



2022 GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022

First Baptist Church of James Island

Rev. Charlie L. Murray, Jr. Pastor

10:00 A.M.

Class of

2022

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Don't Quit

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is strange with its twists and turns
As every one of us sometimes learns
And many a failure comes about
When he might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up though the pace seems slow—
You may succeed with another blow.

Success is failure turned inside out—
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell just how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit—
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

For all the sad words of tongue or pen
The saddest are these: "It might have been!"

~John Greenleaf Whittier
(1807-1892)

To Graduates:

Graduation marks the end of one chapter and the start of an exciting new one! You have memories of your recent graduation ceremony: walking across a stage, hearing your alma mater and YOUR first, middle, and last name called as you crossed the stage as a 2022 Graduate. That will be a joyous occasion for you and your family for many years to come, and we celebrate with you in our hearts. You have done very well to reach this milestone in your life. These exemplary life-changing milestones that you have achieved are certainly worthy of praise. First Baptist Church is immensely proud of you and your accomplishment. Job well done!

To our **high school graduates** who have arrived at an important junction in the road to success, it is our prayer that each of you will make a careful and cautious decision about the direction you will take in your life. We have confidence that each of you will hold true to your faith and the teachings of Jesus Christ. As you go forward, know that your First Baptist Church Family is here to support you, counsel you, and to offer you our best advice. However, you must make the "right" turn so your dreams and your goals will become a reality.

To our **college graduates and postgraduates**, we salute you for your determination and your accomplishments. You are prepared and ready to enter the workplace and be responsible, productive citizens who contribute to our society. Congratulations! Your accomplishments are impressive!

Rev. Charlie L. Murray, Jr.
Pastor

Sis. Barbara W. McDaniel
The Christian Voice Newsletter
Editor-in-chief





Blessings Upon Your Graduation

CLASS of 2022



Look back and be proud of
what you have achieved,
Look forward and create the bright
future you so deserve.
Wishing you the best of luck
in your future endeavors!

We are so proud of you!

"FOR I KNOW *the plans*

I HAVE FOR YOU."

declares THE LORD.

"PLAN TO *prosper* YOU AND

NOT TO HARM YOU.

plans TO GIVE YOU

HOPE AND A *future*."

JEREMIAH 29:11



2022 GRADUATES

HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE/POSTGRADUATE

HIGH SCHOOL

Keory Ancrum
Frederic Brown
TyJae Carbo
Myracle Cromwell
Jai-Dyn Heyward
Tiyona Lafayette
Dezmond Lewis
Tiana Ramsey-Gathers
Peyton Roper
Imani Rivers
Dayna Williams

COLLEGE

Emily Corley
Terrylin Dais-Pasley
Toland Gathers
Haley Gumm
Jordan McDaniel
Joshua Nell
Raven Walters

POSTGRADUATE

Martin McKelvey
Rolanda Smalls
LaShana Wilder

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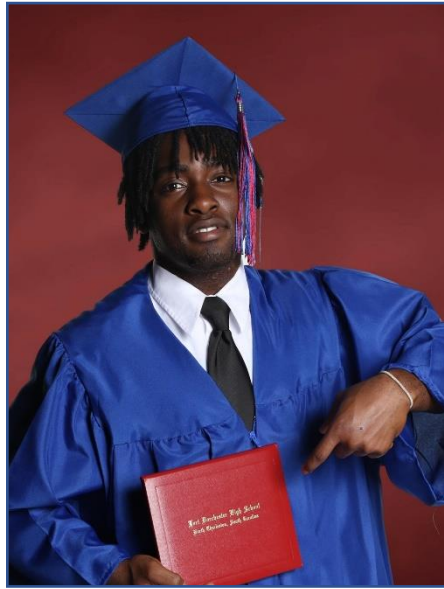
CONGRATULATIONS!



