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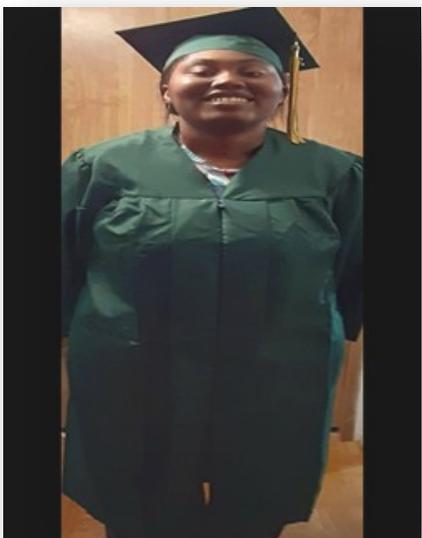
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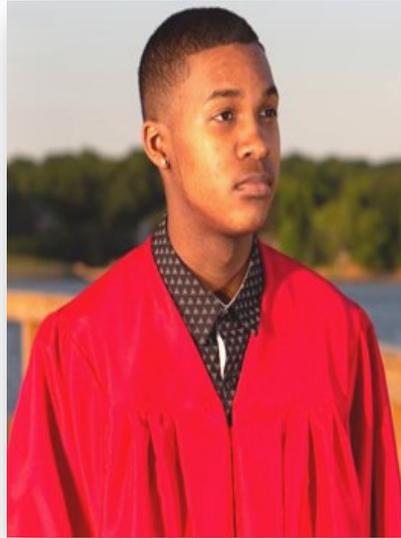
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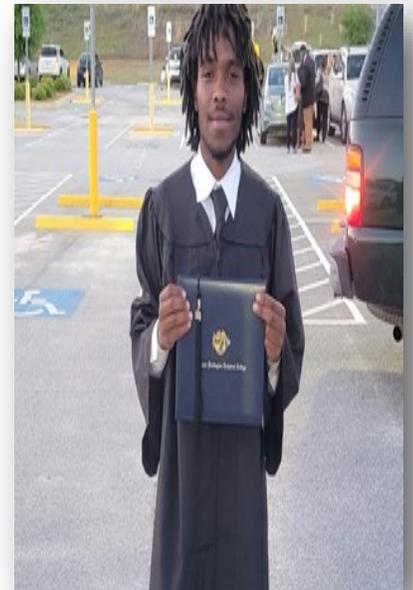
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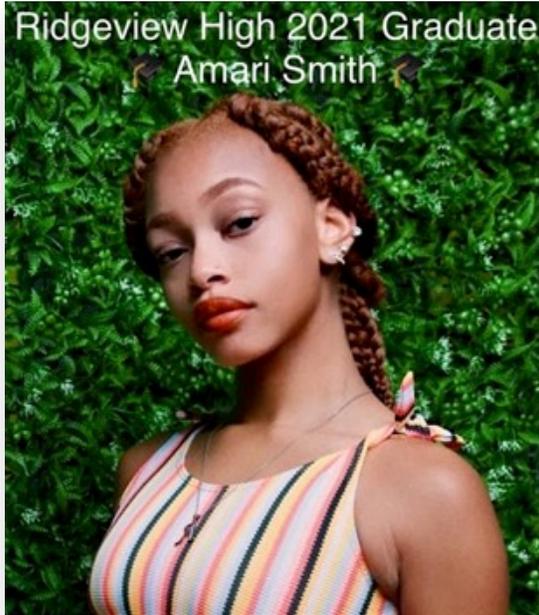


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Amari Yasmin Smith



Diamond R. Edmonds

Graduation Quotes 2021



1. "life has no remote. Get up and change it yourself."
2. "Remember, you cannot climb the ladder of success with your hands in your pockets."
3. "Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." Harriet Tubman
4. "If there is no elevator to success, remember you can always take the stairs."
5. "The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you." B.B. King

College Graduates 2021



Kayla Deonna Webb



Since graduating from Dutch Fork High School in 2017, Kayla Webb went on to attend UNC Charlotte and recently graduated with two bachelor's degrees in Public Health and Health Systems Management in May of 2021.

Kayla currently works as a pharmacy technician and plans to look for employment in the public health field before pursuing a master's degree in the future.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Webb.



Trinity Scott



Trinity Scott graduated from Clemson University as a Psychology major with a minor in Youth Development Studies.

Throughout her time in college, Trinity held many leadership positions. Most notably, she served as a committee chair for Social Justice and Inclusion & Campus Unity. Trinity also maintained academic success by making the Dean's and President's List. Trinity hopes to further her education in the future by pursuing a master's degree in Mental Health Counseling.

Trinity is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Scott.

College Graduates 2021



Alexis Foulks



Alexis Foulks completed her undergraduate degree at Georgia Southern. She was active in academics and basketball. After graduation, she continued her education at Howard University.

Alexis graduated *magna cum laude* from Howard University with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy in 2021.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Foulks.



