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SPELMAN COLLEGE GLEE CLUB ALUMNAE NEWSLETTER

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CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2020



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“Messages

DR. KEVIN P. JOHNSON DIRECTOR

The class of 2020 is an amazing inspiring group of scholars, art leaders who constantly inspire also, their peers. Our in-person together ended abruptly while to perform in Chicago, IL at Ma President's home church during Annual Spring Tour in March. T their final semester at Spelman the most unpredictable way, th managed to finish with a great grit and grace. To the class of wish you the best of luck in all endeavors, and I look forward t you in the near future. You did well done! Consider this, your s



VALENTINE WILLIAMSON, C'2013 PROGRAM COORDINATOR

The Class of 2020 were first-year students when I returned to Spelman to work on the 90th Christmas Carol. We have grown up together during their matriculation as I learned my way in creating this position. I will deeply miss seeing each of these sisters faces onstage, in my office, and around campus. I absolutely look forward to the way in which they walk in to the fullness of themselves, now as Spelman women.

With these unprecedented times, we have supplied their contact information. Alumnae sisters, I ask that you join me in welcoming our sisters in to the alumnae-hood by wishing them well directly with a congratulatory note and sew in to their new chapter, if able.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

To my sisters in the class of 2020,

It has been an amazing privilege to be in the Glee Club with each of you for the past four years. We did so much together, from set-up crew on tour freshman year to performing in our final Christmas Carol senior year. Being a member of the Glee Club was the highlight of my Spelman career. The Glee Club helped me change and grow in ways that I never thought possible and introduced me to my lifelong friends. I will miss walking into 107 for rehearsals every week. I will miss us helping each other with hair and makeup as we get ready for performances. I will miss hanging out in the hotels and having great laughs on the bus. There is so much about Glee that I will miss, but as we move on to the next stages of our lives, I know that our experiences at Spelman and in the Glee Club have prepared us for whatever life will throw at us. I am so excited for us to all come back as alumnae at Homecomings, Christmas Carols, and reunions and I look forward to seeing you all when we are able to walk under the arch together. Until then, I wish only the best for each of you.

Stay safe and stay well,

JESSICA HANNSBERRY, C'2020
Outgoing President



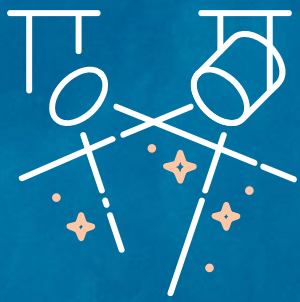
**JESSICA ROSE
HANNSBERRY, C'2020**

Summa Cum Laude

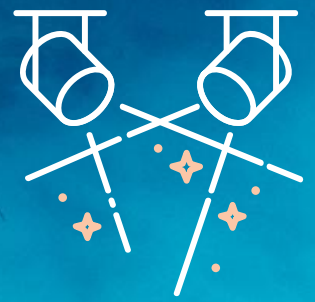
**Major: Early Childhood
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**Hometown: Chicago,
Illinois**

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Spelmanite Spotlight: 2020 Graduates



ALYSSA ARMSTRONG

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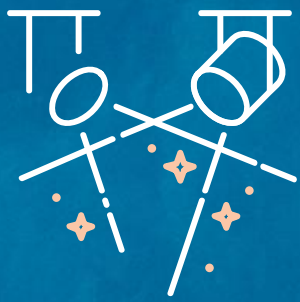
Alyssa Armstrong earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. Alyssa, originally from Newark, DE, reflects on her love for the Glee Club sisterhood, saying that the “Spelman sisterhood is ever present but, the SCGC sisterhood is unmatched”. Alyssa plans to pursue a career in marketing.



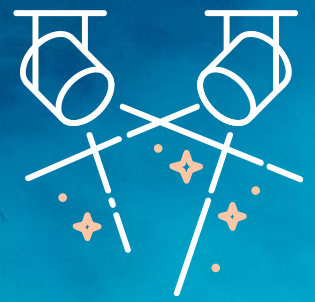
DESIRAE BANKS

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Desirae Banks earned a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and Performance and minored in music. Desirae, a native of Conyers, GA, remarks that her favorite memory from her years in the Glee Club is from her final Christmas Carol, sharing that “it was like our first goodbye as seniors and I’ll never forget that”. In the fall, Desirae will begin her Master of Fine Arts in Vocal Performance from New York University.



