

DeWonne Belleny
MBA

DeWonne Belleny was a 2002 S.A.L.E Scholarship winner. He graduated from the University of Houston in August 2006 with a Bachelors of Arts degree in Business and in May 2012 with a Masters of Business Administration (MBA). He works for United Technologies Corporation, a graduate-level cooperative, on projects supporting NASA's International Space Station program. DeWonne strongly believes in investing in the next generation of youth. He currently assists in mentoring undergraduate business students and he serves on the Economic Development Committee for the National Black MBA Association. DeWonne is married to the former Ms. Aisha Banks and they live in Houston, Texas.

A native of San Antonio, TX, **Mark Douglas** graduated *cum laude* with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Business from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) in 2013. He was honored as a USDA/1890 National Scholar based on academic achievement, leadership, and dedication to public service. While at UAPB, Mark was engaged in various campus activities, including the UAPB Annual Alumni Fundraiser. In addition, he held the office of the Treasurer for the UAPB chapter of Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS) club, and helped secure funding for the 2012 MANRRS conference, held in Atlanta, GA. He also received numerous other academic acknowledgements and awards. During his time in college, Mark has held two internships with the United States Department of Agriculture - Farm Service Agency, a servicing and lending institution, where he learned firsthand the operations of FSA at the county level and was responsible for notifying counties of Presidential disaster declarations in the State. Currently, Mark is undergoing a yearlong USDA training program in Lake Village, Arkansas. Upon completion of the program, he will be appointed as a Farm Loan Officer. Outside of work, Mark has a strong interest in music, particularly songwriting. He has enjoyed performing original works at churches, restaurants, Open Mic events and other venues. He plays guitar and piano, and aspires to make songwriting his career. He also enjoys spending time with his family and travelling.



Mark Douglas
B.S. Agricultural Business

Azure d Mōnje' Gabriel is a native of San Antonio who graduated from Wagner High School in 2008. As an active member and youth leader of The Conquerors Assembly Church under the leadership of Suffrage Bishop Jonathan D. Ellis, Azure was the recipient of the San Antonio Livestock Exposition (S.A.L.E.) Scholarship Award in 2008. Azure is an Alumna of Wiley College "Home of the Great Debaters" and St. Philips' College. She holds a degree in Liberal Arts and Economics. Upon graduation, Azure relocated to Dallas, Texas to continue her education. She is currently enrolled at the Art Institute of Dallas as a full time student in pursuit of her Bachelor's degree in Advertising and Design.



**Azure d Mōnje'
Gabriel, B.A. Liberal
Arts and Economics**

She is currently working as intern for Marni G Designs assisting with graphic design and marketing. She has also networked with the Dallas & Coppel Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, Azure has maintained her employment as a Cashier at HEB/Central Market for the last 8 years. Azure's greatest strengths are her creativity, drive and leadership. She has used these strengths and God given abilities to launch, d Mōnje' Designs, a freelance business specializing custom graphic design and advertising, wedding and event planning, marketing and company branding for small businesses.

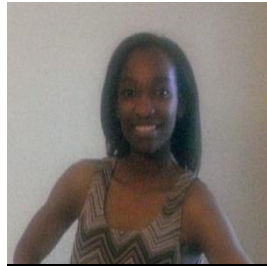
Azure has closely worked with Stellar Nominated Artist Melinda Watts; as well as some campaign graphics for retired San Antonio Silver Star Marie Ferdinand-Harris. Her most recent project involved an advertising campaign to promote a Nike Youth Basketball training camp in San Antonio. Azure is the devoted daughter of William and Tonja Gabriel and older sister of William J. Gabriel "BJ. Azure endeavors to be what God says she can be, to do what God says she can do and to have what God says she can have. She believes that she can do all things through Christ who strengthens her.



Sareena Eddington
B.S. Kinesiology

Sareena M. Eddington is a member of Grace First Baptist Church. She attended Earl Warren High School and continued her education at The University of Texas at Austin, where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology. Currently, Sareena works at USAA as an Auto Adjuster III. She enjoys reading mystery novels and spending time with her mily. As a young adult Christian, Sareena knows if you seek God's guidance, He will always lead you to reach your full potential.