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Keory Ancrum



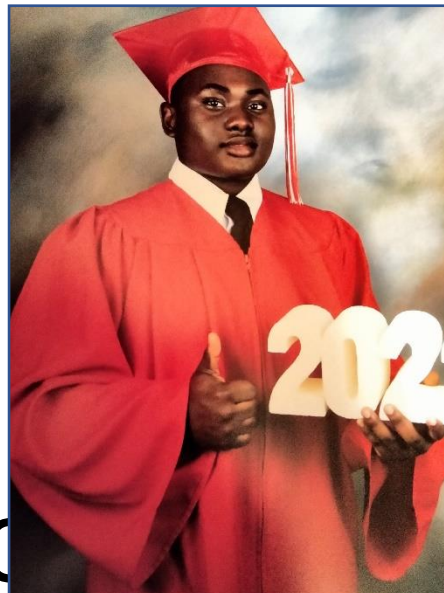
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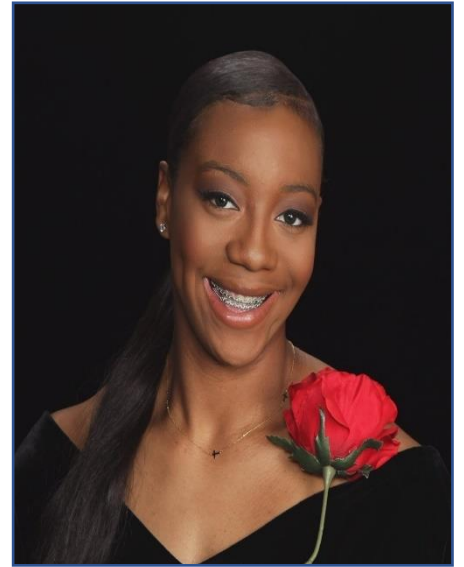
Tiyona Lafayette



Dezmond Lewis



Tiana Ramsey- Gathers



Peyton Roper



Imani Rivers



Dayna Williams



Keory Ancrum

Keory Ancrum, son of Tanya Ancrum, graduated from James Island Charter High School.

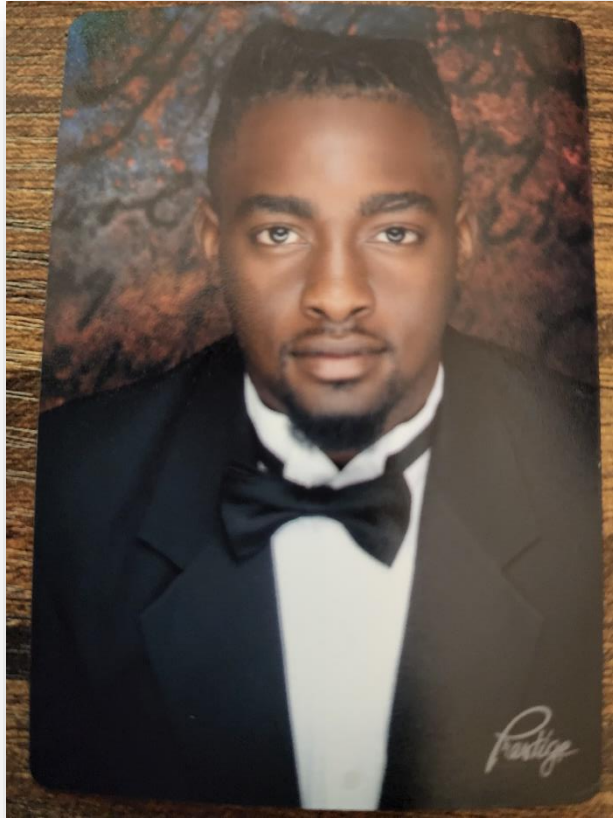
He plans to attend The Citadel in Charleston, SC in the fall of 2022 where he will major in Computer Science. He received the Omega Psi Fraternity Epsilon Nu Chapter Scholarship.

He received honors and recognition for his achievements which include a 2.82 GPA, "A/B" Honor Roll, Student of the Month, athletics: football, basketball, swimming, member of UBASA, Senior All-Star, and Palmetto Boys State graduate.

His extracurricular activities include the Youth Volunteer Corp of Charleston, a member of the Major's Youth Commission, and a member of the Youth Volunteer Corp of Charleston Advisory Board.

Keory enjoys playing video games, walking on the beach, and cutting the grass.

He participates in his church/community by attending Morning Worship.



Frederic Brown

Frederic Brown, son of Kendoni and Fredessa Brown and brother of Kendoni, II, and Jahmon, graduated from Fort Dorchester High School.

He plans to attend Newberry College in Newberry, South Carolina in the fall of 2022 where he will major in History. His career plan is to become a history teacher and a business owner. He received the Newberry Academic Scholarship.

He received honors and recognition for his achievements which include a 3.42 GPA, playing football and wrestling (National Wrestling Champion) for the school, and receiving 3 cords (Orchestra, Stem Completion, and Win Testing).