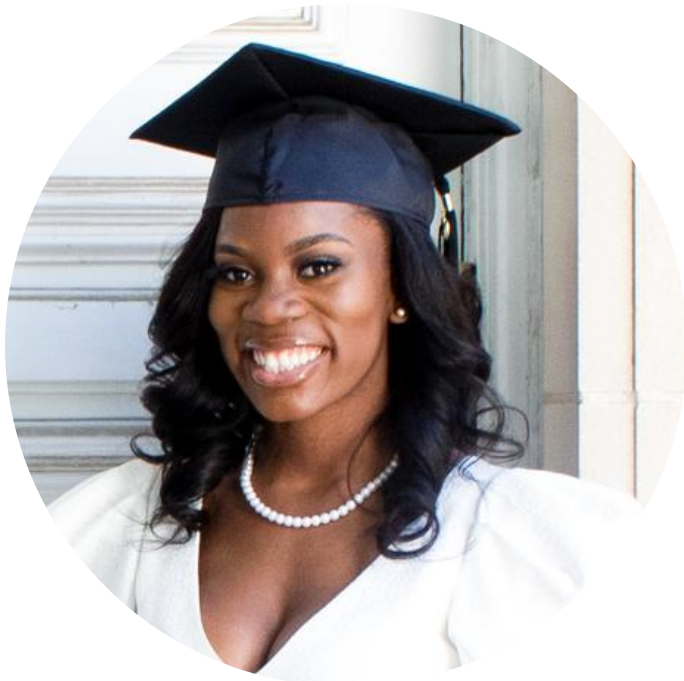
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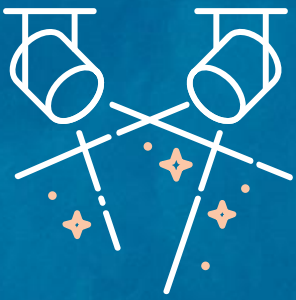
Elaina Blake earned a Bachelor of Arts in Music with a concentration in Vocal Performance. Elaina, originally from Hampton, VA, states that "I have learned to think critically and swiftly in my former position of tour manager that has stayed with me throughout my undergraduate experience". Elaina will attend Temple University in pursuit of a Masters in Music Therapy.



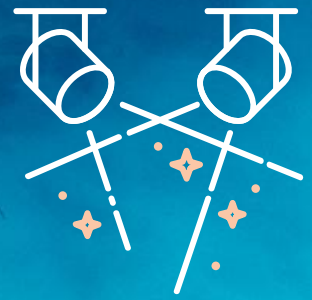
TYIA BURNS

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Tyia Burns earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economics with Latin and Departmental honors. Tyia, a native of Atlanta, GA, reflects that "the Glee Club's impact on me and my Spelman experience will last forever". Tyia is headed to work at one of the world's Top 4 Consulting firms as a Business Technology Analyst. She will then pursue her JD/MBA with funding from her company.



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JASMINE EUELL

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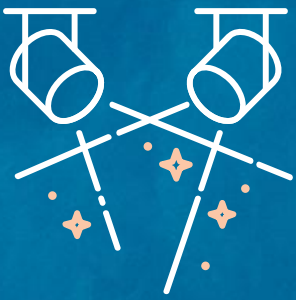
Jasmine Euell earned a Bachelor of Science in Physics and Dual Degree Engineering. Jasmine, originally from Feepport, NY, says "I will never forget singing with Kathleen Battle and being able to learn from her". Jasmine plans to continue her studies in Electrical Engineering at Georgia Tech and advocate for black women in STEM.



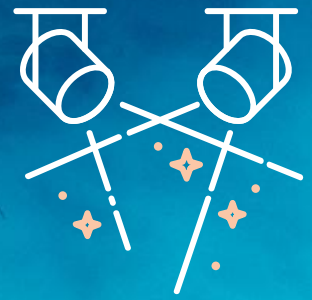
MELODY GRENNE

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Melody Greene earned a Bachelor of Arts in English. Melody, a native of Roswell, GA, shares that her "favorite performances were the 90th and 93rd Christmas Carol". In the fall, Melody will attend Columbia University in pursuit of a Masters in Journalism with plans for a career in broadcast journalism as a reporter.



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JESSICA HANNSBERRY

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Jessica Hannsberry earned a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education, graduating in the top 10 of her class. Jessica, originally Chicago, IL, reflects on her favorite Glee Club song, "We Are is beautiful in it's simplicity and the message behind it." In the fall, Jessica will begin her career as an elementary school teacher in the Chicago Public Schools.

