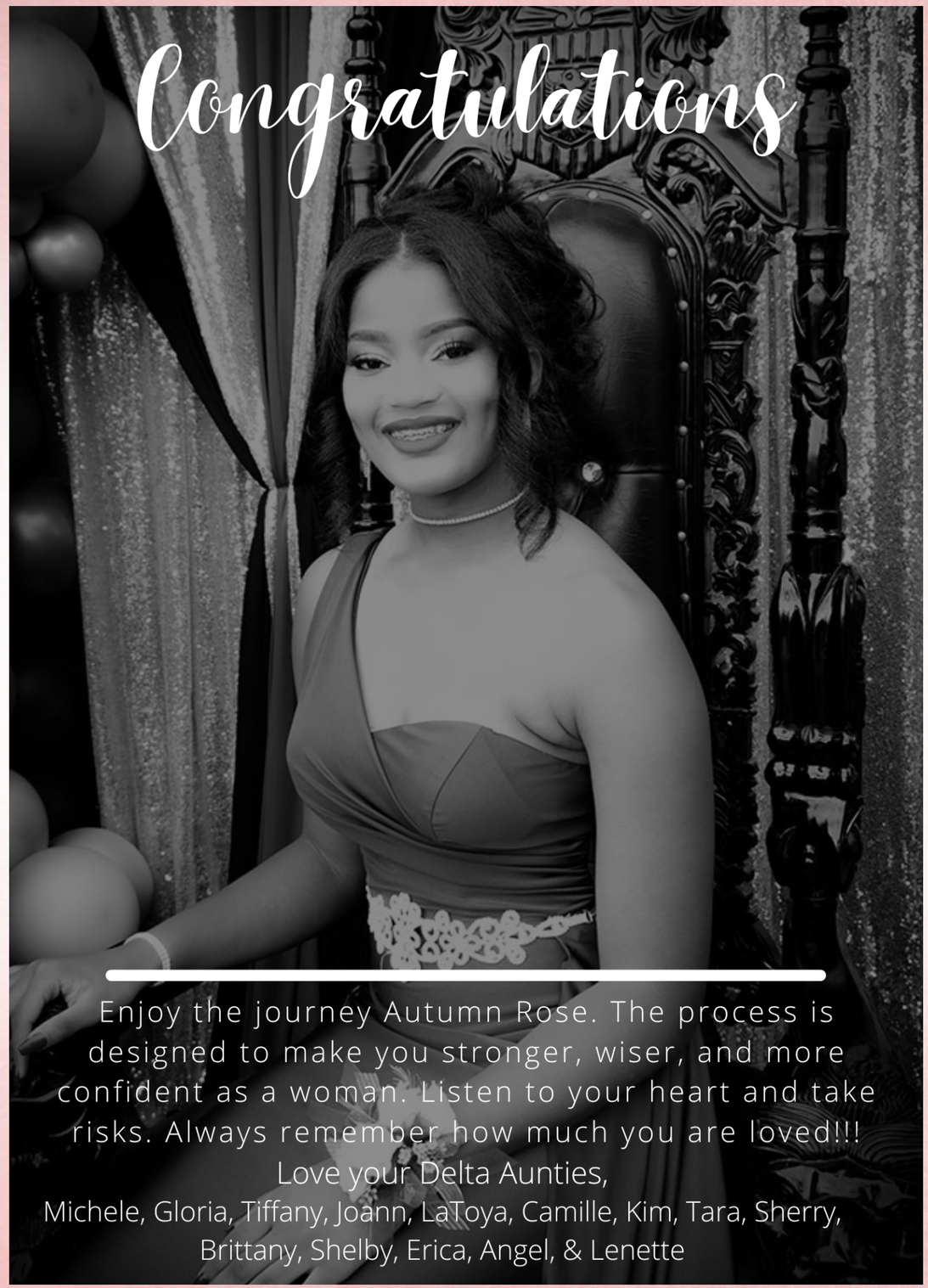
TO MY BEAUTIFUL NIECE!

Autumn,

You are smart, you are kind, you are important, you are loved, and the world is yours.

Carpe Diem,

Love Auntie



Debutante Autumn Rose Walker

Because there's one thing stronger than magic - SISTERHOOD!
Always remember that sisterhood will add to your magic!

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CONGRATULATIONS

AUTUMN WALKER

Congratulations on your debutante debut! This is a significant moment in your life. Your hard work and dedication have paid off. This accomplishment is a testament to your perseverance, talent, and determination. May this be just the beginning of many more great things to come. Keep reaching for the stars and inspiring those around you. Well done!

