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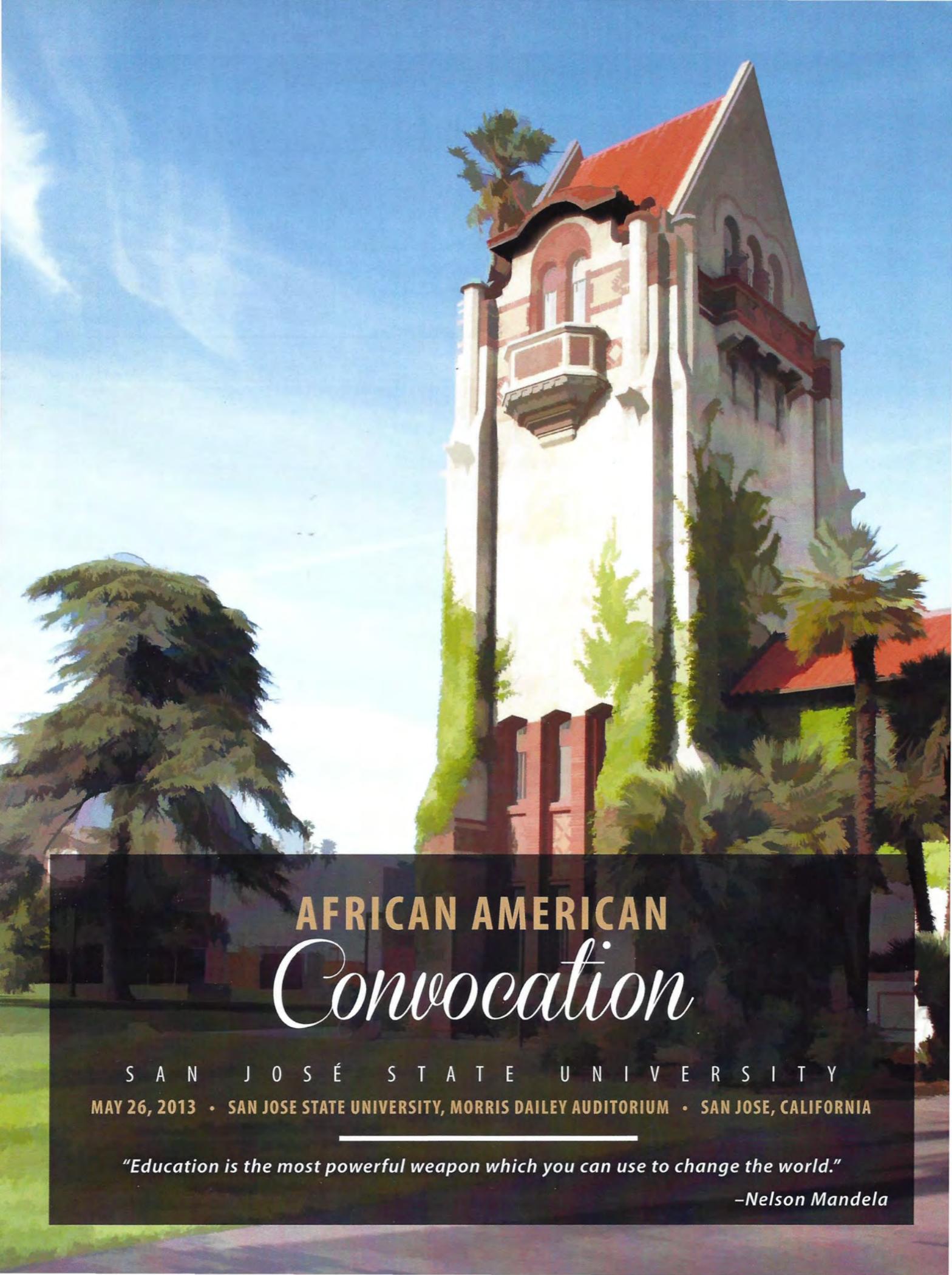
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LIVING THE LEGACY

"we've got the responsibility to live up to the legacy of those who came before us by doing all that we can to help those who come after us"

First Lady Michelle Obama

Featuring
LAMAR THORPE
KEYNOTE SPEAKER



AFRICAN AMERICAN
Convocation

S A N J O S É S T A T E U N I V E R S I T Y

MAY 26, 2013 • SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY, MORRIS DAILEY AUDITORIUM • SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