Eboni Belton



Eboni Belton graduated from the University of South Carolina. During her years at Carolina, she was active in a number of programs and services.

Eboni graduated in 2021 with a BA in History.

High School Graduates and Accomplishments

Graduates are pictured on page one

Michael Aaron Evans will be graduating from Blythewood High School on June 9, 2021. He has been active in the following activities:

Second Degree Black Belt in American Karate (he has been taking Karate since he was 4 years old)
Attended the STEM magnet program in elementary school and SIDI (STEM Institute of Design and Innovation) magnet program at Summit Parkway Middle School
Attended the Governor's School of Science and Mathematics for summer program 2017
Accepted into the Governor's School of Science and Mathematics for summer program 2018
Member of National Technical Honor Society
Member of the National Honor Society
Volunteered with the food pantry
Prior to the pandemic, Aaron served as a Sanctuary Youth Usher
After graduation, he will attend the College of Charleston in the fall to major in Graphic Design.

Taylor K. Jacobs will graduate from Westwood High School where she served as a member of the Studio D Magnet Program; Varsity Cheerleaders; National Beta Club; National Technical Honor Society; AVID Club; WHS Student Ambassador; and the National Dance Honors Society. While attending Westwood High School, Taylor received the following honors: All A & A-B Honor Roll; Studio D Designer to Watch Award; CPR Certification; The Columbia Urban League, Inc., Outstanding Achievement in Athletics

Award; The State Newspaper Outstanding Senior Project; and named a Westwood High School Outstanding Senior. She was a participant in Columbia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Gem Program; and Camden Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Debutante Cotillion. She completed community service with the following organizations: Harvest Hope Food Bank; God's Storehouse; The Food for Soul Food Pantries; Relay for Life; and the Special Olympics. She was an ac-

tively engaged member of the Angels of Praise Dance Team for eight years. She is the owner of an online business Tay's Factory and a certified eyelash technician.

Taylor will be attending an HBCU in the fall majoring in Business Administration and minoring in Digital Marketing. Taylor is the daughter of LaBretta Hall-Jacobs and Joe Jacobs.

Ja'von Pauldo will be graduating from Lexington High School on June 11, 2021 with a 3.4 GPA. After graduation, he desires to attend Chattahoochee Valley Community College for a year and continue his studies at a 4-year university where he will major in Business Accounting and a minor in Finance. He also desires to play football. He hopes to attend the Phoenix City Sports Academy in Phoenix City Alabama.

MaKayla Green will graduate from Spring Valley High School. While at Spring Valley, she was actively involved in several school programs. She is an honor roll student, and she plans to attend Limestone College in the fall to major in Graphic Designs.

Uriah Terrill West will graduate from River Bluff High School on June 12, 2021. While at River Bluff, he played football and ran track. He recently received the 2021 Heart of Gator plaque from the school's athletic department. He has also received a Certificate of Achievement from the Urban League for leadership, academics and athletics. Uriah will attend Carson Neuman University in Jefferson City, Tennessee in the fall.

High School Graduates/Accomplishments Continued

Graduates are pictured on page two

Meera Rogers, I am an Ambassador in Girl Scout Troop 1405. As a high school senior in 2021, I have not been able to experience my year in the totality I would have been able to if there had not been a pandemic. Like it was for most people going to school during this time, I found it hard to learn in a virtual environment. It was kind of sad since I was not able to participate in events that I was guaranteed as a senior and even the events that were available did not feel complete or as enriching as they have in prior years. I also believe that college

applications were also difficult to do since campus visits were not allowed and other small things were harder to get done.

There were however some small advantages and bright spots to an otherwise dark school year. For example, because I have spent the entirety of my school year virtual, I did not have to spend as much on gas as I would have if I were going to school daily. It is also kind of cool that I did not have to spend half an hour getting ready every morning, and since I am a sen-

ior, my course load is light, with only three classes. I had a good bit of free time to do other things. So, all in all although it was a tough and difficult experience with experiences I was not able to have, but I was able to kind of sit back and enjoy my year with a lot less of the stress that I would have had to deal with.

I am excited to be graduating from Westwood High School this month. After high school, I am attending College of Charleston and majoring in Biology.

Jaylon Douglas will graduate from South Pointe High School. He has been active in several programs this year: ROTC, band, and he is a 12th grade Principal Scholar. After graduation, Jaylon will attend York Technical College in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

My name is **Adrianna Webb**, and I am going to Savannah College of Art & Design to be an illustrator. I love inspiring people with my art and would love to make a career doing something I love. I am willing to work hard to achieve my dreams no matter what! During my years of high school, I have earned awards and gotten achievements. I competed in a TSA competition with my friends where we had to make a pop-up children's

book, and I did all the illustrations. We got first place in that competition. I earned the Urban League award. I am in the BETA Club and National Honor Society. I was in the marching band until I quit my senior year. I did a lot of volunteer work for BETA Club and National Honor Society. I made ten chemo caps by knitting them all by hand. I packed lunch and breakfast for the students who are learning virtually.

