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**SEVENTH ANNUAL KAS SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET**

**SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2016 | SOUVENIR PROGRAM JOURNAL**

**Seventh Annual**  
**Sigma Youth Leadership Scholarship Foundation Banquet**  
**Sponsored by Kappa Alpha Sigma Chapter of**  
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*Dreaming of A Better Tomorrow*  
*Investing In The Youth For Promising Futures*

**Saturday, May 21, 2016**

**Program Schedule**

*Cocktail Hour*

*Bro. Demario Starks*

*Welcome / Protocol*

*Bro. Trae D. Johnson*

*Invocation / Prayer*

*Bro Lance Bilbrew*

*Dining & Entertainment*

*Comedian Mr. Corwin*

*"C-Dawg" Oglesby*

*Awards Ceremony*

*George Washington Carver Educator of the Year*

*Bro. Corey Sapp*

*James Weldon Johnson Scholarship Award*

*Bro. Dwight Calloway*

*A. Langston Taylor Scholarship Award*

*Bro. Darius Wimby*

*Foundation President's Thank You*

*Bro. Kenneth Love*

*Kappa Alpha Sigma President's Address*

*Bro. Randy Samuels*

*Fraternity Hymn*

*Featured Entertainment*

*Ms. Eva Kennedy*

## **Greetings From The President of Kappa Alpha Sigma**

*Bro. Randy Samuels*

Greetings To Our Guests,

Welcome to a night of celebration, and honoring those who make a difference in the lives of others. Tonight, the brothers of the Kappa Alpha Sigma Chapter and the Sigma Youth Leadership Foundation (SYLF) present our Annual Scholarship Banquet. This year's event is a little more special for our chapter because not only are we doing the work that we have been called to do by contributing to the futures of two deserving students, but this year also marks a chapter milestone, the first successful year of the Sigma Youth Leadership Foundation, our 501 (c)3.



To our scholarship recipients, I wish to impart that we are as proud of your academic accomplishments as your family members are. Tonight, we are investing in your future because it is a sound investment. The one thing that I ask of you is that when the time comes, you pay the investment forward to someone else. Only you and God will know how that investment will manifest itself, but when it does, do not shy away from it. Do not be too busy, too proud to reach back and provide the blessings that you have received to those worthy scholars who come after you. As our village grows, be an agent of change in this time of uncertainty in our communities. Help us mold, mentor and educate our future generation of doctors, lawyers, engineers, and educators.

Finally, to our honored guests, THANK YOU. Without your support and contributions for this event, this evening would not be possible. We hope the evening meets your expectations as we always strive to make each banquet better than the one before. But I also want to thank you for putting us in position to be a further blessing to others. Again, thank you. I hope you enjoy the festivities and come back next year!

Sincerely,

**Bro. Randy Samuels**  
**18th President—Kappa Alpha Sigma Chapter**  
**Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.**

# **Greetings From The President of The Sigma Youth Leadership Foundation**

*Bro. Kenneth G. Love*

Greetings Honored Guest,

Welcome to a night of remembrance, celebration, and honoring those who make a difference in the lives of others.

The Sigma Youth Leadership Foundation, Inc. was created in Feb. 2015 to help raise scholarship donations to help support the advanced degree academic pursuits of students in the state of Georgia. The foundation is the non-profit charity arm of Kappa Alpha Sigma chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., and is a Federally registered 501(c)(3) organization. The goal of SYLF is to take the scholarship initiatives that the chapter undertook in the past and expand on those efforts.

We are dedicated to helping more of our young people to stay on track by providing the support they need in the areas of mentorship, academic and vocational training. Toward that goal this night is just the beginning. Every great journey begins with a step. Tonight is that step.

THANK YOU, our guest for assisting in helping us fulfill our commitment to these young people. Without your support, this night would not be possible. I pray you found this evening's program up to the high standards we set.

I would personal like to thank the members of our Board of Directors and my committee members. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to making this evening possible. Each one of you have played an integral part for coordinating making this evening a reality.

To the brothers of Kappa Alpha Sigma, thank you for your effort for doing what is not commonly done. You set the bar high by offering your time and talents for the benefits of the community. March On! March On!

To the scholarship winners, do know this evening is an investment that we are glad to make on behalf of you scholastic goals. While your accomplishments are being celebrated tonight, do know that you have an obligation to "pass it on". Use your gifts to be a blessing to someone else.