Frederic enjoys wrestling and playing the cello. His extracurricular activity includes playing football.

He participates in her church/community by attending Morning Worship, Vacation Bible School, and being a member of the Usher Ministry.



TyJae Carbo

TyJae Carbo, daughter of Claudette Aiken, graduated from James Island Charter High School.

She plans to attend the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC in the fall of 2022 where she will major in Biological Science. Her career plans include going to medical school to become a dermatologist. She received the Life Scholarship and Harris Teeter Corporate Scholarship.

She received honors and recognition for his achievements which include, a 3.955 GPA, National Honor Society, "A/B" Honor Roll, Dean's List, Senior spotlight as Student of the Week, member of Spirit Team, and member of Student Council.

TyJae enjoys skincare and fashion. Her extracurricular activities include Student Government and Teacher Cadet.

She participates in her church/community by attending Vacation Bible School, helping other students during study hall, and visiting her former elementary school to help with student learning.



Myracle Cromwell

Myracle Cromwell, daughter of Natasha Gaillard and sister of Mycah, graduated from James Island Charter High.

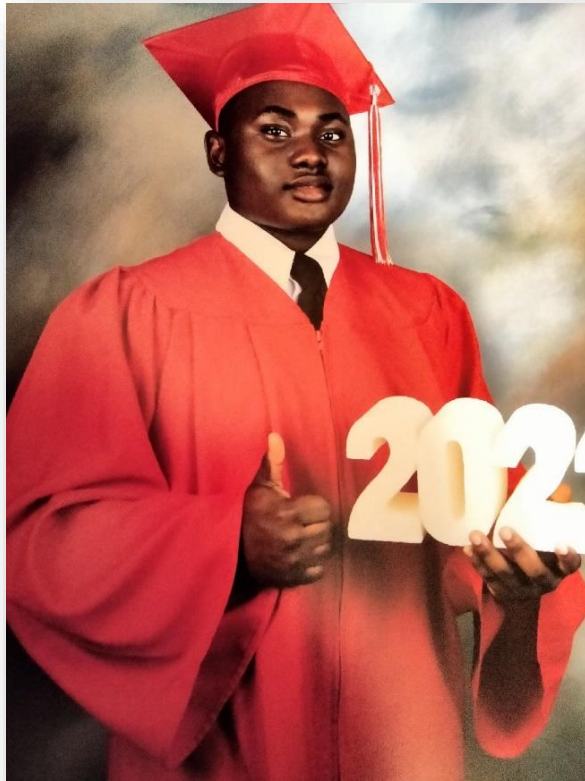
She plans to attend Newberry College in Newberry, SC the fall of 2022 where she will major in Forensic Psychology. She received the following scholarships: Newberry Academic Reverend Clemente Pinckney Readiness, Exchange Club of James Island, Marching Band, and the Hope Scholarship.

She received honors and recognition for her achievements which include a 3.5 GPA, "A" Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, Student of the Month, Rev. Clemente Pinckney Readiness Scholar, FBLA, UBASA, and Jazz Band.

She enjoys gaming and volunteering.

Her extracurricular activities include Book Club Model UN, Palmetto Girls Auxiliary, Symphonic Winds, Tri-M, and Project Lit.

She participates in her church/community by attending Vacation Bible School, member of Sister-to-Sister, member of Youth Ministry, Hospitality Ministry, Bible Trivia, Praise Dance Team, participating in competitions, and volunteering at Habitat for Humanity.



Jai-Dyn Heyward

Jai-Dyn Heyward, son of Rev. Maurice and Doreen Heyward and brother of Janaé, Janiya, and JaVon, graduated from Military Magnet Academy.

He plans to attend Trident Technical College in the fall of 2022 where he will major in Commercial and Advertising Art.

His career plans include becoming a Graphic Designer creating animated cartoons and also enlisting in the military.

He received honors and recognition for his achievements which include Perfect Attendance, Most Improved Cadet, and Achievement Award.

Jai-Dyn enjoys drawing.

He participates in his church/community by attending Vacation Bible School and is a member of the Youth Ministry.



Tiyona Lafayette

Tiyona Lafayette, daughter of Shantiqua Brown, and sister of Rhyleigh, graduated from Berkeley High School.

She plans to attend Trident Technical College in North Charleston, SC, in the fall of 2022 where he will major in Human Resources. She plans to attend Trident Tech for 2 years and then transfer to a 4-year college. Her career goal is to become a therapist (social worker).