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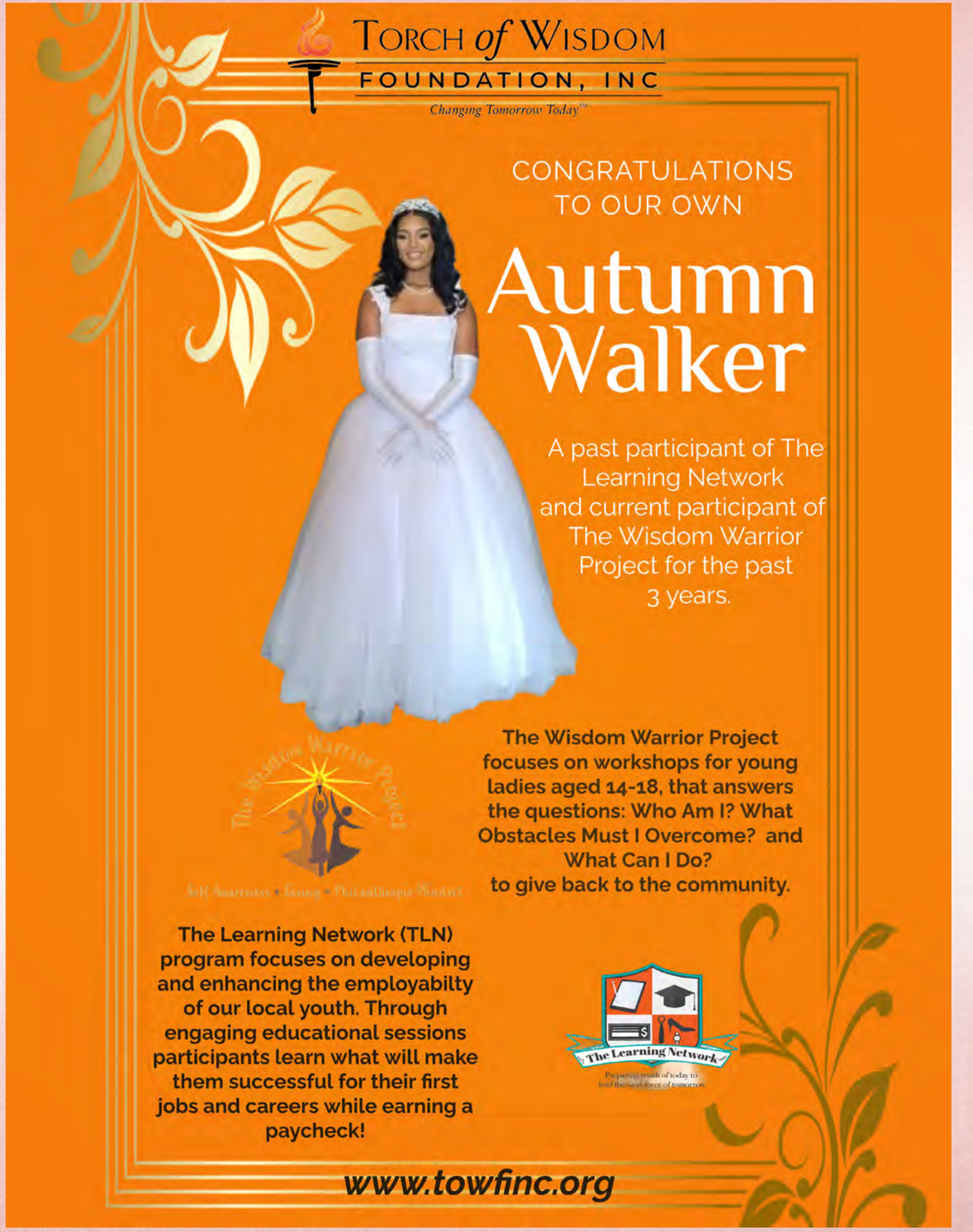

Autumn Rose WALKER

Congratulations

You are the embodiment of a pink rose: sweet, graceful, gentle, and beautiful. Continue to blossom and impact the world.

Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.

Proverbs 16:3 NIV

Love,

Mama G & The Late Papa Tyus

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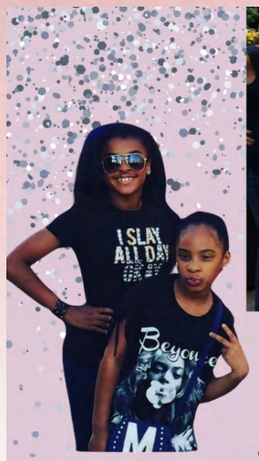

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