This year I also participated in the

Teacher Cadet program to see if being a teacher is a possible career path for me or something to fall back on. Being in Teacher Cadets also shaped me into a better leader as well. To further my career, I went to the Advanced Technological Studies Center and took a two-year class called Digital Art & Design. I had many opportunities to explore the different career paths I could take with my interests, and it made me realize what I wanted to do in life.

Martin Langston Bryant will graduate with honors from Spring Hill High School. He is a Varsity Athletic Scholar. He was a participant in the state championship for Track and Field, and a Shot Put Finalist. He recently received the Hope Scholarship. He is an Academic and Football Scholar. Martin will attend Limestone University in the fall.

High School Graduates/Accomplishments Continued

Graduates pictured on page 2-4

R'dishay Brooks will graduate from White Knoll High School. She is very active in school activities, and an honor roll student. After graduation, she will attend the University of New Orleans.

Jordan Jabari Williams will graduate from Mullins High School on June 6, 2021. He is a very industrious young man who works hard in academics. He has taken college course in his senior year and worked to complete his major requirements for the local technical college. He graduates from the technical college in 2021 as well.

Jordan is the grandson of Nettie Sang.

Meera Smalls will graduate from Orangeburg Wilkinson High School. As a student at Orangeburg Wilkinson, she was on the varsity cheerleading squad from 9th through 12 grades. She served as captain of the squad for two years. She is on the National Honors Society, and vice president of Ladies of Kappa League. She has run track and is very active in athletics.

Meera is ranked 8th in her graduating class.

Braylon Ratcliff will be graduating from Spring Valley High School on June 8, 2021.

The following is a list of his accomplishments:

Academic Honors:

- Academic Honor Roll -
- Columbia Urban League Young & Gifted Academic award
- National Honor Society nominee

Band Honors:

- Spring Valley HS Symphonic Honor Band
- Richland District 2 Honor Band
- South Carolina Region 3 Band honors
- Solo and Ensemble 'Superior' rating

Sports Honors:

- Iron Viking Football Award
- Columbia Urban League Young & Gifted Athletic Award

He will be a student-athlete at Wingate University beginning August 2021.

High School Graduates/Accomplishments 2021 Continued

Graduates pictured on page 3-4

Katelyn Williams will graduate from Westwood High School. She has been active and a strong participant in several school activities. She is an honor roll student and has participated in athletics. After graduation, she will attend Erskine College on a Soccer scholarship. Katelyn will major in Computer Engineering.

Cedric Antwan Wiley will graduate from Blythewood High School. At Blythewood, he is active in a number of programs and activities, and he is an honor roll student. Cedric is the son of Lisa Langley Wiley and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Langley.

A'shiah Dunlap Wilson will graduate from Spring Valley High School. She is very active in a number of programs and services. After graduation, she will attend Clemson University and major in Mechanical Engineering.

Jeni L. Johnson will graduate from W.J. Keenan High School. At Keenan, she has been active in ROTC, and she is on the honor roll. Jeni plans to enlist in the military after graduation. After her military career, she plans to attend the University of South Carolina.

Amari Yasmin Smith is the daughter of Roderick and Kisha Tobin and granddaughter of Vivian Adams. Amari will receive her High School Diploma from Ridgeview High School. Amari has been accepted into the Nursing Program at Midlands Technical College in the Fall. She is also the granddaughter of Vivian Adams and the late Bernard Adams and granddaughter of Rethea Pringle and the late Alfred Pringle.

Diamond R. Edmonds will graduate from Lower Richland High School. At Lower Richland, she is a member of the National Honor Society. She plays volleyball and is active in athletics. She has received several awards and certificates from the Heyward Career Center.

After graduation, Diamond will attend Coastal Carolina to major in Journalism with further studies in Mass Communications.

Honor Roll Students

K-3

<i>Karcyn Barnes</i>	<i>The Learning Center</i>	<i>Kindergarten</i>
<i>Kennedy Cooper</i>	<i>Bridge Creek Elementary</i>	<i>Kindergarten</i>
<i>Brielle Fairley</i>	<i>Polo Road Elementary</i>	<i>Kindergarten</i>
<i>Michelle Fairley</i>	<i>Polo Road Elementary</i>	<i>Kindergarten</i>
<i>Logan Gibson</i>	<i>Sandlapper Elementary</i>	<i>Kindergarten</i>
<i>Alayja Hinton</i>	<i>Independence Elementary</i>	<i>Kindergarten</i>
<i>Braylon T. Robinson</i>	<i>Forest Lake Elementary</i>	<i>Kindergarten</i>
<i>Carter Wells</i>	<i>Carver Lyon Elementary</i>	<i>Kindergarten</i>
<i>Khloe S. Williams</i>	<i>John P. Thomas Elementary</i>	<i>Kindergarten</i>