To our educator award winner, thank you for doing what some may consider a thankless job. Your role in the community is vitally important to the future of what our society will look like. If nobody else says it, the members of this chapter will say it. Thank you for going above and beyond what is asked of you for our children

Tonight is a very special evening and it is always a pleasure to share it with family. We are all family tonight, fulfilling that African proverb of a village raising a child. Enjoy the evening and God bless.

Sincerely,

**Bro. Kenneth G. Love**  
**President – Sigma Youth Leadership Foundation**



# **George Washington Carver Educator of the Year**

## **Soror Janelle Alexander-Sumpter**

Originally from Boston, Massachusetts, Janelle Alexander-Sumpter is the daughter of James and Ernestine Alexander. Her father was a blueberry picker from Gainesville Florida who learned the skill of cooking in the army and later became a professional chef. Her mother was an elementary school teacher and graduate of Bethune Cookman College and Boston State College. Ms. Alexander-Sumpter is the youngest of five children.

As a young child, Ms. Alexander-Sumpter was involved in one of Boston's early desegregation bussing programs called METCO. This pioneer state-funded program bussed more than 3,300 Boston area students to nearby suburban community in an effort to promote diversity and enhance educational opportunities for participating students. Through this program, Janelle was bussed more than 50 miles each day in order to attend the public schools in the Lincoln-Sudbury suburban community.



At age 16, during her last year of high school, tragedy struck when her mother suddenly died of a brain Aneurism while working as a teacher in a local Boston school. Ms. Alexander-Sumpter was not deterred and pursued her education in spite of her heartache and grieving during her final semester of High School, Ms. Alexander-Sumpter attended Wilberforce University in Ohio and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling.

After graduation from Wilberforce, Ms. Alexander-Sumpter married and moved to Atlanta Georgia where she later had two children. As life would have it Ms. Alexander-Sumpter marriage ended and became a single parent. While raising her children she was able to obtain a Master's degree in Special Education and a Specialist in School Leadership with in a five year time frame from Cambridge College in Massachusetts.

Janelle was recognized by her peers in 1996 as Teacher of the Year. She currently serves as a DeKalb County School district Teacher Support Specialist. In this position she provides the county with site-based cognitive coaching and instructional support. Teacher Support Specialists also assist student teachers, beginning teachers, teachers newly transferred to a school or grade level, teachers with professional development plans. In addition, Janelle is the Partner in Education Coordinator for Stone Mountain High school, and she assists the school's Track and Field coach.

For many years, Ms. Alexander-Sumpter was morbidly obese. She attributes that to the fact that she did not engage in any sports related activities. Nor did she possess the motivation to be physically active. But once her two children entered college, Ms. Alexander-Sumpter took control of her life and joined Black Girls Run, an organization which encourages African-American women to make fitness and healthy living a priority. Since that time, she has lost over 85 pounds and has changed her entire lifestyle. So far, at the age of 53, Janelle has participated in 6 marathons, 4 duathons and 5 triathlons. She loves these athletic activities, and is always searching for opportunities that permit her to do her best.

When Ms. Alexander-Sumpter is not training for a race, she is teaching her students with disabilities at Stone Mountain High School. She has been featured on CNN, with head medical Doctor Sajay Gupti in a health segment in 2013 where she proudly represented the Black Girls Run organization as an advocate for benefits exercise and good diet. She has also been spotlighted in The Atlanta Journal Constitution and the Oprah Winfrey summer tour "Standing O".

Janelle is a member of First St. Paul AME church in Lithonia GA, a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated and a member of United States America Triathlons, United States America Master Swim, Network of Multi Sport African-American Athletes and Black Triathletes Association. She continues to strive and looks for opportunities in which she can encourage others to stretch their ideas of who they are and to become the best person that they can – physically, intellectually, and spiritually.

## **James Weldon Johnson Scholarship Recipient**

### **Ms. Rashidatu Olorunsola**

Rashidatu Olorunsola is the youngest of five children. Her parents are immigrants of Nigeria. Growing up and watching their struggles instilled in her the need to excel in all aspects of her life, spiritually, academically, socially and athletically. Because of the efforts of her parents she also learned the lesson of community and knows that in order to be a part of a community, you need to give back to it.

Ms. Olorunsola is a senior at Mundy Mills High School where she is the definition of a scholar athlete. She currently has a 4.3 GPA on a 5 point scale. While at Mundy she has participated in volleyball, tennis and track and was recognized in the AJC as the athlete of the week. She was appointed the Captain of the Tennis team her senior year.

