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Passing the Gavel: Chase Gayden & Gregory Johnson



Pictured above: Former SGA President passes the gavel to current SGA President Gregory Johnson.

I would like to commence this interview by congratulating Gregory on being elected as the SGA president for the 2007-2008 academic school term and bid farewell to Chase, the immediate past president, who provided dedicated and exemplary leadership during his term.

Detrice: Gregory, what new initiatives are you planning for the upcoming school year?

Gregory: The SGA will present a series of new initiatives 1) Get what you came for! 2) Tutorial Programs, 3) Community Service, and 4) Spiritual Revitalization.

Detrice: Chase, what was most fulfilling about being the SGA President this past year?

Chase: Being able to make a difference and encouraging others to become leaders and making changes that benefit Tougaloo College.

Detrice: For those who may not know the functions of the SGA, please expound.

Gregory: The SGA president serve at the will and pleasure of the student body. He/She serves as a liaison between the student body and the college administration. The SGA president also works to initiate innovative activities for the student body.

Detrice: What qualifications must an SGA president possess?

Gregory: An SGA president must be a servant at heart and community oriented. Good leaders are honest, resourceful and good listeners. You work for community interest rather than self interest.

Detrice: How do you plan to continue the Tougaloo College legacy?

Gregory: By striving to be the best SGA president on and off the Tougaloo College campus and continuing to be a model student, which ultimately allows the Tougaloo legacy to live on - one student at a time.

Chase: By continuing to support the College financially, mentoring students and volunteering for special events.

Student receives scholarship from the American Cancer Society



Phylicia Holmes, a sophomore English/Pre-Nursing major from Jackson, MS was awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship by the American Cancer Society. In her spare time, Phylicia enjoys singing, dancing, basketball and working in her church. She is the proud daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Holmes and the little sister to two older brothers, Terrance and Derrick Holmes. Phylicia attends Truelight Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson. Future plans for Phylicia include graduating from Tougaloo College and becoming a pediatric oncologist to help children affected by cancer. Phylicia is a member of the Tougaloo College Concert Choir and serves as a Resident Assistant.

Please join Phylicia on May 4th at Millsaps College for the Jackson Area Relay for Life Event from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. If you are interested in lending your support, please contact, Phylicia Holmes at 601.954.7465.

Tougaloo College 2007 Summer Programs Schedule

<i>June 1st -29th</i>	<i>SLAM II & III</i>
<i>June 3rd -8th</i>	<i>Mississippi Highway Patrol, Youth Camp</i>
<i>June 3rd -July 13th</i>	<i>Summer Science Program</i>
<i>June 11th -29th</i>	<i>Family Life Center, Summer Leadership Institute</i>
<i>June 4th-July 6th</i>	<i>Educational Talent Search Program for Middle School Students</i>
<i>June 4th-July 12th</i>	<i>Upward Bound Programs</i>
<i>June 7th-10th</i>	<i>Magnolia Bar Boys & Girls Law Camp</i>
<i>June 8th- 12th</i>	<i>Unita Blackwell Young, Women's Leadership Institute</i>
<i>June 17th-29th</i>	<i>IQOL MSSSI at Tougaloo College</i>
<i>July 8th-20th</i>	<i>IQOL MSSSI at Tougaloo College</i>
<i>July 9th-July 14th</i>	<i>Jackson Heart Study, Epidemiology Course</i>
<i>July 14th-July20th</i>	<i>Tougaloo College Art Colony</i>
<i>July 29th- August 2nd</i>	<i>Nissan North America, Student Government Leadership Program</i>

Concert Choir Travels to Italy



The Tougaloo College Concert Choir traveled to Italy on April 9, 2007, to tour portions of Italy and to participate in the 18th Annual Days of International Choir Music. This International Choral Festival/Competition, which is comprised of choral groups from all over the world, is sponsored by the Associazione Gruppi Corali of Verona, Italy. The representative choral groups in this year's festival arrived from the United States, Germany, Italy, Croatia, Sweden, and Canada.

The competition portion of the festival contained four categories: Mixed Classic Choral (compulsory piece and non-compulsory piece), Jazz, Folk, All-Male, and All-Female. Each conductor could only enter one category and each group had to perform approximately 15 minutes of programmed music. The Tougaloo College

Concert Choir entered the Mixed Classic Choral category, the category which had the largest number of entries.

The College Choir received second place, a "Silver Award" for their performance in competition. The choir also performed in a "Friendship Concert" with Jackson State University, and two Italian choirs. The choir also performed at the Waldesian Church on the Piazza Cavour in Rome. In addition, the Concert Choir had an opportunity to visit the market in Lazise, the cities of Venice and Rome where they toured the Vatican and other famous attractions.

Tougaloo College Art Colony, July 13-20, 2007

Planning for this year's Tougaloo Art Colony is well underway. It will be filled with eight days of learning, excitement and enthusiasm. Artists for this year's event include Jerrie Glasper, Napoleon Jones-Henderson, Sonji Hunt, Mario Robinson and Kathleen Varnell.

Jane Hearn, a former Tougaloo College trustee and local artist was the brainchild behind the Tougaloo Art Colony, which premiered in 1997. William Henderson was later hired as the organizer and first director for the Art Colony. The first Art Colony was comprised of fifteen participants. The second annual event increased to thirty with participants. Tougaloo College's very own Professor Johnnie Mae Gilbert was one of the first instructors. Ms. Minnie Watson, the official registrar for the Art Colony, has worked with the event since 1999. Professor Bruce O'Hara joined the Art Colony team in 1999, to offer his infinite wisdom as a photographer. Gilbert accepted the role of the Colony's director in 2005.