<i>Nyzier Smith</i>	<i>Carver Lyon Elementary</i>	<i>1st grade</i>
<i>Jamie Clark</i>	<i>Logan Elementary</i>	<i>2nd grade</i>
<i>Tahj Hobson</i>	<i>Blaney Elementary</i>	<i>2nd grade</i>
<i>Langston Omari Smith</i>	<i>Watkins-Nance Elementary</i>	<i>2nd grade</i>
<i>Markya Taylor</i>	<i>Killian Elementary</i>	<i>2nd grade</i>
<i>Nehia Smith</i>	<i>Carver Lyon Elementary</i>	<i>3rd grade</i>

Honor Roll Students

4-7

<i>Jada Clark</i>	<i>Logan Elementary</i>	<i>4th Grade</i>
<i>Teryl Hobson</i>	<i>Blaney Elementary</i>	<i>4th Grade</i>
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<i>Chance Langston</i>	<i>Carver Lyon Elementary</i>	<i>4th Grade</i>
<i>Nahdia Palmore</i>	<i>Prosperity-Rikard Elementary</i>	<i>4th Grade</i>
<i>Angel Dorsey</i>	<i>Satchelford Elementary</i>	<i>5th Grade</i>
<i>Shanece Green</i>	<i>Catawba Trail Elementary</i>	<i>5th Grade</i>
<i>Marley Meeks</i>	<i>Logan Montessori</i>	<i>5th Grade</i>
<i>Millani Meeks</i>	<i>Logan Elementary</i>	<i>5th Grade</i>
<i>O'Rien Xavier Stukes</i>	<i>Joseph Keels Elementary</i>	<i>5th Grade</i>
<i>Lilli R. Brooks Sumpter</i>	<i>Bradley Elementary</i>	<i>5th Grade</i>
<i>Bella E. Green</i>	<i>FIVE Virtual Academy</i>	<i>6th Grade</i>
<i>Austin Jeffcoat</i>	<i>Muller Road Middle</i>	<i>6th Grade</i>
<i>Alexis Mack</i>	<i>Blythewood Middle</i>	<i>6th Grade</i>
<i>TaeShon B. Robinson</i>	<i>Dent Middle</i>	<i>6th Grade</i>

Honor Roll Students

8-12

<i>Joel Keith Amos II</i>	<i>EL Wright Law Program</i>	<i>8th Grade</i>
<i>Karrington A. Chambers</i>	<i>Kelly Mill Middle</i>	<i>8th Grade</i>
<i>Brianna Johnson-Danzler</i>	<i>St. Andrews Middle</i>	<i>8th Grade</i>
<i>Janiya Dunlap</i>	<i>Summit Parkway Middle</i>	<i>8th Grade</i>
<i>Peyton Etheredge</i>	<i>E.L. Wright Middle</i>	<i>8th Grade</i>
<i>Warren Evans</i>	<i>Dent Middle</i>	<i>8th Grade</i>
<i>Lindsay Gibson</i>	<i>Summit Parkway Middle</i>	<i>8th Grade</i>
<i>Amaiya Gadson</i>	<i>Dent Middle</i>	<i>8th Grade</i>
<i>Zavery Aaron Johnson</i>	<i>Longleaf Middle</i>	<i>8th Grade</i>
<i>Roger B. Scott IV</i>	<i>Thomas Sumter Academy</i>	<i>8th Grade</i>
<i>Brian B. Brooks Sumpter</i>	<i>WG Sanders Middle</i>	<i>8th Grade</i>
<i>Kal Leon Thomas</i>	<i>Summit Parkway Middle</i>	<i>8th Grade</i>
<i>Zion Abney</i>	<i>W. J. Keenan High</i>	<i>9th Grade</i>
<i>Nolan Palmore</i>	<i>Mid-Carolina High</i>	<i>9th Grade</i>
<i>Arianna Brown</i>	<i>Benjamin Banneker High</i>	<i>11th Grade</i>
<i>Colin Evans</i>	<i>Westwood High</i>	<i>11th Grade</i>
<i>Johnathan E. Chambers II</i>	<i>Ridgeview High</i>	<i>11th Grade</i>
<i>Neveah Edmonds</i>	<i>W.J. Keenan High</i>	<i>11th Grade</i>

