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SING A JUBILANT SONG ALUMNAE
PROUDLY SING TOGETHER AT THE
90TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL
BRUNCH.

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Happy fall to everyone! It was great to see a host of alumnae singers come and join the current glee club member in a homecoming rehearsal in FA107. Our dear practice room missed each and everyone of you and I could tell by the energetic singing that day that you were glad to be back singing again at Spelman. The glee club has been actively preparing for Christmas Carol and performing various concerts throughout the city. We look forward to seeing many of you at the Christmas Carol Brunch as we celebrate my 20th anniversary as director of our beloved glee club.

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CLARKE BROWN

PRESIDENT

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This month has brought many more, our sister social was successful as well as the few concerts we had around the Atlanta area. Homecoming has come and gone and now Christmas Carol is rapidly approaching! We thoroughly enjoyed seeing and singing with all the alumnae that were able to make it for homecoming this year. We hope to see a few more at the Christmas Carol brunch!

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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Greetings Sisters,

This past month of October was filled with sisterhood and song as we welcomed you all for Homecoming! I'd like to thank everyone who came out for a little Homecoming R&R. It was truly a joy to witness the sisterhood come to life in a way that only a reunion can facilitate.

On that note, I am pleased to announce the 92nd Annual Christmas Carol Brunch is now available for you to RSVP! This year, Christmas Carol falls on the nights of November 30, December 1st, and December 2nd, with the brunch being held on the 1st. Please be on the lookout for more information regarding the Christmas Carol weekend.

In this month's issue, we celebrate the recent triumphs of our glee club sister, Elaina Blake C'2020 and also pay our final tributes to sister Nanna Patterson C'1946, who passed away this month.

Enjoy,

Britni Ruff C'2017
Alumnae Liaison

SPELMANITE SPOTLIGHT

CURRENT STUDENT

ELAINA BLAKE C'2020



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Hello, my name is Elaina Blake and I am a junior music major from Hampton, Virginia. I was chosen to compete in NATS, The National Association of Teachers of Singers competition in Rome, Georgia.

Before going to the competition my voice teacher, glee club alumna Mrs. Laura English-Robinson, explained to me that I would be singing in front of three judges and would receive very constructive feedback on my techniques and how I can improve. I was in the category for third, fourth, and fifth year Voice students. This was my first competition, so I was very anxious to see what the atmosphere would be. Leading up to NATS, I had been preparing diligently, seeking extra help from Ms. Robinson. The overall experience of NATS was very enjoyable. It was such an affirming experience to hear the judges express how much they enjoyed listening to me saying and it definitely gave me insight into the things that I need to work on in the future. Not only did this competition help me to see how much I have improved since my freshman year at Spelman, it has given me a better understanding of how to prepare for a competition and I'm looking forward to the next one.

SPELMANITE SPOTLIGHT

IN MEMORIAM

NANNA E. PATTERSON C'46



The glee club mourns the loss of our beloved alumna, Ms. Nanna Elizabeth Patterson. She is the aunt of glee club alumna, Sister Helene K. Moon. We would like to take this time to honor her life.

Nanna Elizabeth Patterson, 95, of Warren, OH and formerly of Morgantown, WV, died of natural causes October 16, 2018, at St. Joseph Hospital. She was born April 7, 1923 in Morgantown, West Virginia, the eldest daughter of Thomas J. Patterson and Helen R. Patterson Johnston. Nanna graduated from Monongalia High School, Class of 1942 and continued on to Spelman College, where she was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., a member of the famous Spelman College Glee Club and Quartet from 1942 - 1946. She received a BA in Sociology and a minor in Psychology. Nanna attended West Virginia University for her master degree in teaching. Upon Graduation she assisted hundreds of children throughout her career teaching in Preston County, West Virginia and Warren City School District, Ohio. She was predeceased by her father and mother as well as several siblings, including Elexzinya Hayes, Nona Jones, Thomas J. Patterson Jr., Leland F. Patterson and Francine Ward. Nanna is survived by her younger brother, Robert F. Patterson of Cortland, Ohio as well as her many nieces and nephews that saw her as a motherly figure. She believed you got out of life what you put into It! Nanna passed on October 16, 2018. She will truly be missed.

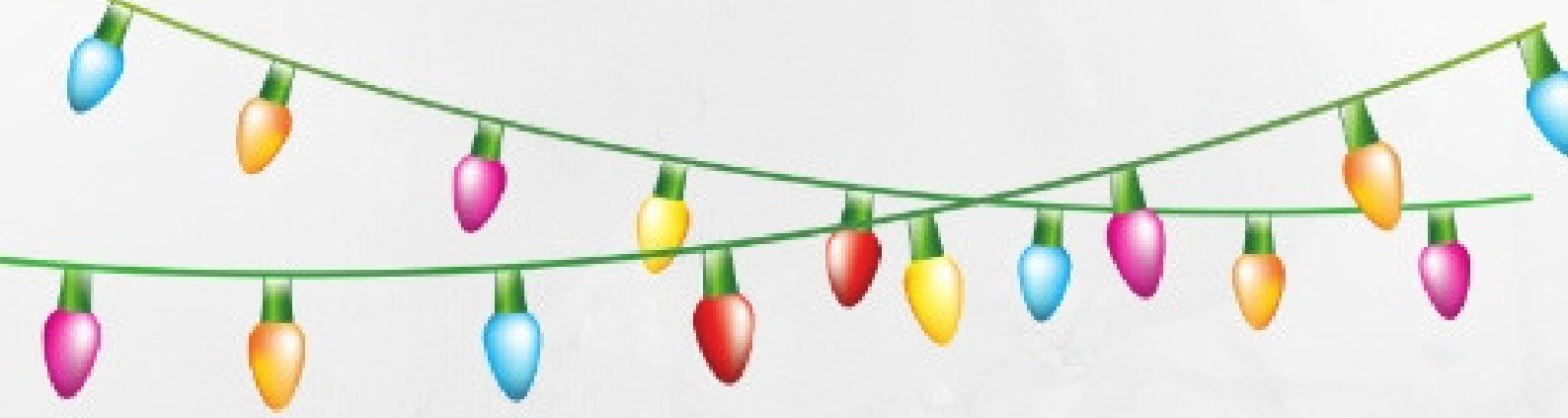


WORK HARD, PLAY HARD The month of October was quite full for the glee club, having had three concerts in the middle of preparations for next month's Christmas Carol concert. We performed alongside the world famous Dance Theatre of Harlem and the South African Youth Choir. Needless to say, homecoming weekend was a welcome change of pace. It's always wonderful to spend time with our alumnae sisters!



RETROSPECTIVE

LOOKING BACK AT THE MONTH



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO THE ANNUAL GLEE CLUB ALUMNAE

Christmas Carol Brunch

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

MANLEY COLLEGE CENTER JUNE GARY HOPPS ATRIUM
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