—Nelson Mandela

Order of Ceremony

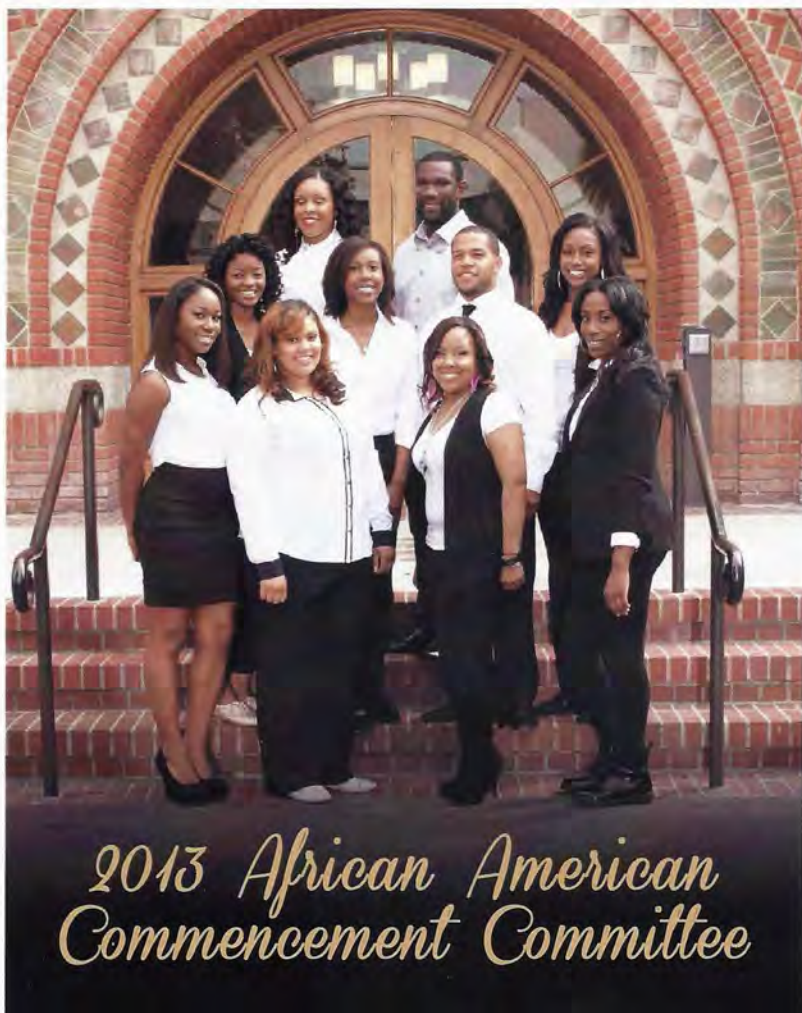
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Invocation.....	Daleta Robinson
Introduction of Gospel Choir.....	Rashad Clover
Musical Selection: Negro National Anthem.....	SJSU Gospel Choir
Welcome.....	Camyl Anderson
Faculty Welcome.....	Dr. Art King
Introduction of Student Performer.....	Danielle Greene
Student Performance.....	Brandon Leon
Introduction of the Student Speakers.....	Desne James & Amir Porter
Student Speakers.....	Bethale Haileleul & Alex Johnson III, 2013 Graduates
Introduction of Student Performer.....	Emerald Green
Student Performance.....	Patrick Anthony
Introduction of Keynote Speaker.....	Brittany Broderick
Keynote Speaker.....	Lamar Thorpe
Presentation of Student Awards.....	Felicia McKee & Joy Vickers
Introduction of Fraternal Unity Step.....	Felicia McKee
Fraternal Unity Step.....	Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Inc., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., & Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc
Presentation of Graduating Class.....	Felicia McKee & Joy Vickers
Introduce Alumni Speaker.....	Monique Henderson
Alumni Speaker.....	Wanda Hendrix
Closing Remarks.....	Emerald Green
Turning of Tassels.....	

Recessional



A MESSAGE FROM THE *African American Commencement Committee*



Dear Family, Friends, Supporters and Loved ones,

We would first like to start by giving thanks for all the love, support, encouragement and financial contributions you all have imparted on us throughout the years. This journey of academic success would not have been achievable without you. As we depart from our academic endeavors at San Jose State University, and move forward with the next stage in life, we would like to recognize your blessings and impact in our lives.

During the 31st African American Commencement, we are honoring the students who have accomplished their goals in education and committed themselves to being important members of the San Jose State University student body.

We would like to show gratitude to our sponsors for their bountiful donations and contributions to the graduates as well as today's ceremony.

Lastly, let's take a moment to acknowledge all those who assisted on the planning committee to make this ceremony a success. Wonderful job committee!

Congrats 2013 Graduates!

The greatest accomplishment is not in never falling, but in rising again after you fall. Obstacles and barriers did not stop you, you persevered. WE DID IT!

Sincerely,
2013 African American Commencement Committee

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Congratulations on your Graduation!

I am proud and honored to celebrate your success with you.

Your graduation celebrates a milestone. It is the end of one journey and the beginning of a new one. Graduating is not only the culmination of your college career, but also the beginning of your life as alumni of San José State University.