Honor Roll Students

8-12 Continued

<i>Randi Shanee Reeves</i>	<i>Ridgeview High</i>	<i>11th Grade</i>
<i>Bethany Scriven</i>	<i>Dreher High</i>	<i>11th Grade</i>
<i>Martin Langston Bryant</i>	<i>Spring Hill High</i>	<i>12th Grade</i>
<i>Jaylon Douglas</i>	<i>South Pointe High</i>	<i>12th Grade</i>
<i>Diamond R. Edmonds</i>	<i>Lower Richland High</i>	<i>12th Grade</i>
<i>Michael Aaron Evans</i>	<i>Blythewood High</i>	<i>12th Grade</i>
<i>MaKayla Green</i>	<i>Spring Valley</i>	<i>12th Grade</i>
<i>A'shiah Dunlap-Wilson</i>	<i>Spring Valley High</i>	<i>12th Grade</i>
<i>Taylor Kinsley Jacobs</i>	<i>Westwood High</i>	<i>12th Grade</i>
<i>Jeni Johnson</i>	<i>W.J. Keenan High</i>	<i>12th Grade</i>
<i>Ja'von Pauldo</i>	<i>Lexington High</i>	<i>12th Grade</i>
<i>Braylon Ratcliff</i>	<i>Spring Valley High</i>	<i>12th Grade</i>
<i>Meera Smalls</i>	<i>Orangeburg-Wilkinson High</i>	<i>12th Grade</i>
<i>Adrianna Webb</i>	<i>Dutch Fork High</i>	<i>12th Grade</i>
<i>Uriah T. West</i>	<i>River Bluff High</i>	<i>12th Grade</i>
<i>Jordan Jabari Williams</i>	<i>Mullins High</i>	<i>12th Grade</i>
<i>Katelyn Williams</i>	<i>Westwood High</i>	<i>12th Grade</i>
<i>Cedric Antawn Wiley</i>	<i>Blythewood High</i>	<i>12th Grade</i>

Congratulations to all students!!

Dean's List

<i>Eboni Belton</i>	<i>University of South Carolina</i>
<i>Chyna Curry</i>	<i>Clayton University</i>
<i>Imani Diggs</i>	<i>North Carolina Central</i>
<i>Nia Diggs</i>	<i>Midlands Technical College</i>
<i>Alexis J. Foulks</i>	<i>Howard University</i>
<i>Trinity Scott</i>	<i>Clemson University</i>
<i>McKinley Sumpter</i>	<i>University of South Carolina</i>
<i>Kayla D. Webb</i>	<i>University of North Carolina</i>
<i>Chadric A. Wiley, Jr.</i>	<i>Winthrop University</i>

Congratulations!!!

Black History Celebration



The annual First Nazareth Black History Bowl had strong competition this year. Three teams comprised of youth members and in some instances their parents participated.

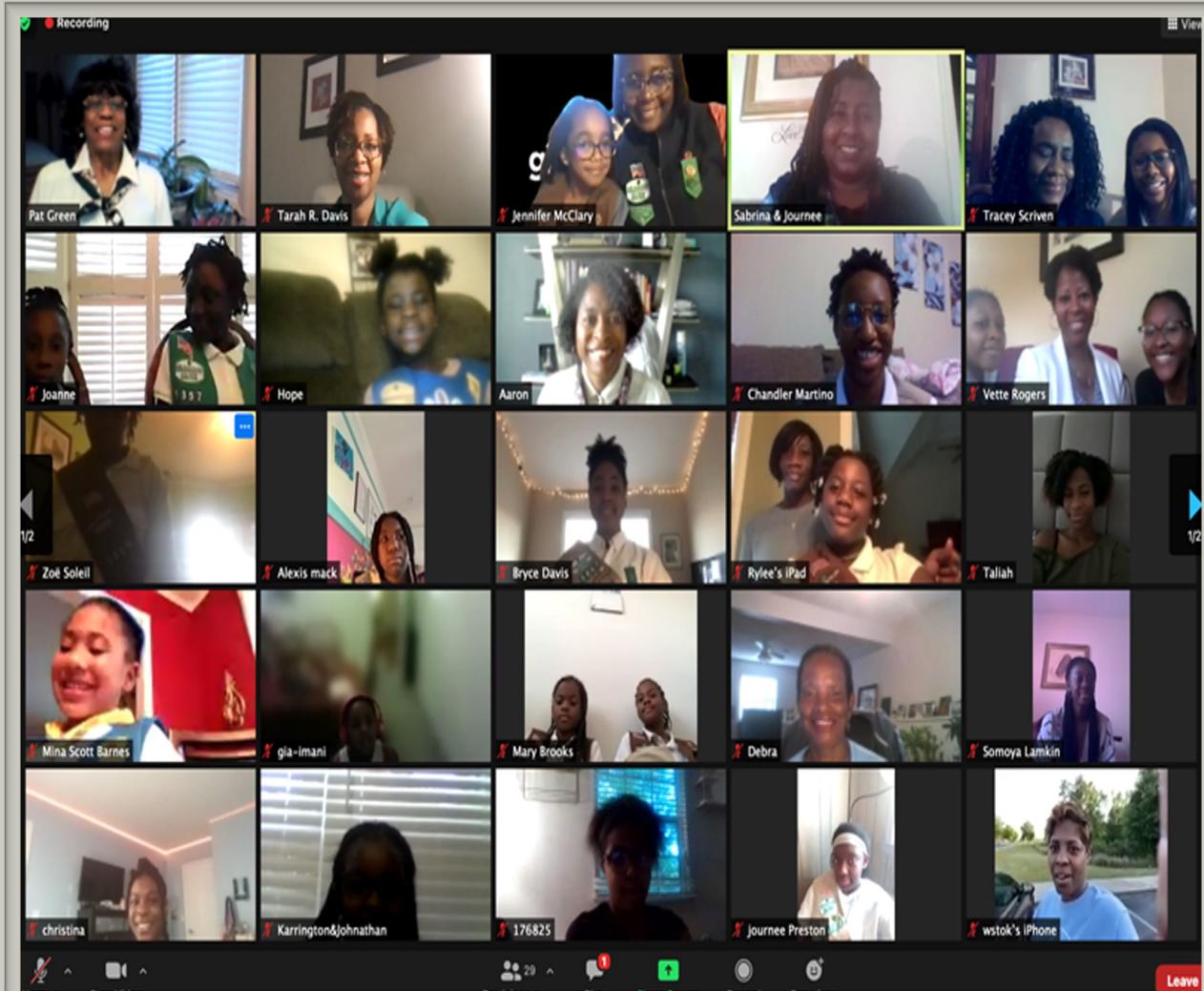
The Pandemic (COVID-19 virus), which was officially declared as of March 11, 2020, reared its head in the country and put a damper on the typical manner that we as citizens operate daily. Zooming was the format chosen to present the celebration.