Some of the leadership positions she has held at Mundy was the President of Students Against Destructive Decisions, Science Club and Nigerian Youth Alliance. She is the Vice President of the Student Government Association, Treasurer of the National Honor Society, Section Leader in the orchestra and a member of the BETA Club, Women of the Mill/GRACE Girls and Math Club.

Her community service has extended itself in support of: The Red Cross Blood Drive, feed the homeless through Grace Girls, Aids Walk Atlanta, Fulton County Clerk assistant, NWAG Walkathon, NWAG Community Fundraiser Banquet, ANOG Community Fundraiser Banquet and a science teacher aid.

Academically she has won the following awards: Salutatorian, Georgia Scholar, County Scholar Athlete, Miss Tennis 2015, Dean's List, ANOG Researching Cultures Writing Contest, Mike Gilliam Award, President's Award and the Mundy Science Award. Currently she has been accepted into The University of Georgia, Georgia State and the Georgia Institute of Technology. Besides the James Weldon Johnson scholarship which she is receiving today, she has also been blessed to receive the UGA Presidential Leadership Scholarship, Marynette B. Lovejoy Book Scholarship, and the 2016 Beverly Janae Bold As Love Scholarship.

As you can see, Ms. Olorunsola is a very well rounded individual who we predict will make a powerful positive impact on our community. A quote from Ms. Olorunsola is "As a Nigerian girl, the odds are against a woman willing to pursue a post graduate degree, and therefore, any financial assistance will help enable me to do so". Toward that end the Kappa Alpha Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. is proud to assist you in getting closer to your academic goals!

## **A. Langston Taylor Scholarship Recipient:**

### **Ms. Whitley Tucker**



Whitley Tucker is a junior at Georgia State University. Born and raised in El Paso Texas, her passion for community service began during her participation in local programs like the Special Olympics and the Boys and Girls Club. Whitley takes great pride in being bi-racial and enjoys expressing aspects of her culture as a student assistant with the Georgia State University Multicultural Center. She is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Speech, with a concentration in communication across the lifespan and a minor in Spanish. Upon graduating from Georgia State University in May 2017, she plans on attending Georgia State University's Communication Sciences and Disorders graduate program; where she will further her plans of becoming a speech-language pathologist. Whitley currently holds a 4.08 GPA, while actively volunteering for the A to Z Pediatric Therapy Clinic and the Epilepsy Foundation of Texas.

Whitley's aspiration to become a speech-language pathologist manifested after becoming a member of the Meet in the Middle program, whose purpose is to unify typically developing and special needs students. It was through this program that she had the opportunity to befriend a fellow peer named Lauren; an individual who has Epilepsy and who is also speech-impaired. The humbling experience of being able to witness Lauren's growth in communicating prompted Whitley's desire to practice speech therapy in an acute care facility. Whitley hopes to cultivate self-growth and positivity within others, through her work as a therapist.

One of Whitley's largest motivations to succeed comes from having seen her mother, a single parent, make so many sacrifices to support Whitley and her younger sister. Whitley hopes to encourage other children of single-parent households to believe that anything is possible, regardless of socioeconomic status. Although Whitley knows there are many more challenges that await her, she approaches those



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# Headliner

## Mr. Corwin “C-Dawg” Oglesby

Corwin “C-Dawg” Oglesby, Corwin O., or to his friends and fans “C-Dawg”, is well decorated and respected comedy veteran.

Corwin O.’s silly, care-free style of comedy is as fun to watch as it is to hear. He draws you into his hilarious comedy world with his even keel comedic timing and vivid story telling with a flair for freestyle that hooks audiences and keeps them eagerly wondering what he may do next!

Corwin O. is a native of Atlanta, GA and incorporates southern style humor in his material. Corwin O. is also a key player in the improvisational troupe “The Blacktop Circus”, and is a regular host of The Uptown Comedy Club in Atlanta.

Corwin O. has shared the stage with some of the best and brightest in comedy, including Chris Tucker, Jamie Foxx, Steve Harvey, and Mo’Nique!

He continues to tour comedy clubs, colleges, and is nationally recognized with credits including BET, Army International Tour, and major radio markets. Corwin O. is a definite must see! He is funny, powerful, lovable, silly and commanding as a Southern preacher!!! The world is his pulpit.