Bria Ford was born in Alamogordo, NM to Allen and Renee Ford. She grew up in San Antonio, TX and attends Grace First Baptist Church where her father is currently pastor. Bria graduated from Communications Arts High School in 2012. There she was a 4-year Varsity Basketball player and dedicated member of the environment club. She then continued on, with the financial support of CCSA and others, to attend Baylor University. She graduated from Baylor on May 14, 2016 with BBA in Baylor Business Fellows, Finance and International Business as well as a minor in Japanese. While at Baylor, Bria was member of Baylor Business Fellows, an honor business program for high achieving students, Baylor Business Women, and the Entrepreneurship Living Learning Center, where she was a member of the leadership team and served as chairwoman. She was also a member of the Japanese Student Association, where she served as Event Chair, Social Chair and President, and the Baylor Japanese Honor Society. Additionally Bria was blessed with an awesome opportunity and studied abroad at Seinan Gakuin University in Fukuoka, Japan during the spring semester of 2015. Bria works as a Consultant in the Management Consultant Practice for Credera in Addison, TX. She is thankful, first and foremost to God, as well as her family and to all of those who supported her college education financially, mentally and spiritually.



Bria Ford, B.B. A.
Baylor Business
Fellows, Finance, and
International Bus.



Forderick Fowler
B.A Cinema, Television and
Media Studies

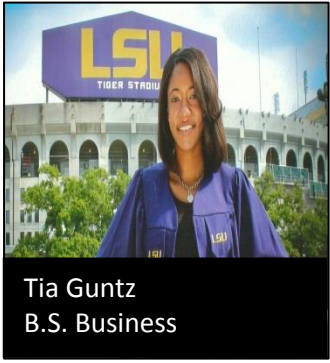
Forderick Alexander Fowler is the third of four children born to Christopher and Cynthia Fowler. As a member of Grace First Baptist Church, Forderick participated in a plethora of youth activities, including bible study, spiritual retreats, usher, choir, leadership seminars, oratorical competitions, community service projects, and college prep sessions.

Forderick graduated from John Jay Science and Engineering Academy in 2011 as an Honor Student and Distinguished Graduate in the top 25% of his class. In high school, he participated in a variety of extracurricular activities, such as Fellowship of Christian Athletes, speech and

debate, track and field, and varsity football. He also earned many academic achievements, including the President's Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement, the State of Texas House of Representatives Certificate, National Forensics League Degree of Honor, and Fox Channel 29 Scholar Athlete of the Week. After high school, Forderick pursued undergraduate coursework at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia. As a Cinema, Television, and Media Studies (CTEMS) major and Journalism & Sports minor with a 2.9 GPA, Forderick has served as a production assistant on film projects such as the CBS production "*So You Want to be a Star*" and the made for television movie "*Mr. Right*." He is currently a paid intern at Clark-Atlanta University Television (CAU-TV), where he works as segment producer, floor director, scriptwriter, videographer, and teleprompter technician.

When Forderick is not in the class or working, he actively participates in community affairs on and off campus. He has petitioned governmental authorities on behalf of citizens for civil rights where he participated in local marches and protests. He has also volunteered with the Vanguard Scholar Leadership Program and the Resident Advisors Encouraging Academics Community and Health (REACH) organization in an effort to improve the lives of peers and youth within his community.

After graduating from Morehouse College this spring, Forderick will have earned the distinguished honor of being called a "Morehouse Man," and he pledges to persistently embody the traits of Godliness, scholarship, leadership, and service to the global community. He also plans to continue to support and lead in his community while pursuing opportunities to develop his craft of writing and storytelling. Finally, Forderick would like to take this opportunity to thank God, his biological and church family, and the Community of Churches of San Antonio (CCSA) for their continued support, love, and prayers!



Tia Guntz
B.S. Business

Tia Guntz was born in Ft. Worth, Texas on March 14, 1991 to Wanda and Joseph Guntz. She grew up as a military brat living in Texas, Virginia, Hawaii, Georgia, and back to Texas. Tia graduated from Sandra Day O'Connor High School in Helotes, Texas in 2009. After high school, she attended Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. While attending LSU, she was very active in various student organizations such as the Student Activities Board, Millennium Fund Volunteers, Volunteer LSU, and the LSU Women's Lacrosse club team. She also spent time working in the campus bookstore and interned for the LSU Athletics

Department in the Media Relations Office. After only 3 years, Tia graduated from Louisiana State University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Marketing. She currently resides in Houston, Texas and works as a Sales and Marketing Coordinator for the medical insurance company, WellCare Health Plans, Inc.