There were several categories played: Historically, Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's); What do you know about Africa; and identify several personalities; (then and now). Other categories included identifying contemporary young people in the fields in which they excelled. Names such as Misty Copeland, a national ballerina; Amanda Gorman, a young poet Laureate at the inauguration on January 2021; and Simone Biles, African American gymnast who has set several phenomenal records recently.

The competition continued for one-hour and 15 minutes and became quite engaging and fast-paced as we finally ended the spirited match with hooting and hollering. Cash prizes were given to the winners.

Girl Scouts celebrate 109 years

March 12, 1912—2021

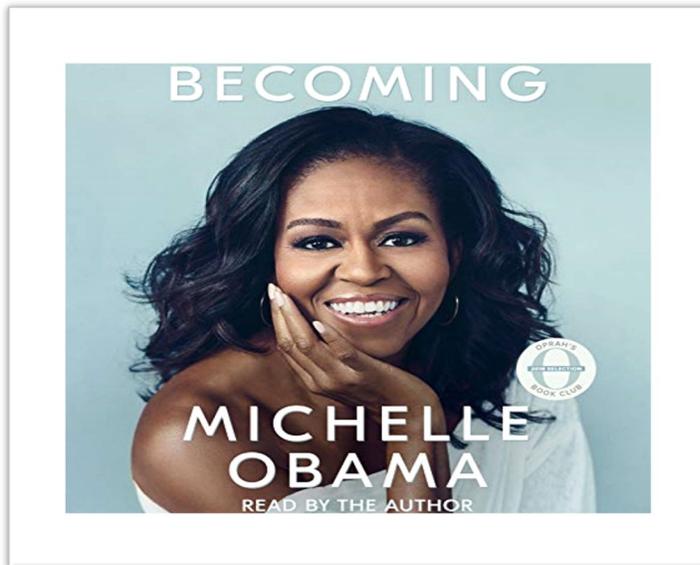


Daisies
Brownies
Juniors
Cadettes
Seniors
Ambassadors

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Troop 2287
Troop 1359
Troop 1357
Troop 1402
Troop 1405

Girl Scouts Celebrate with former First Lady Michelle Obama



Kelsey McClary

I, along with other Girls Scouts at First Nazareth and across the country, had the opportunity to listen to former First Lady Michelle Obama in a webinar about *Becoming Me*. She gave us advice on how to be better humans and know that we are not any better than the next person at the table or in the room. Also, she challenged us to speak up and ask questions to make our presence known. The best take-away from the entire meeting was her explanation of her quote, “When they go low, we go high.” She told us that before we respond to a situation or something someone said, we should pause, gather ourselves and then reply if necessary. Often, we respond without thinking before speaking, causing more problems to the situation. I cannot wait to start the *Becoming Me* series with my Troop and earn more badges.



Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is the trading of humans for various reasons such as forced labor, sexual slavery, or exploitation either from others or the trafficker.

Every year, millions of men, women, and children are trafficked worldwide. It can happen to any person regardless of race, gender, age or nationality.

On April 16th, 2021, Senior Girl Scout Troop 1405 hosted an informational webinar about the prevention of human trafficking. This event was in partnership with the Richland County Sheriff's Department. The goal of this webinar was to provide valuable information to others to prevent human trafficking. Throughout the webinar, over 30 people attended. The webinar provided important information on how to keep your children safe from human trafficking. Major tips that were taken away from the webinar were 1) to not believe any story that seems too good to be true; and 2) avoid being alone with strangers. In addition, girls learned that most people do not know when they are being human trafficked, and girls

are more likely to be victims than boys. Most girls that are typical human trafficked are trafficked by their older boyfriends, so girl scouts were instructed to be aware and alert when dating older boys. Lastly, always tell a family member or a trusted friend where you are going. Being a participant of the human trafficking prevention webinar gave me a great deal of new information regarding human trafficking and made me more aware of my surroundings when I go out. Overall, the human trafficking webinar was an amazing event with tons of information.



