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SPELMAN COLLEGE GLEE CLUB ALUMNAE NEWSLETTER



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Hello! My name is Julia Dennis, and it is a pleasure to serve as your Alumnae Liaison for the 2016-2017 academic year! I am beyond excited to share this new platform of engagement with you.



Julia Dennis pictured center.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR & THE PRESIDENT

To the Alumnae,
What a wonderful time it was celebrating the 90th Annual Spelman-Morehouse Christmas Carol Concert. Your gift of song has warmed the hearts of so many people. Thank you for helping us to strengthen the great tradition of the Spelman College Glee Club. Our current members are so inspired by your stories, your love, and your unrelenting support. It is my hope that we continue to work together to cultivate our legacy as ambassadors of



Spelman College. Please don't wait another 10 years to come and see us!
Dr. Kevin P. Johnson,
Director



Greetings my Glee Club Sisters!
My name is Rajané Brown a senior Drama Major and Spanish Minor from Bridgeport, Connecticut. I am delighted to serve as the President of the Spelman College Glee Club for the current academic year. I pray this newsletter finds you well. We are so excited to open this new line of communication with you! Please stay in touch and feel free to give us suggestions about future content. This is yours!

Love and Light,
Rajané Brown
President
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SPELMANITE

SPOTLIGHT

Current Students

Kyana Waters had the tremendous opportunity to study in Cuba for the Fall Semester, 2015. While in Cuba, Waters studied Philosophy, Population and Development, and Economics at the University of Havana and Piano at the Superior Institute of Art. Her experience combined her love for Spanish and the Arts while expanding her appreciation for writers whose works she studied at Spelman and whose influence were apparent in the Cuban culture. Kyana also conducted research on the development and politics of Cuban rap music, which she has now



completed and will present for her senior thesis this semester.

Waters, a graduating senior International Studies Major, Music Minor is from Silver Spring, Maryland. Kyana, member of the Alto one section, serves as the Tour Manager on the Glee Club's Executive Board. Kyana presented her Senior Recital in piano Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

Joy Milner, a freshman health science, Dual Degree Nursing Major, is one of six awardees to the Riggio Scholars Program. Barnes and Noble founder, Leonard Riggio and his wife, Louise, established this distinct honor following their visit to Spelman in the fall. Half of the Riggio's



Joy Milner pictured far left

\$1 million donation will go toward the construction of an arts and innovation center. Joy volunteers at Morehouse School of Medicine's microbiology, biochemistry, and immunology laboratory, is a peer tutor at Clayton State University, and is a member of the alto two section. For more on this prestigious opportunity for Joy, visit the News and Events section at www.spelman.edu under the About Us section.