Christian Hammons
B.A. Music

Christian Michael Hammons was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas to Duane and Melonie Hammons and has two siblings Duane-Christopher and Dove Hammons. He describes himself in his own words: "My family's faith historically is connected to the Church of God in Christ. My father pastored a church for years in my youth with my mother serving with him. As a young boy, I grew in my faith and relationship with God with a steadfast love for his word and his presence. I am thankful for my upbringing in the church because it taught me the spiritual discipline I needed growing up in a world full of so many bad influences. A major turning point

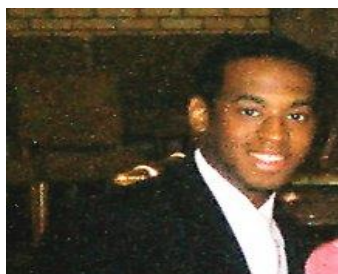
in my life and walk with God happened when I was diagnosed with kidney disease in the 7th grade. From there I was given a few medications for blood pressure and life went on as normal until my kidneys completely failed 2 years later. In the middle of basketball season, my freshman year in High School, I began peritoneal dialysis. Going through this I began to build my personal relationship with God, I began reading the Bible and praying more. With my athletic ability declining due to my illness, I began to turn my interest to music and started playing the saxophone in church. By my junior year in High School I was having complications with my treatment and was put on hemodialysis, which is a more rigorous form of treatment I was doing hemodialysis in a way that was temporary and dangerous to do long term. My doctor wanted to change it because there was no timetable for when I would receive a kidney. While I was on treatment in the clinic, my doctor came to me and asked me to pick a date in which I would have surgery to make my form of dialysis long-term friendly. I told her let's wait because I always prayed to God that I wouldn't be on dialysis long-term. When she walked away I began pray to God "Lord I need a kidney now" with tears running down my face. Within 30 minutes, my doctor came back and told me they had a kidney for me, and I had transplant surgery the next day. It has been 5 years since receiving my kidney and I have had no complications since. On the heels of receiving my kidney, the opportunity to attend college became a reality. I applied to Texas State University and began attending class at the university in August 2011. My desire to increase my musical skills increased and by faith, I auditioned for the jazz program even though I did not participate in music in high school. In addition, while in college my relationship with God deepened. This love for God even took me to Cape Town, South Africa this past summer on a ten-day mission trip with Every Nation to spread the love of the Gospel. That trip was an awesome experience in which I had the opportunity to worship with my brothers and sisters in the faith in Cape Town and bring many lost into the faith. As of May 14, 2016, I am graduate of Texas State University San Marcos with my Bachelor's degree in music. I thank God for the experiences I have had so far and, and it is my hope to continue in ministry for the rest of my life.



Earind Jackson
Master of Divinity

Earind Jackson (2002 SALE Scholarship recipient) is a champion for positive social change and has always believed in the importance of community involvement. Throughout her career, Earind has focused her vision with the Girl Scouts of Central Texas where she is the Director of the Member Services, driving forward membership, volunteer services, community partnerships, and girl leadership programs. She and her team support the council's 30,000 members across a 46 county footprint. Earind has achieved a stellar academic and training record starting with elementary and secondary education at Castle Hills First Baptist School where she found her mission in helping others. She continued her higher education receiving Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Divinity Degrees from Baylor University. In 2008, Earind attended the Summer Leadership Institute for Community and Economic Development Professionals at Harvard Divinity School and interned at the Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church. She received her Nonprofit Management Certificate from Duke University in 2012.

As a child, Earind's beliefs shaped her future to help others in need. Her passion for social change is befitting by her given name; a combination of her parent's names Earl and Rosalind representing her father's head for business and her mother's heart for people. Earind is also gifted pianist and participated in a recital at Carnegie Hall in New York at the age of nine. Earind is a member of the Antioch Baptist Church in San Antonio, Texas where she serves on the music staff and teaches orientation classes for new members. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Junior League of Waco, Inc., is a graduate of the Leadership Waco Class XXIX, is a member of the Theta Alpha Kappa Religious Study Honor Society and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Earind was the Living the Dream Speaker for the 15th CCSA Annual Scholarship Banquet.



John Johnson, II
B.A. Finance and Economics

Born May 2, 1986, **John Johnson II** knew at a young age that he had a love and genuine passion for Math. Searching for a way to translate this passion into a productive career, John made the decision to attend Texas Tech University. Aided by contributions and scholarships from sources such as CCSA, John enrolled at Texas Tech in 2004, double majoring in Finance and Economics. Graduating in 2008, John accepted a position with the Department of the Treasury as a Federal Bank Examiner, a position he has held for 5 years. Currently, John lives in Oklahoma City, OK with his beautiful wife Cearra and is pursuing his Master's degree at the University of Oklahoma. If John had to give one piece of advice, it would be to "keep God at the center of whatever career or path you follow, as long as you have God, you'll always have success".