Somoya Lamkin

Written by Somoya Lamkin

The Easter Program

He is risen

The Easter Program was extremely unique this year. The virtual presentation was outstanding, and it continues to resonate in our hearts and minds as if we were in a face-to-face setting. We had come through months of struggles with COVID-19, but we were determined to celebrate the risen Christ.

I had the great honor of interviewing the chairperson of the Drama Ministry, Mr. Charles Brooks. He graciously provided answers to my questions regarding the lovely program. He indicated that Easter is a timed and classical period that we always want to go above and beyond each year. He referred to a previous Easter program, when the ministry presented an Easter stage play, but this format was not considered this year due to COVID-19. This format would require masks to be worn and the practice of social distancing as well. The virtual presentation was the alternative.

The theme for the Easter 2021 program was fitting for the occasion, "Rebirth, Reliving of a New Life, New Norm." This follows Jesus' pattern, who was risen on the third day with all power in

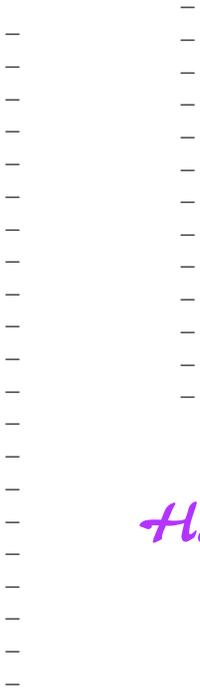
His hands.

The Easter recitations were chosen by parents, and Ms. Angela Daniels was instrumental in providing guidance to the participants to ensure that they were comfortable with their background settings. The praise dancers played a vital role in the program too. To reach the audience, no matter where they were, in church, on the screen, listening on their telephone in Columbia or a different state, the dancers and other participants wanted to do well to share the good news that Jesus is alive and well.

Each year presents itself differently. Mr. Brooks stated that no one knows what next year will bring. All we can do is take it one day at a time. He indicated that we are going to have different experiences, new challenges as the students will be going back to school, going without masks. These and other circumstances will play a major part of next year's program

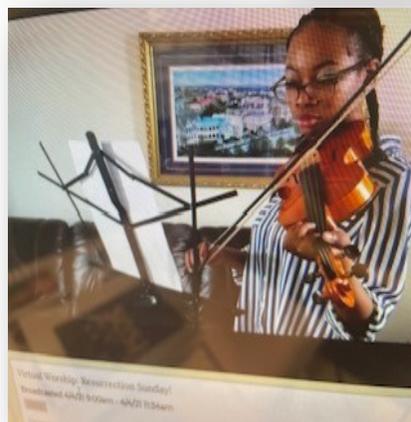
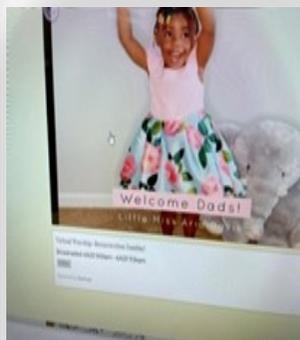
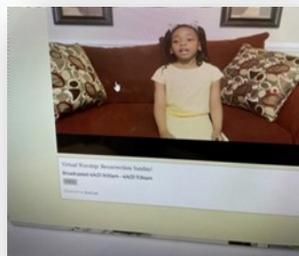
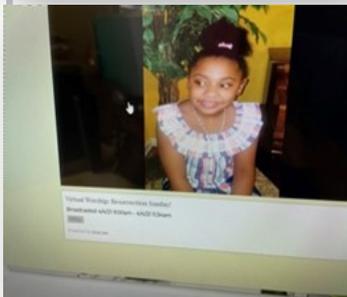
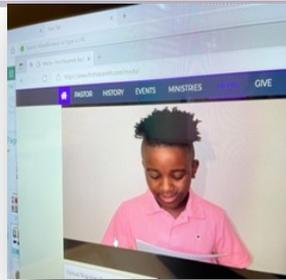
Written by Journee Preston

Praise Dancers



Happy Easter Day

Easter Program Participants



Easter Basket Give-Away



The Delta Assembly



Meera Rogers



Christina Stokes

We are Meera Rogers and Christina Stokes of Girl Scout Troop 1405. We were Debutantes in the 2020-2021 Columbia (SC) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Delta Assembly. The Cotillion experience is normally an 8- month experience, however this Cotillion lasted over 12 months. This year's Cotillion was long and challenging.

Because of COVID and the hope that we could have it in person the Cotillion was moved to April, as COVID continued to be an uncertainty. It was also tough to really connect and learn from our speakers through a screen. It was also challenging to get to know our fellow debutantes, because we met and connected virtually. In the end, we had to complete the Cotillion virtually. It was a very new experience for everyone. We had to learn how to complete things such as the curtsy and the waltz through virtual practices. Then, we recorded each part of the program one family at a time. Those video clips were then used to create one large video for the program. Our supporters received the link to watch the video live and we were able to enjoy the presentation on a Sunday evening.