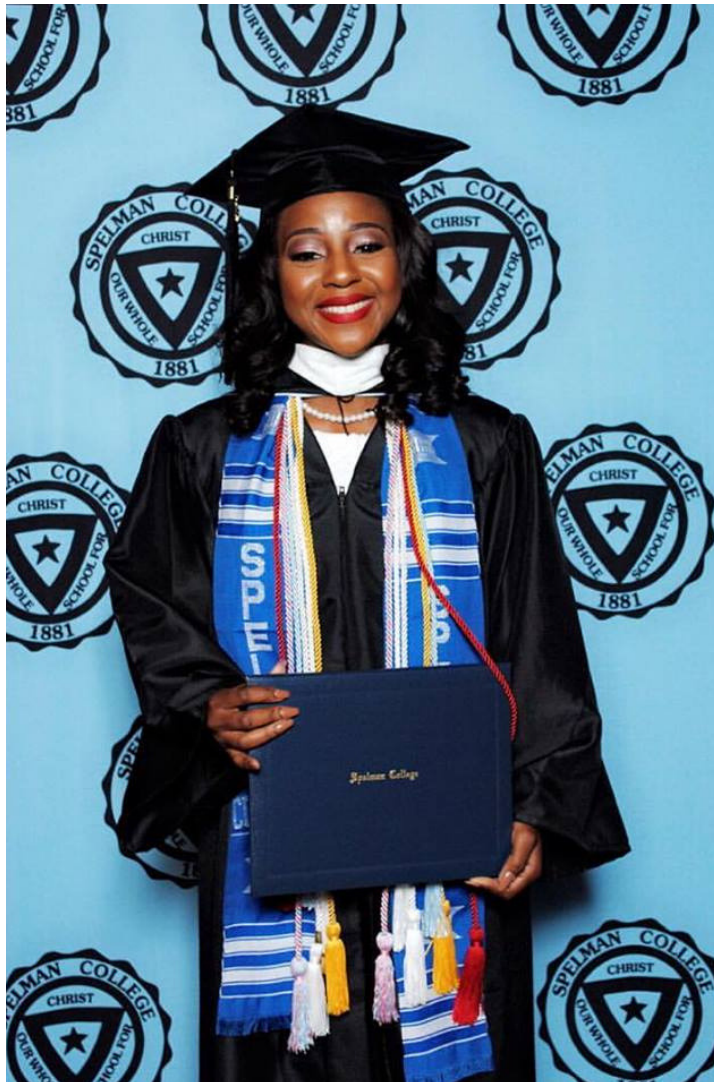


Joy Milner pictured center

ALUMNAE



Debra Ngcobo pictured to the right of Oprah



Debra Ngcobo, C' 2016
You may have read about Debra Ngcobo under the Our Stories section on the Spelman website. Debra was included in the documentary film, 'O Girls,' which chronicles the personal journey of five students from the inaugural class of the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls in South Africa. Upon graduating, Debra began working with Discovery Communications where she serves as a LifeWorks and Inclusion Coordinator. Debra continues to use each piece of her journey to carve out her path as she explores several disciplines. We wish Debra great success as she builds her career and we are excited to see where her journey leads her next.

Melanie McKie, C'92

A native of Houston, Texas, Melanie McKie is a 1992 graduate of Spelman College, where she double-majored in Music and English. As a Music Major, McKie studied piano performance with Dr. Joyce Johnson. McKie was a member of the Spelman College Glee Club, serving as Student Accompanist and Student Conductor. She also held the offices of Vice President and President during her time in the organization.



After graduating from Spelman College, McKie attended the University of Chicago and studied African-American Literature with poet and scholar, Elizabeth Alexander. McKie returned to Spelman College in 2009 as the Assistant Director of the Comprehensive Writing Program. Since the spring semester of 2015, McKie has served as the Interim Director of the Comprehensive Writing Program.

McKie served as the Keynote Speaker for the Annual Glee Club Alumnae Brunch which was themed, "From Age to Age More Glorious". The Brunch took place on Saturday, December 3, 2016 in celebration of the 90th Annual Spelman - Morehouse Christmas Carol Concert.



Melanie McKie pictured at podium

RETROSPECTIVE

A look at recent SCGC happenings.

90th Annual Spelman-Morehouse Christmas Carol Concert



The Spelman College Glee Club extends its sincerest gratitude to all the alumnae sisters for participating in the 90th Annual Spelman - Morehouse Christmas Carol Concert.



Alumnae Brunch



At the Alumnae Brunch on December 3, 2016, Dr. Joyce Finch Johnson was named an honorary sister of the Spelman College Glee Club in recognition for her long-term service to Spelman College and to the Spelman College Glee Club

"It is such an honor to be present today to recognize one of the greatest women I've been blessed to know--Dr. Joyce Finch Johnson.

Dr. Johnson first graced Spelman with her multiple gifts in 1953 when she joined the college's music department. Just two years later in 1955, Dr. Johnson became the college organist and today, she is one of Spelman's warmest and most recognizable faces. In fact, when someone says the name Spelman, they follow-up with the name Dr. Joyce Johnson.

In a conversation with one of Dr. Johnson's former students, she stated "She is the reason why I'm involved in music today. I actually came to Spelman as a psychology major. I came to the music department just wanting to take piano lessons. I went to see her and she said, 'Oh no sweetie, you just have to be a music major.' She has always seen the potential in me that I didn't see in myself. She's been the pinnacle and the reason behind every major event of my life."

I think I can speak for most, if not all of us present today when I say that there is no one who has shown the love, support, and dedication to Spelman College like Dr. Johnson. And for that, Dr. Johnson, we love you!"

~Dr. Paula Grissom-Broughton, C'97
Chair
Music Department
Glee Club Alumnae



Dr. Joyce Johnson pictured left & Dr. Paula Grissom-Broughton pictured right



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Executive Board
2016-2017



From left to right: Dr. Paula Grissom-Broughton, President Mary Schmidt Campbell, Dr. Joyce Finch Johnson, Professor B.E. Boykin, Dr. Kevin P. Johnson





UPCOMING EVENTS

February 24, 2017 | Black History Event | KIPP Strive Primary School **

March 11-22, 2017 | Annual Spring Tour 2017

April 9, 2017 | Palm Sunday Concert | Big Bethel A.M.E. Church | 4:00PM

April 30, 2017 | Annual Spring Concert | Sisters Chapel | 5:00PM

** closed event

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