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SPELMAN COLLEGE GLEE CLUB ALUMNAE NEWSLETTER



*New Beginnings*

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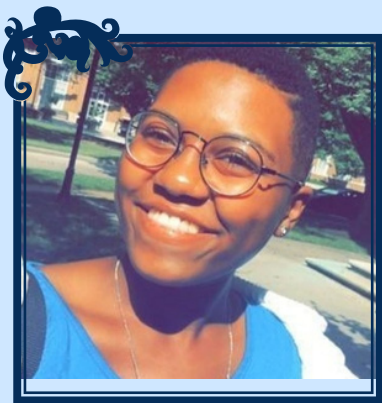
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# A Note from the Editor

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January has surely shown that this semester looks to be a promising one. It was wonderful to witness the hard work put in from our directors, program coordinator (Ms. Williamson), executive board, and the general body members! Last semester's events proved yet again that SCGC can rise to any occasion.

Our new beginnings this semester will allow us to grow in sisterhood and focus as we amaze and inspire all. With the Glee Club turning 95 this semester, we have much to celebrate! We will be honoring the rich history of our beloved Glee Club in many ways throughout the semester! Be sure to follow the Glee Club on social media to stay up to date.

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# Message from the Director

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## Dr. Kevin P. Johnson

Last semester was quite a memorable one for myself and the choir alike. I am very proud of the Glee Club for their performances at Christmas Carol and their various performances throughout the semester. It was a wonderful end to my twentieth year as director. I'd also like to express my gratitude for all of the alumnae, especially my former students that came out last semester to support our endeavors. We look forward to seeing you at the many events we have planned for this semester as well.

# Message from the President

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## Jessica Hannsberry, C'2020

This January, the Glee Club has gotten back into the full swing of things in preparation for our upcoming performances. It is always wonderful to have to opportunity to bond as sisters in rehearsal in Fine Arts 107 but now, all of our moments are especially magical for me because it is my last semester here at Spelman. We are all looking forward to the exciting performance opportunities that we have coming up this semester, including our Annual Spring Tour, Annual Spring Concert, and Graduation Activities.

# Retrospective

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The Spelman College Glee Club welcomed the new year with another productive rehearsal! The picture above depicts our very first rehearsal of the semester. We were able to reflect on our accomplishments from last semester and welcome our sisters back from a long holiday. From rhythm and sight-singing exercises to the occasional quartet, this semester has started off with a dedication to uphold the standard of excellence that SCGC is known for.

## Spelmanite Spotlight



**Iyana "YaNi" Davis,  
C'2009**

YaNi Davis graduated from Spelman in 2009 as an English major and served as the Chaplain of the Glee Club. This "Peace President" thoroughly enjoyed being Chaplain because it allowed her to support and pray for her sisters. The skills she learned have continued to help her today as she ministers as a pastor, a hip-hop artist, and a spiritual entrepreneur. Coming back to perform for the 2019 Christmas Carol Concert was a dream come true and a full circle experience for her ten year anniversary.

YaNi is also very grateful for her many accomplishments after recovering from Chronic Kidney Disease. Being able to reconnect with her Glee sisters was a "divine moment." Her new beginnings include her continuing to create the life that she desires for herself by reaching hearts and souls through her music and teaching. Ms. Iyana Davis' many achievements have awarded her acceptance into the Thriving in Ministry Fellowship at Spelman. Most of all, YaNi wants to encourage her glee sisters to continue to establish strong bonds as they amaze and inspire.

## Spelmanite Spotlight



**Elaina Blake,  
C'2020**

Elaina will complete her four year matriculation at Spelman and in the Glee Club this May. Elaina shared that joining Glee Club was a big adjustment for her as a first year member because, "there is no organization like the Spelman College Glee Club." Her time in this "amazing organization" has taught her how to be organized, to connect with her sisters, and to always be proactive.

Serving as tour manager her sophomore year was a very humbling experience. In addition to serving on the Executive Board, Elaina has been a soloist for numerous performances every year. Most recently, she sang at her last Christmas Carol Concert, as well as the Annual Alumnae Christmas Carol Brunch in December of 2019. Being a devoted member of the Glee Club has molded her into the polished musician and sister that she is today. Elaina is excited to embark on her new beginnings as she prepares to continue her studies in graduate school for musical therapy.



# Upcoming Events

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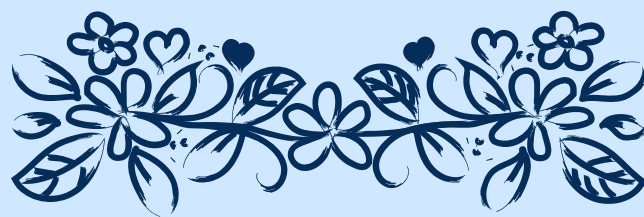
SPRING 2020

- **Atlanta Ballet Performances feat.  
the Spelman College Glee Club  
February 7th-February 15th**

*\*See the next page for details & discounted tickets\**

- **Annual Spring Tour  
March 7th-15th**

- **Annual Spring Concert  
Sunday, April 5th  
5:00 p.m.  
Sisters Chapel**



# Atlanta Ballet Information

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Visit [tickets.atlantaballet.com](https://tickets.atlantaballet.com) and use code:  
**AUCFEB**  
to save 25% on select tickets



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Enjoy the new year!