The members of the Columbia (SC) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta did a wonderful job pivoting and making the most of the virtual experience. This was a learning experience for everyone involved. Even though it was difficult we are glad that we were given the opportunity to participate and become Debutantes.

Meera Rogers

My name is Christina Stokes, and I am a rising senior at Westwood High School. I am a member of Girl Scout Troop 1405 and a member of First Nazareth Baptist Church. I was a Debutante in the 2020-2021 Columbia (SC) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Delta Assembly. The cotillion experience was much different than usual due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The experience lasted much longer than it would have during normal circumstances, and everything was mostly virtual.

It was a challenge to connect with my fellow debutantes and the speakers virtually, but we made the most of our situation and time together. We found ways to connect whether through discussion of certain topics or games that we would play virtually. This really helped to connect us and bring us together as a group.

Overall, the members of the Columbia (SC) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta did a great job at adjusting to fit our circumstances even though it was a little difficult. We did have to have a virtual cotillion, but it was a very wonderful experience, and I did enjoy the final presentation. It was a learning experience, but I am blessed to have had the opportunity to participate,

Christina Stokes

New Associate Ministers

First Nazareth Baptist Church is proud to welcome four new Associate Ministers: Minister Megan Bryant, Minister Tacara Brunson, Minister Willie Haile and Minister Taliaferro Robinson Heyward. They have all been under the leadership of Pastor Blakely Scott for the past year and recently preached their initial sermons.



Minister Meagan Bryant

Minister Bryant was born in Columbia, South Carolina.

When Minister Bryant moved back to Columbia from Atlanta, she realized that God was calling on her to preach His Word. Noticing God's calling, Minister Bryant went to Rev. Dr. Blakely Scott and told him about her instructions from God to preach the gospel. Minister Bryant preached her initial sermon on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at First Nazareth Baptist Church and was licensed by the Midland Baptist Association.

Minister Bryant's favorite scripture is Philippians 4:13.

"I can do all this through him who gives me strength." *Philippians 4:13 (NIV)*



Minister Tacara Brunson

Minister Tacara Brunson was born in Columbia, South Carolina.

From a young age, Minister Brunson knew what her purpose was. At the age of fourteen, Minister Brunson stated she was told by a pastor that God was going to use her to bring young people to Him. Minister Brunson admitted that she ran from God's calling during her younger years. However, over time God would give her visions that would solidify her calling to preach the gospel. Minister Brunson preached her initial sermon in February 2021 at First Nazareth Baptist Church and was licensed by the Midland Baptist Association.

Minister Brunson has two favorite scriptures: Luke 12:48 and 2 Chronicles 7:14.

"But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked." Luke 12:48 (NIV)

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Associate Ministers Continued



Minister Willie Haile

Minister Willie Haile was born in Columbia, South Carolina.

Minister Willie Haile noticed God's calling twenty years ago but felt as if he was serving God already by being a deacon at First Nazareth. Minister Haile always felt as if he has been preaching the gospel throughout his life by the words he speaks and the life he lives. Nevertheless, Minister Haile answered God's calling to preach and teach the gospel. Minister Haile preached his initial sermon on Sunday, April 11, 2021 at First Nazareth Baptist Church and was licensed by the Midland Baptist Association.

Minister Haile has two favorite passages of scripture: Psalm 13 and Psalm 91.

Written by Bethany Scriven



Minister Taliaferro Robinson Heyward

Taliaferro Samuel Robinson-Heyward was born in Columbia, SC. He has been employed at Leevy's Funeral home for the past 11 years. He received his calling at age 16, struggled, ran some more, stop coming back to church, accepted the call on his life and now after working on himself, he can give thanks to his Father in the gospel Rev. Dr. Blakely N. Scott III for not giving up on him, and he has now been blessed to receive his license to preach the gospel on Sunday, May 5, 2021. His favorite scripture is Romans 8:18, Paul writes, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." He loves that because it gives life to anyone who maybe going through, dealing with a mountain that seems like it can't be moved, or have the odds stacked against them. No matter how it may look, how it makes them feel, if they just hold on, hang in there, everything will be alright cuz there SHALL be glory after whatever it is they are going through!! To God be the Glory!

Newsletter Staff and Announcements

Youth Department Convention 2021
Youth Surviving Difficult Times...
We Made It! What A Year!
Saturday, June 12th @ 10:00 am

Theme: Romans 8:28

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84063836644?pwd=eENhQ2xiRWVhNTNlVqYURCNVpTRlhtdz09>
Meeting ID: 840 6383 6644
Passcode: youth

Dial by your location
+1 929 205 6099 US (New York) +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)
Meeting ID: 840 6383 6644 Passcode: 448972

Minister Xanthine Gilliard, Youth Director 864-905-0295
NyKeisha Guinyard, Youth President

Registration forms are online (WBEMCSC.org)(Youth Registration)



Rev. Blakely Scott, Pastor

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Thank You!

Future Events

Youth Department Convention

Back to School Rally

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