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OF 2012.

DR. KEVIN JOHNSON

DIRECTOR

September has been a busy month for the glee club. We were delighted to sing at the wonderful celebration of Dr. Christine King's 90th birthday at the historic MLK Birth home. We were excited to join Farris Watkins in signing our signature "A Choice to Change the World" for her grandmother Dr. Farris. September always marks the Sister Social and this year, led by our Vice President Jessenia Ingram, the first year members were able to bond with returning student and showcase their talents in a traditional first year solo opportunity. Our mobile app is available for current students, alumnae and fans so go to the App Store of your choice and download it for free to keep abreast of the current glee club activities. We'd love to share it with you! We are proud to announce the inaugural academic success meeting for the first year members, led by Brooke Joynes C/O 2019. The academic success plan is a plan put in place to ensure the academic success of all of our members.



CORA L. EVANS

PRESIDENT

The school year has officially begun, add/drop period is over and we have settled into our routine of rehearsals and occasional performances. This is an exciting time as we prepare for our first full concert, sister social, and our new academic success program. Our Student Conduct, Brooke Joynes has started this great program to ensure the academic success of all Glee Club members putting emphasis on freshman transitioning to college. We got a lot of positive feedback from the freshman after the first session and I look forward to the rest of the semester. We have a lot of plans coming into fruition and I am excited about what the upcoming months will bring for the Spelman College Glee Club.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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Greetings Sisters,

During this month of September, the Glee Club has been hard at work in perfecting the sound of the ensemble and building the sisterhood among one another. In this issue, our Spelmanite Spotlight features current freshman, Memphis Moye who describes her experience in Glee so far, and alumna and Diamond Daughter, Ms. Lydia Walker, class of 1955.

Also featured in this month's issue are shots of the Sister Social! This month, first year Glee members were paired up with an upperclassmen who would serve as their designated Glee sister. I am sure many of you may recount what that experience was like for you as a first year.

As a reminder, please do not forget to RSVP for the Homecoming Mingle coming up in the month of October. More information is listed on the flyer within the newsletter and also has been emailed to you recently. This event serves as one of the many opportunities you will have to get to know your new Glee sisters and I encourage you to join us. I look forward to seeing you and personally thanking you for your contributions to the Glee Club!

Best,

Daphne Joseph C'2020
Alumnae Liaison

Executive Announcements

UPCOMING INFORMATION

ELAINA BLAKE, TOUR MANAGER

Greetings!

As some of you may know, the Glee Club will be traveling to the Southwest region for Spring Tour 2018 and we need your help! If you know of any venues that may be interested in hosting us, specifically in Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Tennessee, and Arkansas please contact our Tour Manager, Elaina Blake, by email: elaina102@gmail.com or phone: **757-759-6446**. Thank you!



BROOKE JOYNES, STUDENT CONDUCTOR

The SCGC Student Success Program started with a bang this past Monday with our first FGE (First Glee Experience) session. The point of FGE much like the point of FYE is to orient freshman in Glee Club to the experience of being in glee club as well as the experience of being in college for the first time. FGE will meet 4 times a semester at key points for the benefit of the the student! In addition to the FGE the Student Success Program also consists of bi-monthly study sessions as well as a full glee club event named Bounce Back to remind our glee sisters that post homecoming that we are an academic organization first.



SPELMANITE SPOTLIGHT

CURRENT STUDENT

MEMPHIS MOYE



I am a first year Psychology Major and Spanish/English Minor from Greenwich Connecticut. Part of the reason I joined the Glee Club was because I heard that it is even more of a community than any sorority or other club on campus, and they were right. Although there are a lot of rules and quirks to follow, it's part of what makes the sisterhood bonds stronger. I know my fellow Glee Club sisters are willing to help me; whether it be replacing tights or reteaching a part of a song, they always have my back!

I'll admit I was nervous about the first performance, but the older Glee Club members comforted me and once we started singing and all of our voices blended I wasn't worried anymore! Ever since the first day I have been blown away by the raw talent in the room. These women can really sing! It really inspires me to train harder vocally and learn to read music like some of the other women.