She received honors and recognition for her achievements which include a 3.773 GPA, "A/B" Honor Roll, early graduation (at age 16), member of Chorus, performed and sang in a 4-day New York Broadway play.

Tiyona enjoys dancing, being on the phone, and driving.

Her extracurricular activity is working at David's Bridal.

She participates in his church/community by attending Morning Worship.



Dezmond Lewis

Dezmond Lewis, son of Derrick and Tamiko Lewis, and brother of Paris, graduated from James Island High School.

He plans to attend MMI (Motorcycle Mechanics Institute) in Orlando, Florida in the fall of 2022 where he will major in Mechanic/Diesel.

His career plans are to become a dirt bike mechanic and a business owner.

He received honors and recognition for his achievements which include a 4.0 GPA, Perfect Attendance, and playing football and basketball for the school.

Dezmond enjoys spending time with his family, riding dirt bikes, playing basketball, and playing video games.

He participates in her church/community by attending Morning Worship.



Tiana Ramsey-Gathers

Tiana Ramsey-Gathers, daughter of Aaron Burnham and Takeya Ramsey-Burnham, sister of Toland Gathers, Aaron Burnham, Jr., and Amir Burnham, graduated from James Island Charter High School.

She plans to attend the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC in the fall of 2022 where she will major in Criminal Justice and Social Work. She plans to pursue a career that helps missing, exploited, and disadvantaged youth. She received the following scholarships: Meeting Street Scholarship, Rev. Clemente Pinckney Scholarship, Tywanza Sanders Scholarship, Tywanza Sanders Legacy Scholarship, and Delta Sigma Theta Scholarship.

She received honors and recognition for her achievements which include a 4.856 GPA, "A" Honor Roll, National Honor Society, FBLA, Executive Board member of UBASA, Varsity Track athlete, Parliamentary Procedure State Champion, and Westchester Civic Association Community Award for Sustaining Academic Excellence.

Tiana enjoys watching movies, reading, and hanging out with friends. Her extracurricular activities include track and field.

She participates in her church/community by attending Morning Worship, and volunteering at Lowcountry Food Bank, Lowcountry Orphan Relief, Opportunity Calls Everyone, North Charleston Recreation Basketball Program, and Charleston Friends of the Library.



Peyton Roper

Peyton Roper, daughter of Nikia Roper and granddaughter of Deacon Ned Roper, Jr. and Deaconess Cynthia Roper, graduated from Judson High School in San Antonio, Texas.

She plans to attend Hastings College in Hastings, Nebraska in the fall of 2022 where she will major in Exercise Science. Her career plan is to become an athletic trainer at the professional level. She received the following scholarships: RingUNCL (\$56,000) and Women's Volleyball (\$74,400), totaling \$130,400.

She received honors and recognition for her achievements which include a 3.332 GPA, "A" Honor Roll, "A/B" Honor Roll, excelled in volleyball, softball, All-District Award for Varsity Softball, Club Volleyball won the gold medal 2022 National Volleyball Tournament (Phoenix, Arizona).

Peyton enjoys "All things volleyball" and working out in the gym. Her extracurricular activities include assisting the Club Volleyball coach in training the younger players.

She participates in her church/community by attending Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, member of Sister-to-Sister, and volunteering at San Antonio Food Bank and Judson High Youth Softball Camp.



Imani Rivers

Imani Rivers, daughter of Deacon Elijah and Deaconess Fedelia Rivers and sister of Tiana and Amara, graduated from James Island Charter High School.

She plans to attend The College of Charleston in Charleston, SC in the fall of 2022 where she will major in Graphic Design and Acting.

She received honors and recognition for her achievements which include a 3.157 GPA and participation in track at school.

Imani enjoys art and drawing.

She participates in her church/community by attending Sunday School.



Dayna Williams

Dayna Williams, daughter of James and Catina Funchess and sister of Marquis, Treg, TJ, and Jamiya, graduated from Berkeley High School.

She plans to attend the University of South Carolina Aiken in Aiken, SC in the fall of 2022 where she will major in Nursing. Her career plan is to become a Registered Nurse. She has received the following scholarships: Excellence Grant and SC Hope Scholarship.

She received honors and recognition for his achievements which include a 3.646 GPA, Certificate of Completion in Personal Literacy, Certification in Financial Literacy, and member of FBLA, basketball teams, and a member of Rec. Center football and basketball teams.