You have toiled hard for several years, both within and outside the classroom, gaining experiences and life skills that will help you succeed in the world. You, as well as your family and friends, should be proud of the accomplishments and contributions that you have made as students at San José State University.

Your opportunities will be as varied as your interests, but the one thing that all of you will have in common is the chance to make a difference in society. Today, you join the ranks of leaders and professionals who have graduated from this institution and have become a part of its history. Like them, your role will be to help shape our society's development.

Education is a life-long process, and I wish you well as you continue your intellectual accomplishments and personal growth. San José State University is proud of you. And today, you can be proud to call yourself Spartan alumni.

Mohammad H. Qayoumi
President



AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

2013 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Lamar Thorpe

Lamar Thorpe is the Director of Development for the Connie L. Lurie College of Education (LCOE) at San Jose State University (SJSU). In his role, Lamar leads the College's \$19-million campaign as part SJSU's \$200-million Acceleration Campaign. In addition, Lamar oversees the College's public relations and serves as a special advisor to the dean. In addition to being a higher education administrator, Lamar has also served as a public school teacher.

Lamar is a proud and decorated United States Navy veteran. The Navy introduced Lamar to diverse cultures as he traveled to countries such as East Timor, the Philippines, China, Japan, and South Korea. He earned several medals, including the Global War on Terrorism Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal for his

service in the Global War on Terror following the attacks of September 11, 2001.

In 2004, Lamar was accepted to The George Washington University (GW) in Washington, DC. While at GW, he continued his military service at the Washington Navy Yard. He also chose to double major in Sociology and Women's Studies and, became active in several student organizations. In 2006, Lamar was elected President of the George Washington University Student Association, representing a diverse constituency of more than 20,000 professional, law, medical, graduate and undergraduate students from around the world.

In 2007, Lamar graduated and was selected from a large pool of highly accomplished graduating scholars as one of eight Presidential Administrative Fellows at the GW. He concurrently worked towards his Master of Arts degree in Women's Studies and was elected President of the GW Black Graduate Student Association.

As part of his fellowship, he was appointed to be at the forefront of university development, raising over a million dollars annually in leadership annual gifts. In his roles, Lamar also managed the Luther Rice Society, GW's oldest and now largest giving society; founded the GW African American Alumni Advisory Board for philanthropic priorities; and traveled the country on behalf of the University. In 2009, he earned his Master of Arts degree in Women's Studies focusing on women's global migration, domestic work and incarceration.

After seven years in the DC area, Lamar decided to run for Maryland State Delegate in 2010 but was unsuccessful in his bid. Currently, Lamar serves on the Antioch Economic Development Commission and as a Delegate to the California Democratic Party, representing Assembly District 11.

Class of 2013 Graduates

OSA AIGBUZA
BACHELORS OF SCIENCES



Major: Business Marketing
Minor: Kinesiology

Plans after Graduation: Post graduation I will continue to weigh my options of job offers received with aspirations of being admitted into a law school program.

Future Aspirations: Ultimately, I plan to pursue the career of a Sports Agent for the National Football League.

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." - MLK

Major: African American Studies

Plans after Graduation: Attend graduate program for Physician Assistant Practice

Future Aspirations: Work as a physician assistant in either pediatric care or HIV research and prevention

*Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.
There's no limit to what you can do.*

JOILYN CAMYL ANDERSON
BACHELORS OF ARTS



Class of 2013 Graduates

KARISA BRECKENRIDGE
BACHELORS OF ARTS



Major: Psychology

Plans after Graduation: I plan to attend Graduate school to obtain a masters degree in Psychology

Future Aspirations: I want to become a counselor for adolescents/troubled youth. I want to become a professor at a university. My goal is to change lives and inspire people to be the best they can be

"Don't ever let someone tell you that you can't do something. Not even me. You got a dream, you gotta protect it. when people can't do something themselves they're gonna tell you that you can't do it. you want something, go get it. Period." —Will Smith

Major: Health Science
Minor: Child and Adolescent Development

Plans after Graduation: After graduation, I plan to attend Graduate school to become a Nurse Practitioner. I would also like to do a lot of traveling.

Future Aspirations: Become a pediatric nurse practitioner in a Hospital.

You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it. —Maya Angelou

Be encouraged, because with Christ failing isn't an option. "Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall" Psalms 55:22

BRITTANY BRODERICK
BACHELORS OF SCIENCES



Class of 2013 Graduates

BREANNA BROOKS
BACHELORS OF ARTS



Major: Child and Adolescent Development

Plans after Graduation: After graduation I plan to continue interning at Juvenile Hall, while looking forward to entering a Master's program studying Justice Studies and or Public Policy.

Future Aspirations: I aspire to become a Juvenile Probation Officer, and partner with nonprofit organizations and programs who provide support and outreach to troubled and at risk youths.