The Art Colony is a week-long event with studios led by guest artists/instructors who are selected based on their exceptional achievement as artists and their teaching expertise.

For more information, please contact Ms. Minnie Watson at 601.977.7839 or Professor Johnnie Mae Gilbert at 601.977.7743 or email art@tougaloo.edu.

Mr. & Miss Tougaloo College 2007-2008

Cornelius D. Beasley, a native of Collins, MS, was born July 10, 1986. A junior majoring in sociology with emphasis in social work, Cornelius has been chasing and achieving dreams since childhood. He attributes his success to God and his mother, Annie Beasley.



After arriving at Tougaloo College, Cornelius was inspired to become a leader, which led to him being elected Mr. Freshmen 2004. He is also a member of the Tougaloo Ambassadors for Meritorious Scholars and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

"It doesn't matter where you're from or what you've been through—all that matters is WHERE you're going", said Cornelius.

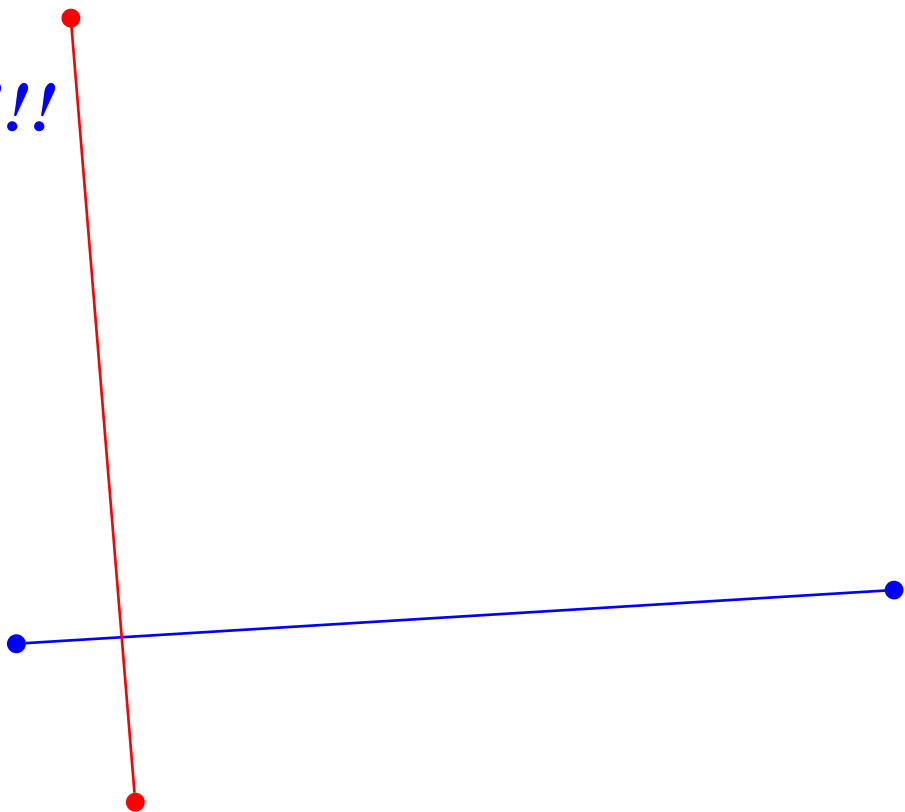
Deandria Magee, born July 29, 1986, is the daughter of Pamela Dillon and Patrick Magee. A native of Columbia, MS, Deandria was an active member of the Truevine Baptist Church where she played the piano, sang in the choir, worked with the youth ministry and served as an usher. Deandria is fondly known as Dee by her family and friends.

Dee has exemplified leadership qualities throughout her life. In high school, she was a member of the Beta Club, National Honors Society, French National Honors Society. After graduating sixth in her class, Dee transitioned to Tougaloo College remarkably by continuing to attain academic excellence. Here at Tougaloo College, Dee has attained membership in several organizations including the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, University of Mississippi Medical Center and Our Friends Daycare, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Dee's future plans include graduating from Tougaloo College and furthering her education at Baylor University in Houston, Texas. Dee plans to establish her own practice in the future.

Happy Birthday !!!

Curtis Shaw 5/1
Shalia Khan 5/2
John Hill 5/3
Ida Guice 5/4
Cindy Wolfe 5/6
Nimr Fahmy 5/8
Andrea Montgomery 5/11
Soka Srinivasan 5/13
Giovina Chinchar 5/14
Sharon Streeter 5/15
Shunessa E. White 5/19
Kimberly D. Sayles 5/23
Jean Chamberlain 5/26
Rodell McDonald 5/29
Kelle Menogan 5/30
Lollie Stewart 5/31



Employment Milestones!!



Tina Washington	7 yrs	Patricia W. Johnson	4 yrs
Maria Thomas	4 yrs	Pamela Williams	4 yrs
Terry J. Jordan	3 yrs	Kirsten Roby	3 yrs
Donna A. Jones	3 yrs	Sheketa A. Brown	2 yrs

**BEST WISHES AND CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE CLASS OF 2007!**