# Featured Entertainer

## Eva Kennedy

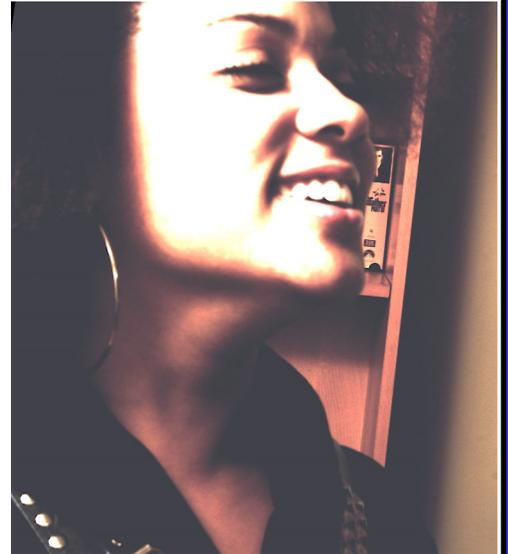
A prolific entertainer has emerged on the scene and is promised to satisfy Pop, Alternative, Rock, and Soul audiences alike. Eva Kennedy is a beautiful 31-year-old fire-starter with a great deal to say. Her maturity is given voice through the songs she writes, allowing her vocal talent to speak for itself.

Born in Germany and raised in Atlanta, Georgia, Eva's rich soulful sound is credited to her early years of singing in the church choir at Greater Bethany Baptist Church where she sat under, in her opinion, "some of the best entertainers in the world" and learned how to make people "feel" the song. Music, being her first love, has always come easy for her; through both writing and singing she is able to translate virtually any idea to song.

For the past 10 years she has immersed herself in the Atlanta music circuit, which has allowed her to absorb some extraordinary vocal techniques that sets her apart from her peers. Eva has run the gamut when it comes to performance opportunities, transitioning from background vocalist for such artists as Kelis, Anthony David, *Algebra Blessett*, *Joi Gilliam*, *Shareefa*, *Gordon Chambers*, *Johnny Gill*, *Wayman Tisdale*, *Divinity Roxx*, and *Will Hoge*, etc., to actress in the 2005 hit stage play "Man of Her Dreams" in which she played the principle role of "Ericka" along side *Ralph Tresvant*, *Christopher Williams*, *Miss Jackie Clark (of The Clark Sisters)* and *AJ Johnson*, to front woman of Atlanta's legendry Rock/funk band *Whild Peach*, then back to the stage for her 2010 principle role as "Ronnie" in the BET hit stage play *Soul Kittens Cabaret* where she starred alongside *Fantasia Barrino*, *Faith Evans*, and *Nicci Gilbert (of Brownstone)*, to now finally heading her own band which is currently working on their sophomore project. With such diversity Eva has so much room to grow in this ever changing industry.

Eva's greatest influences have been Tina Turner, Aretha Franklin, Joni Mitchell, Prince, Michael Jackson, Dido, Andre 3000, Kenna, Brandy, Erykah Badu and many, more. She proudly states that she is "continually inspired by new artists as well as everyday people experiencing life"; "Our experiences shape us..." she says "...I've experienced a lot in my lifetime with still so much to look forward to; and I plan on taking the world on the journey with me!" When asked of her sound she says, "I'm music's lovechild ... meaning a fearless combination of many genres; all stirred together with a whole lotta love"

With all that being said there's only one thing left to say ... Get strapped in because Eva Kennedy is on her way, whether we're ready or not!