I was born and raised in San Antonio, TX, as a member of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church where my father serves as pastor. I graduated from East Central High school in 2010 and in August with the help of the CCSA- San Antonio Livestock, scholarship began my college education at Prairie View A&M University. On December 13, 2014, I graduated from Prairie View with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. I am forever grateful for the CCSA for choosing me as one of their scholarship award winners almost 5 years ago. Without them, I probably would not have had the awesome college experience that I was blessed to have. During college, I was able to join the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, INC, Prairie View Student Nurse Association, and Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of nursing. I know that if I did not have the means to attend Prairie View I would not have had the same experience. I am now a registered nurse at Texas Children's Hospital located in the Texas Medical Center of Houston, TX and plan to enter graduate school within the next year and a half to earn my master's degree and become a nurse practitioner. I am forever grateful for the CCSA and S.A.L.E. organizations for helping me make one of my dreams reality. The scholarship awarded was truly a blessing and helped me build a foundation for my career, and I know that the best is yet to come!



Jasmine Joubert
BSN, RN

Jasmine Nicole Joubert, BSN RN



De'Pharaohneh Lee
BA, Accounting

De'Pharaohneh Lee graduated from The University of Texas at San Antonio in December 2012 with a Bachelors of Business Administration in Accounting. She currently works in the Finance and Operations department of MetroPCS-a telecommunication company.

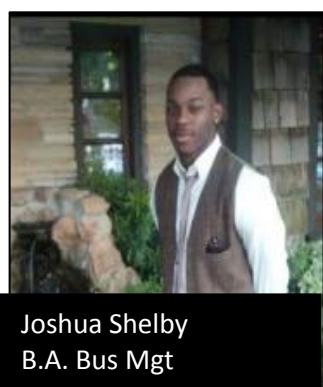
De'Pharaohneh aspires to own her own business- a daycare/learning center for children with a range of learning abilities. In her spare time, she likes to make hair bows and tutus for kids.

De'Pharaohneh also enjoys taking care of children; mentoring the young children to help ensure they remain on the right path of life. Her motto is "Life is like photography, you need the negatives to develop."

Dr. Orr was a 2002 S.A.L.E. scholarship recipient and the Living the Dream Speaker for the 14th CCSA Annual Scholarship Banquet. I grew up in San Antonio, TX and graduated from Tom C. Clark H.S in 2002. From there I went on to Prairie View A&M University where I received my Bachelors of Science degree in Biology and Chemistry. I was accepted into UT Health Science Center Dental School; entered into that program in 2006 and graduated in May 2011. I am currently a general dentist employed by Modern Dental Professionals and work at Monarch Dental in San Antonio. I have a wonderful husband of 2 years and we were blessed with a beautiful daughter who is going on a year and half. *Dr. Ashley D. Orr, May 2013*



Dr. Ashley D. Orr
General Denistry



Joshua Shelby
B.A. Bus Mgt

Joshua Shelby was born in Dallas, Texas, but was raised with his younger sister, Tamar Shelby in San Antonio, Texas, by his loving parents Yolanda and Garland Shelby. Joshua grew up in the church as a faithful member of Grace First Baptist church for 20 plus years. It is there where Joshua was groomed and cultivated into the man of God he is today. Though Grace will always be home, he is now a member of Life Changer Community Church in Katy, TX, where Pastor Kenyatta Simmons is his pastor. At Life Changer Community church, Joshua is involved in the choir, praise team, president of young adult ministry, Sunday school teacher, and mime. In his spare time, Joshua loves playing basketball, singing, and spending time with family and friends. Joshua was a recipient of a CCSA scholarship in 2007, and used those funds to help in pursuing his college degree at Prairie View A&M University. He received his bachelor's degree in Business Management in 2011 and now works as a personal banker for Chase bank in Houston, TX. Joshua recently announced his calling into the ministry on July 14, 2013, and is striving to be all that God has called him to be.

Joel Waldon, Jr. received his Bachelor of Arts in communication studies at Texas Lutheran University in 2008 and later obtained his Master of Science in sports management from California University of Pennsylvania in 2010. Joel currently works as a Sales Representative for Spurs Sports and Entertainment, where he works to create memorable experiences for current and prospective clients through season ticket and group tickets packages at NBA Spurs, AHL Rampage and WNBA Stars games as well as AT&T Center family shows. Joel is a 2004 CCSA San Antonio Livestock Exposition (S.A.L.E.) scholarship recipient. He credits scholarships such as the S.A.L.E scholarship for allowing him to pursue his desire for higher education. Ironically, after graduating from TLU, he began his career in sports working as a Sales Executive at the Mesquite Championship Rodeo. Joel was the Living the Dream Speaker for the 16th CCSA Annual Scholarship Banquet. He resides in San Antonio, TX with his beautiful wife, Morgan, and adorable son, Kyson.



B.A., Comm Studies,
M.S. Sports Mgt