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*ANNUAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP
RECOGNITION
AND
20th ANNIVERSARY
PROGRAM AND RECEPTION*

*JANUARY 5, 2013
12:00PM -3:00PM*

*Tasker Street Missionary
Baptist Church
2010 Tasker Street
Philadelphia, PA. 19145*

(lower auditorium)

Rev. James A. Lovett II, Pastor

Dr. Kimberlee Johnson



Dr. Kimberlee (K-lee) Johnson, a faculty member, serves as the Chair of the Urban Studies Department and Director of the Center for Urban Youth Development at the Campolo College for Graduate & Professional Studies at Eastern University. Dr. Johnson has a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Joseph's University, a Master of Arts degree and Master of Divinity (in Counseling) degree from Biblical Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry degree in Urban Missiology from Westminster Theological Seminary. She is currently enrolled at Temple University as a non-degree student in Sociology.

She serves at the Tasker Street Missionary Baptist Church in Philadelphia as a Minister and is founder of the Fellowship of Women Clergy. She serves on the Board of Directors at Bridge of Hope National whose mission it is to empower homeless and at-risk mothers. She is also in the process of developing JAM (Justice and Me), an organization educating about and advocating for juvenile justice.

Over the years Dr. Johnson has served the community, church and world in numerous capacities including: City of Philadelphia crisis intervention worker for youth, crisis pregnancy counselor for women & teens, educator, conference and retreat speaker, leadership developer, service learning & campus ministry coordinator, mentor, and developer of ministries. She has a particular love for the arts of drama and dance, and has engaged in individual ministry and urban youth ministry through these means. After being delivered from a cult in her college days, she became committed to living and sharing God's Word and God's love with others. She has always had a heart for service and missions and has engaged in short-term missions work in many countries including Kenya, Peru, and the Dominican Republic. She has trained both college and high school students as mission team leaders and has conducted numerous missions fundraising workshops using her workbook, A How to Guide for Support Raising.

Her most pressing social concerns are that of 1) sexual activity among Christian youth in Philadelphia and its social, physical, economic, and spiritual consequences, 2) injustices in the juvenile justice system. Using her gift as an inspiring speaker, she welcomes the opportunity to share about these and other issues. When she really wants let her hair down, she enjoys cooking for others, watching the Food Network, and traveling.

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* posthumously

MISSION

Our mission is to provide financial assistance to students seeking higher education, to encourage youth volunteerism in schools and communities, and to assist the economical development of our communities by introducing entrepreneurship to young adults.

Education

Any Philadelphia and parts of Delaware County residents attending an institution of higher learning in Pennsylvania is eligible (only once) for the scholarship. Eligible students may receive a matching grant administered through the Negro Educational Emergency Drive (Pittsburgh, PA).

Economic Development

Participants in the economic development component select a business, talk with business owners and develop comprehensive business plans for future businesses they plan to operate themselves. They learn how to apply for start-up loans from lending institutions, develop knowledge of responsibilities associated with borrowed money and how to manage profit.

Programs

College Scholarship provides financial assistance to students attending higher educational institutions

Last Dollar Stipend is given upon request, to former scholarship recipients who remain in college for special educational expenses.

Student Volunteer Recognition recognizes students, grades K-12 who volunteer in their school or community

Youth on the Job Training Program is a benefit from a paid summer work experience with local businesses.

PROGRAMME

MISTRESS OF CEREMONY

Dr. Kimberlee Johnson
Eastern University

WELCOME

Donnell Sheppard, Board Member

INVOCATION

Deacon Earl Ransom, Board Member

HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

Ret. State Representative Harold James of the 186th Legislative District,
and Vice-Chairman

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

Daria Ward, Secretary

SPECIAL RECIPIENTS

Sallie-Elizabeth Clayton, Scholarship Chair and Vice President

BRUNCH

LAST DOLLAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Donnell Sheppard, Board Member

2012-2013 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Shelina James, President

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

STUDENT VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION (School and Community Service)

Recipients

Christopher Peralta	GW Childs School
Ava Reeves	Audenried Charter High School
Vera Scott	Smith Academic Plus

LAST DOLLAR STIPENDS (Supplemental Fund Former Scholarship Recipients)

Recipients

Brittney Davis	Villanova University
Khari Graves	Morehouse College
Yuri Hodges	Temple University
Ebony-Lin James	Temple University
Breanna James	Denison University
Byshanee Robinson	Millersville University
Malik Utendhal	University of Pitt at Bradford
Jasmine Weaver	Immaculata University

ALANA LEE '98



From a young age, Alana D. Lee has always had a passion for the Arts and Journalism. Alana studied acting, voice and dance-movement at Freedom Theater as well as acting and voice theory at Neumann College now Neumann University. A 1998 NEED of Philadelphia Scholarship recipient, she received a B.A. in Broadcast Journalism and minored in Performance Theater from Neumann College. A few years later, she received her Masters in Education. Also, she attended Harvard University for their Urban Schools Program, in which she obtained a Certificate in Instructional Leadership.

Alana knew that she wanted to share her love and passion for acting with young adults and therefore, started an after school drama club, which then lead to implementing fundamentals of acting workshops throughout the Philadelphia School Community.

In 1997, Alana was crowned Miss Junior Philadelphia and represented her city of (Brotherly Love & Sisterly Affection) in the National Pageant, in which she placed 3rd Runner Up. However, a Casting Director for the movie "Beloved" noticed Alana and casted her as a "stand-in" for one of the principle roles. On set, Alana had the opportunity to meet and receive advice from Oprah Winfrey, she told Alana not to be afraid to ask questions and to always be herself.