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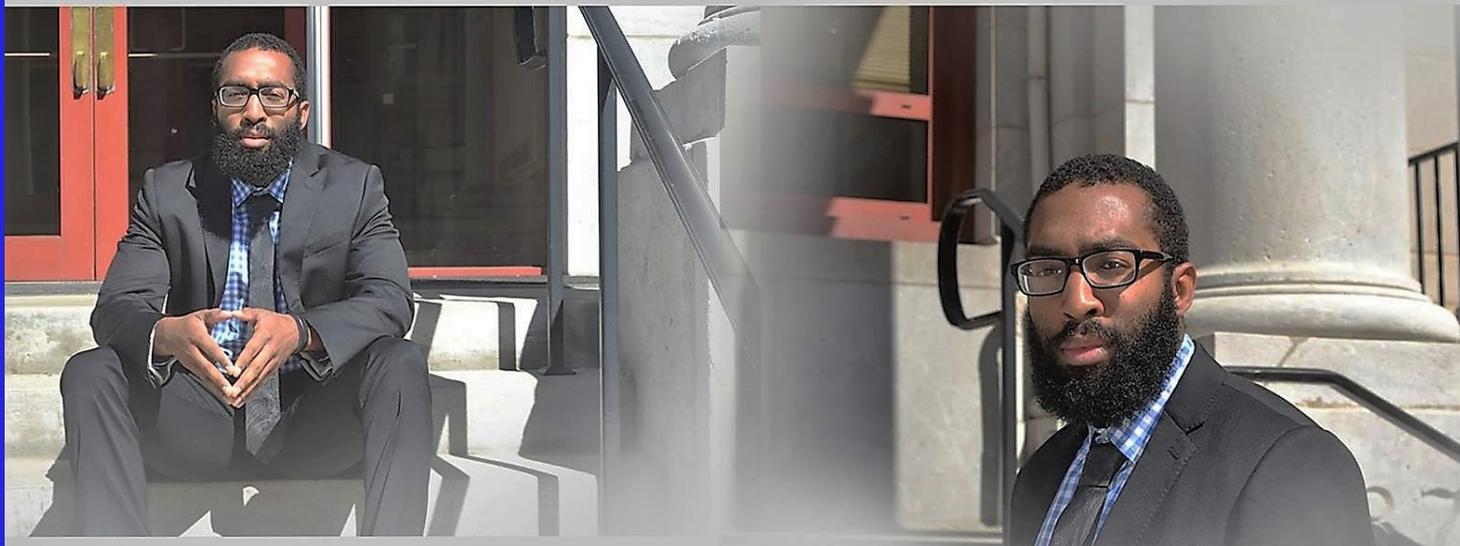
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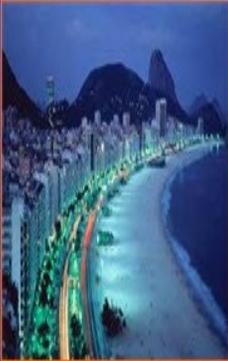
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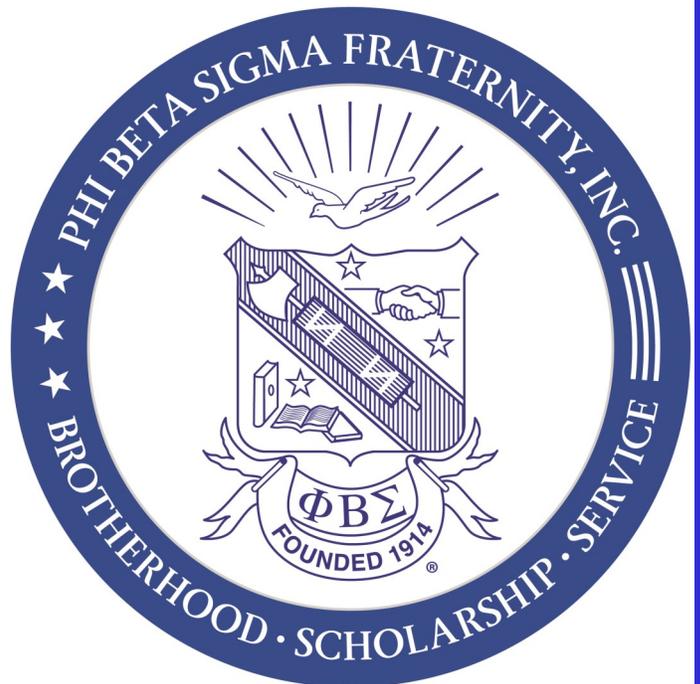
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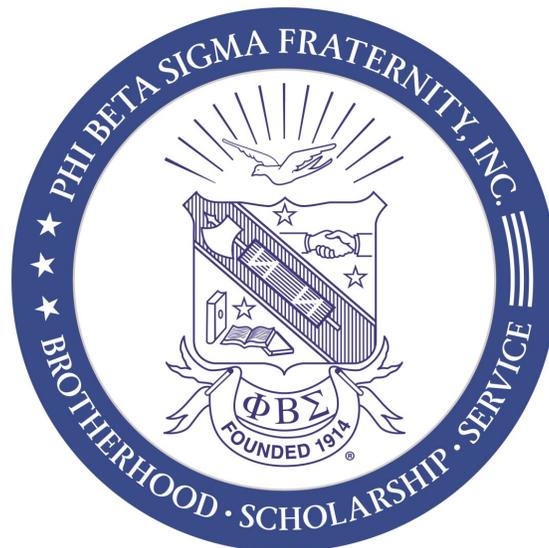
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