Dayna enjoys personal finance, working a part-time job, working out at the gym, and talking on the phone.

She participates in her church/community as a member of the Praise Dance Team. She also assisted with Special Needs classes during the academic year.

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Emily Alexis Corley

Emily Alexis Corley, daughter of LaShel Graham, graduated from Winthrop University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education. Her Minor was Elementary Education on May 7, 2022

She achieved honors and recognition which include a 3.4 GPA., Dean's List, Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi-National Honey Society, National Honor Society in Education, member of SC Education Association, National Education Association, and SOAR (Serving Others and Reflecting).

Her career plan is to become an Early Childhood teacher.

Emily "Alexis" enjoys traveling, cooking, and reading. Her extracurricular activities include being a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and Collegiate Curls.

She is active in her church/community. She attends Morning Worship. She also tutored students while collecting and packing toiletries for the local shelter.



Terrylin Dais-Pasley

Terrylin Dais-Palsey, mother of Julana and A’Kahla, graduated from Thomas Edison State University with a Bachelor of Liberal Arts Degree on June 10, 2022.

She achieved honors and recognition which include a 2.7 GPA, Dean’s List, and a member of the Community Service Organization. (Champions For Change) which assisted homeless women in the community.

Her career plan is to pursue a master’s degree in management with a focus on community and economic development

Terrilyn’s interests/hobbies are entrepreneurship, community service, and business ownership.

She is active in her church/community. She is a member of the Circle of 7 Prayer Group, Order of Eastern Star, and Order of Golden Circle.



Toland Gathers

Toland Gathers, son of Takeya Ramsey-Burnham and Aaron Burnham and brother of Tiana Ramsey-Gathers, Aaron Burnham, Jr., and Amir Burnham, graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Statistics on December 13, 2021. His Minor was in Sports and Entertainment Management.

He achieved honors and recognition which include a 2.813 GPA. His career plan is to become a Data Analyst.

He is currently working in Retail Sales in Columbia, SC.

Toland enjoys watching sports, hanging out with friends and family, working out, reading, helping others, and researching information.

He is active in his church/community. He attends Morning Worship.



Haley Gumm

Haley Gumm, daughter of Cedric Gumm, and granddaughter of Brenda Carey, graduated from the University of Louisville with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Pre-med/Exercise Science on May 14, 2022.

She achieved honors and recognition which include a 3.89 GPA, Summa Cum Laude, President's List, Dean's List, Honor Society, University of Louisville tour guide, Student Government Vice President, Chi Omega Sorority, President of CARD GOT TALENT (managed a \$250,000.00 budget), arranged entertainment for the University of Louisville students/and social activities even during COVID-19 restrictions.

Her career plan includes going to Med school in the summer of 2023 with hopes of becoming a Family Medicine/Sports Medicine Physician. She will travel to Europe and Australia in the summer. Her ultimate goal is to provide care to families and sports teams.

Haley enjoys reading, cooking, and water sports.

She is active in her community. She was a student mentor, received SGA Award, and worked in a local sports medicine clinic for a semester.



Jordan McDaniel

Jordan McDaniel, son of Jerome and Karen McDaniel, and brother of Candace, graduated from North Carolina A&T State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sports Management on May 14, 2022.

He achieved honors and recognition which includes a 3.10 GPA, Dean's List, football, two times HBCU football national champions, North Carolina & T student-athlete leader, assisted in marketing, operations, and external affairs under the athletic administration dept. at North Carolina A & T.

His career plan is to pursue a career in Athletic Administration and attend graduate school to obtain his master's degree.

Jordan enjoys sports, fitness, wellness, and nutrition.

He is active in his church/community. He attends church when he is in town and participated virtually when away in college, attended Sunday School, was a former member of the MIMES, Youth Ministry, the Brotherhood, and volunteered at Habitat for Humanity.



Joshua Nell

Joshua Nell, son of Keith and Denna Nell, and brother of Cameron, graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering and Computing on May 7, 2022.

He achieved honors and recognition which includes a 3.388 GPA.

Currently, he is employed by an engineering firm in Mt. Pleasant. Later, he will pursue his master's degree.



Raven Walters

Raven Walters, daughter of Deacon Stuart, Sr., and Deaconess Rhonda Walters, and sister of Stuart, Jr., and Allen, graduated from the University of South Carolina in Columbia with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology on May 7, 2022. She minored in African American Studies.