This past summer, Alana starred as the leading lady "Sarah" alongside Lyn Whitfield, Clifton Powell, Keith David, and a few other black Hollywood actors in the new movie "The North Star" (based on a true story about a runaway slave named "Big" Ben Jones, played by former Eagles player Jeremiah Trotter and his journey and fight to freedom). She has gained film credits in Tenure, A Little Fierce, A Diamond in the Sky, etc. as well as featured parts in Unbreakable, Marley and Me, Transformers 2, Annapolis etc. On stage, Alana has performed in The Wizard of Oz, A Midsummer's Night Dream, Just Believe, Nursing Home, and The Wrong Shade of Black. Alana has also featured in a host of music videos and commercial spots. She loves bringing characters to life and telling their stories through her vision. She continues to give 100% to her craft and hopes to be a strong voice for young positive adults in the tri-state area, through a major multi-media network.

Currently, Alana lives in Delaware and is in her 10th year of teaching at the elementary school level. She is working on her doctorate in education and is writing her second publication (which is a memoir). She is also co-founder (along with her sister) of the "Live & Love Life Annual Gala", a non-profit organization that supports & encourages men and women living with or has lived with cancer and brings awareness and resources to those who do not have it.

Alana is an educator, entrepreneur, actress, author, motivational speaker and philanthropist. When people ask Alana how she is able to balance out all that she does? Alana responds, "With God in your life, all things are possible!"

TYRONE STURDIVANT '08



A young man with a plan, Tyrone Sturdivant is a recent graduate of Widener University, obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a concentration in Pre-Medical Studies. He is a 2008 NEEDED of Philadelphia Scholarship recipient and currently working on his Master of Public Health at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. Tyrone's interest in becoming a successful pediatrician was fueled by visibility of the large number of sick and injured children

within his community. His interest earned him the opportunity to volunteer at Crozer Chester Medical Center's Pediatric Unit, where he was allowed to shadow doctors and observe the one on one contact with the patients, which confirmed his purpose. Noting that so many communities are plagued with social injustices and inequalities within the health care system brought the realization that he must affect change.

While attending Widener University, Tyrone took advantage of many opportunities that were presented to him. He gained valuable undergraduate research experience in Biology and Environmental Science and interned in the Office of the President. He served as President of the American Medical Student Association of Pre-med Society and he was the founder and President the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) college chapter. He served as a residential assistant, senator in the Student Government Association, and a member of the Presidential Service Corps/Bonner Leaders. He is a member of the Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society and Alpha Chi Sigma, among many other organizations.

This young man with a plan has also served his community by interning with PA State Representative Thaddeus Kirkland, volunteering with Chester East Side Ministries, the Mayor's Annual Chester Clean-Up day, and Chester Community Center and many others.

COUNCILMAN KENYATTA JOHNSON '95



A man with a mission to serve, Councilman Kenyatta Johnson represents the 2nd District, which covers parts of Center City, South and Southwest Philadelphia and also includes the stadium area, Philadelphia International Airport, the Navy Yard and the Eastwick, Grays Ferry, Hawthorne and Point Breeze neighborhoods.

The youngest member of City Council, Johnson arrived on the political scene in 1998 determined to end gun violence through Peace Not Guns, an organization he founded – after the murder of his cousin – to prevent violence through education and the creation of programs that would give youth an alternative to the streets. That activism led to a successful run for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, where he served as State Representative for the 186th Legislative District from 2009 until 2012 when he took the oath of office for City Council.

Councilman Johnson is a lifelong resident of Point Breeze, where he grew up in Tasker Street Missionary Baptist Church. A 1995 recipient of a NEEDED Scholarship, he attended Child's Elementary and Bok High School. Councilman Johnson holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Mansfield University and a Masters Degree in Government Administration from the Fels Institute of Government at the University of Pennsylvania. He also has completed the Governing for Non Profit Excellence Certificate Program at the Harvard School of Business. A senate staffer for six years prior to running for the House of Representatives, Councilman Johnson is a former volunteer for AmeriCorps, the national service organization that allows citizens to serve their communities. He was also a founding staff member of City Year, the non-profit AmeriCorps organization whose primary goal is to build advocacy through service.

INDIA THOMAS '07



A 2012 graduate of Mansfield University, India Thomas earned her Bachelor's degree in Nursing. She is a 2007 NEEDED of Philadelphia Scholarship recipient and in subsequent years, a Last Dollar Stipend recipient. India is currently a Registered Nurse for the Philadelphia Prison System. She enjoys working as an RN because it gives her the opportunity to positively change the

lives of people through good health and well-being.

Following graduation from Mansfield, India was asked to join the NEEDED Board. She accepted the calling and was enthusiastic about giving back to her community and assisting the very organization that has helped her during her financial hardships.

College can be extremely expensive and as a recent graduate, India understands what that means but with the assistance of organizations like NEEDED of Philadelphia, your goals will always remain achievable.

2012-2013

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Sydnei Easley, Freshman

Temple University

Tieara Nichelson, Freshman

Eastern University

Sterling Spencer, Sophomore

Kutztown University

Shawn Wilson, Freshman

Temple University

CLOSING REMARKS

Sallie-Elizabeth Clayton
Scholarship Chair