I found out we had to audition to be a part of the Glee Club one week before the audition date. I was panicked and I started asking everyone what the criteria for the audition was. I asked 5 people and no one gave me the same answer. Some people said we had to prepare a song, others said we had to sing a foreign aria, and someone even said we had to sight read on the spot. My anxiety was through the roof and I prepared everything I could for this audition. Finally, it was my turn to audition and I was shaky but determined to nail anything Mr. Johnson threw my way. I kid you not when I say: all I had to do was sing the scales and I was in...It was that simple!

Looking back on it, I feel silly stressing out about it so much and I was definitely over prepared, but I wouldn't change it for the world and I'm happy to be a part of the Illustrious Spelman Glee Club!

SPELMANITE SPOTLIGHT

ALUMNA

LYDIA WALKER C'55



“Recalling what happened over a half century ago is like trying to remember what I wore to the grocery store last week. Did the Glee Club rehearse everyday at noon or every other day? I’m not sure. But some things are unforgettable. For example: I sang next to my “Big Sister,” Virginia Scott aka “Ginny” in the 2nd soprano section at every rehearsal. Freshman were assigned a junior student during freshman orientation and “Ginny” was a wonderful role model.

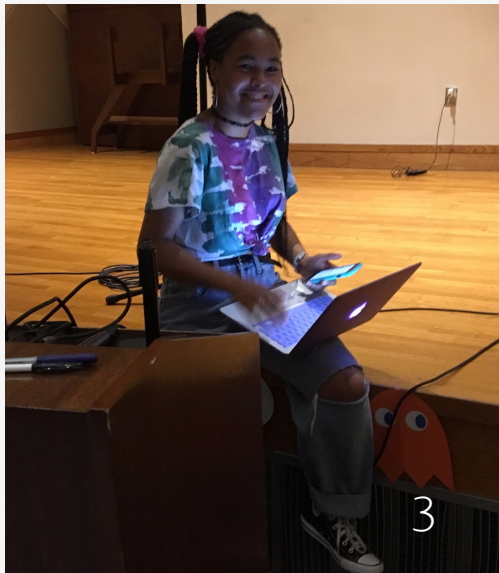
Also vivid in memory is Dr. Willis Lawrence James, our Director. He was a stickler for “shaping our sound.” He would say, “Now let’s make music” after we mastered the notes and rhythms. You dare not be late to rehearsals or hum your part while he paused to instruct. To be “called out” by Dr. James was not pretty. I would skip lunch before I’d be late to rehearsal. But his disciplined approach enabled us to perform without scores—always! Repetition worked magic. We fifty-fivers can still sing “Lord Thou Hast Been Our Dwelling Place” without the score.

Our first alumna President of Spelman, Dr. Audrey Forbes Manley was a member of our class and requested that “Lord Thou Hast Been.....” be sung at her Inauguration as President in 1997. We were happy to comply. We are currently happy to know that the Spelman College Glee Club goes on tour every Spring. The farthest the Glee Club traveled when we were members was to Birmingham, Alabama and Washington, D. C.—one time to each city! Our suitcases stayed empty.

But there was seldom an empty seat in the Packard Hall rehearsal room. We worked hard to meet Dr. James’ uncompromising standard of excellence and looked forward to our Spring Concerts. Minnie Rose James, Dr. James’ gifted daughter accompanied the Glee Club and the late Vivian Stodghill Williamson, an equally gifted sophomore followed her. Hopefully, the vast collection of Dr. James’ arrangements of spirituals will be cataloged and made available to those who appreciate his genius and value the music of our rich heritage.”



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SISTER, SISTER This month of September, the members of the Glee Club were paired up with a sister during the annual Sister Social. Vice President, Jessenia Ingram (3) worked tirelessly to execute the event, which had a 90s theme, and was proud of its success. The first-year members enjoyed their time displaying thier talents to their fellow Glee sisters.

RETROSPECTIVE

LOOKING BACK AT THE MONTH

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE

Homecoming Mingle

Presented by the 2017-2018 Spelman College Glee Club



REHEARSAL AND REFRESHMENTS

Friday, October 20, 2017 • 5:00 PM

John D. Rockefeller Fine Arts Building, Room 107

RSVP by Monday, October 2, 2017 via email:

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