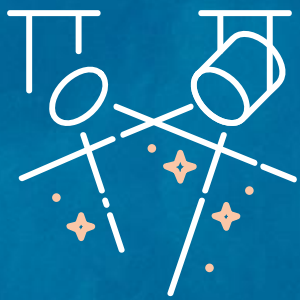


RIAYN MACK

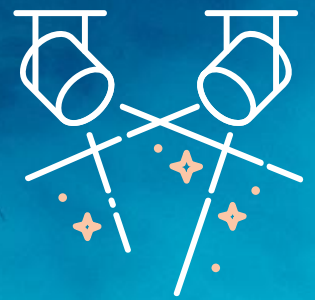
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Riyan Mack earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. Riyan, a native of Bowie, MD, remarks recalls "being able to go around the world to amaze & inspire people with our voices is something I will always be thankful for because you never know what people are going through and just to see a smile on their face or receive warm compliments from them will always made me happy." Riyan will attend California University of Pennsylvania in pursuit of a Masters in School Psychology.





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KENNEDY MEBANE

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Kennedy Mebane earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. Kennedy, originally from Beltsville, MD, reflects that "my favorite event will ALWAYS be Christmas Carol. The 90th Christmas Carol concert is ingrained in my mind forever". Kennedy plans to attend Law School with dreams of becoming a judge.

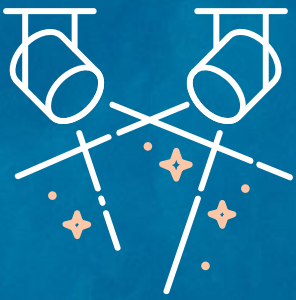


JOY MILNER

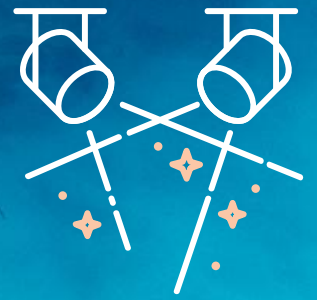
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Joy Milner earned a Bachelor of Science in Health Science. Joy, a native of Hampton, GA, reflects that her favorite memory is "anytime we have down time, or we're on the bus, etc. and someone begins singing a song, and everyone just joins in without skipping a beat with perfect harmonies and beautiful voices". Joy will soon begin a career in Healthcare Management.





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KALIA SIMMS

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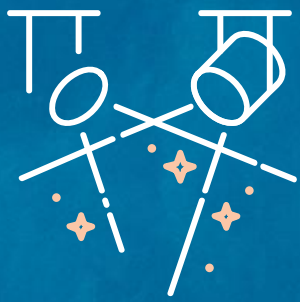
Kalia Simms, a transfer student will earn a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology & Anthropology in the Fall of 2020. Kalia, originally from Brooklyn, NY, shares her favorite things about Glee Club are "sister social, tour, and all of the SCGC traditions that make us unique but most of all the love between my glee sisters". Kalia wishes to continue her studies and pursue a PhD in Cultural Athropology.



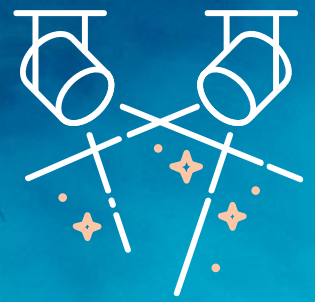
TERRI WRIGHT

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Terri Wright earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology. Terri, a native of Chattanooga, Tennessee, shares that "my favorite moment from Glee had to have been when we had the chance to sing with Kathleen Battle. Being able to just listen to her in person, let alone sing behind her, was a dream come true and I'm forever indebted to Glee for that opportunity". In the fall, Terri will attend Wake Forest University in pursuit of a Masters of Science Management.



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KAMILE WYATT

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Kamile Wyatt earned a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science. Kamile, originally from Los Angeles, CA, states "I love the ability to bond with my Spelman sisters through music. It is a special and unique experience. My favorite experience was getting to prepare and perform in Christmas Carol". Kamile plans to work as an Online Marketing Analyst and attend graduate school in 2021 to pursue a Masters of Business Administration.



SUMMER YOUNG

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Summer Young earned a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and Performance. Summer, a native of Atlanta, GA, says that her favorite songs are *We Are Christmas* and *A Choice to Change the World*. In the fall, Summer will attend the University of Southern California of Dramatic Art in pursuit of a Master of Fine Arts in Acting.



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A CHAPTER COMES TO A CLOSE

We celebrate and salute the recent graduates from the Class of 2020. We look forward to the time we can welcome you back to the gates of Mother Spelman with a warm embrace. We look forward to bearing witness to how you will become the very change agents we lift in song. We look forward to the next time you can join the Glee Club in song dressed in black, pearls, and red lip as alumnae to do what we do best, amaze and inspire.

In the next edition of RESONANCE, meet the incoming Executive Board and learn how Glee Club will adapt to virtual learning.