She achieved honors and recognition which include a 3.447 GPA, Dean's List, excelled student graduate in the African American Studies Program, president of SAVVY, vice president of the Black Medical Student Association, MCH Leap Student Trainee, member of Association of African American Students, Office of Multicultural Student Affairs' MAPP Mentor Program, and performed poetry in Back to Black event hosted every February for the celebration of Black students on USC's campus.

Her career plan includes attending the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill to obtain her Master of Public Health. She says that "What comes next will be the plans God has written for me."

Raven's interests/hobbies are maternal and child health and community service.

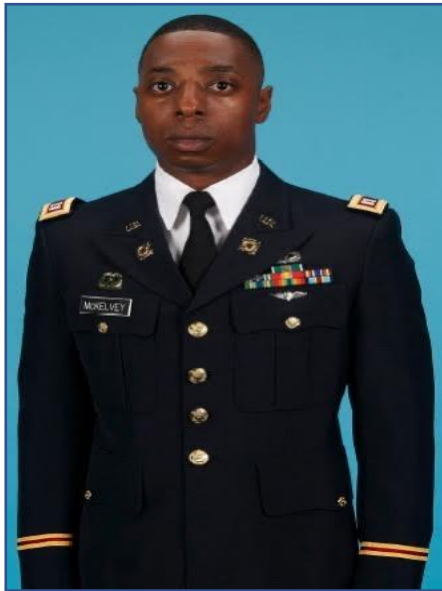
She is active in her church/community. She attends Morning Worship when she is home from college and virtually services when away at school. During college, she performed community service through Prisma Health's NICU, tutoring services during the height of COVID, volunteered with the Boys and Girls Club, participated in USC's service Saturdays, and volunteered with The Loftus Alliance, a nonprofit that fights for justice of impregnated women in Columbia's correctional facilities and much more.

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Martin McKelvey

Martin McKelvey, spouse of Shantel McKelvey, son of Anthony and Leomy McKelvey, and brother of Laura Holmes and Anthony Washington, graduated with honors from Webster University with a Master of Arts in Procurement and Acquisitions Management on December 18, 2021.

He achieved honors and recognition which include a 4.0 GPA, Summa Cum Laude, and a member of the Delta Mu Delta Honor Society.

Martin is a Captain in the US Army. He and his wife are expecting their first child.



Rolanda Smalls

Rolanda Smalls, daughter of Nathaniel, Jr. and Sherry Smalls, and sister of Quinton, Nathaniel, III, Leronda, Peyton, and Pagelyn, graduated from Charleston Southern University with a Master of Business Administration-Healthcare Management Degree on May 7, 2022.

Her career plans include Healthcare Management.

She achieved honors and recognition which include a 3.75 GPA., Dr. Jairy C. Hunter, Jr. Endowed Scholarship (donated by President Emeritus, Dr. Jairy C. Hunter, Jr. is awarded to students that are recommended by the Dean of the School of Business and the Director of the MBA program)

Rolanda enjoys sports, music, and movies.

She is active in her church/community by attending Morning Worship and Bible Study, and actively volunteers for Habit for Humanity and Water Mission.



LaShana Wilder

LaShana Wilder, mother of Khalil Smalls, daughter of John Henry and Barbara Wilder, graduated from the University of Virginia-Lynchburg with a Doctor of Medical Sciences Degree on May 23, 2022. Her minor was Concentration in Urgent Care Medicine.

Her career plan is to continue to practice medicine in Charleston, SC with hopes to organize, develop, and run a community program that assists survivors of trauma while providing them with medical mental health services.

She has achieved honors and recognition which include a 4.0 GPA (maintained in every class since the start of the doctoral program), Magna Cum Laude, Highest Honor Graduate, and author of "Healthcare Disparities: Increasing the Divide" which was published in Lynchburg Journal of Medical Science December 2021, was recognized for a distinction in medical practice, education, research, and healthcare management with a medical article published, a fellow of the American Academy of Physician Assistants, and has a commitment to life-long learning and community service,

LaShana enjoys fashion design and entrepreneurship.

She is active in her church/community by attending Morning Worship a member of the Praise Team, and Young Adult Choir, an active member of the Charleston Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and is a member of the School Improvement Council at James Island Elementary School.

Keep On
Graduation is
a successful ending
and an exciting beginning.
If you keep on learning,
keep on dreaming,
keep on doing,
you'll travel
toward your goals
until you get there.
Keep up the good work.
You can do it!

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