"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed" -Booker T. Washington

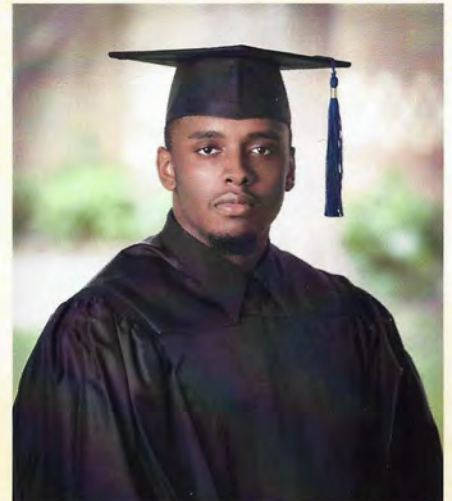
Major: Kinesiology- Sports Medicine

Plans after Graduation: Grad School

Future Aspirations: Strive to become a athletic director of a major professional team.

"Strive for success because your the master of your fate and the captain of your soul"

KEENAN BROWN
BACHELORS OF SCIENCES



Class of 2013 Graduates

LAUREN BURRUS-FIKES BACHELORS OF ARTS



Major: Political Science
Minor: Justice Studies & African American Studies

Plans after Graduation: Upon graduation, I will begin to study for the LSAT: with plans to take the exam in the fall. Once this is complete I will embark on my journey to apply to Law School.

Future Aspirations: My future aspirations are to become a criminal defense lawyer. My hopes are to become a public defender where I can be the voice for those who can not afford one.

"Trust in the lord with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your path straight" —Proverbs 3:5-10

Major: Business Administration Marketing

Plans after Graduation: After Graduation, I plan to attend Graduate school to obtain my Masters in Business Management.

Future Aspirations: I would like to work for a billion dollar corporation and manage the Marketing Department.

"Faith is a living and unshakable confidence, a belief in God so assured that a man would die a thousand deaths for its sake." -- Martin Luther

DESHAWN RENEE BUTLER BACHELORS OF SCIENCES



Class of 2013 Graduates

CHRISTIAN CARL CEASER
BACHELORS OF ARTS



Major: Journalism-Broadcast
Minor: Global Leadership & Innovation

Plans after Graduation: I will work in the media field and climb the ladder until I am able to pay for film school. After enrollment, I will be on a mission to win a plethora of Academy Awards and Oscars. Stay tuned...

Future Aspirations: I aspire to own a film company, television network, and publishing company. To give back, I will create an education tracking program that will pair inner-city kids with mentors.

"Apply yourself to supply your wealth, the only limitations you'll ever have are those you place on yourself."

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Plans after Graduation: Continue to acquire the experience necessary to reach future aspirations and dream of working in Japan. Also, looking forward to spending time with my family.

Future Aspirations: To continue a passion in aviation and aerospace sciences by pursuing a Master's degree in Aerospace Engineering. I would also like to pursue a career in designing fuel efficient aircraft for an international company.

"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I, took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." - Robert Frost

"Your mind is the mountain before you." - August Burns Red

LILLIAN CHILDS
BACHELORS OF SCIENCES



Class of 2013 Graduates

GLORIA CHUKWUEKE
BACHELORS OF ARTS



Major: Communications Studies
Minor: Legal Studies

Plans after Graduation: Enjoy my summer and continue working in my career field, working at the state capitol in Sacramento, CA with the State Assembly and Legislation

Future Aspirations: To become a successful lawyer with a concentration in Civil Law or Juvenile Advocacy, and start non-profit organization for foster youths.

"It only takes a minute to make a decision that will change the rest of your life, but it will take a lifetime to determine if that decision was the right one."

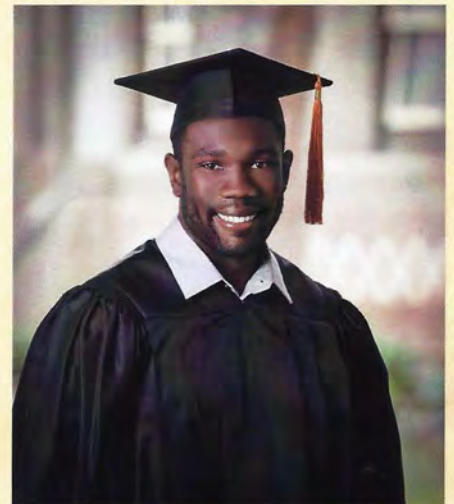
Major: Civil Engineering

Plans after Graduation: Find a job in the field of Civil Engineering to pay off student loans ASAP

Future Aspirations: I would like to obtain my professional Engineer license and eventually become head city engineer for a local city. I also aspire to represent my country in the sport of rugby.

"No matter what you do in life, always leave a lasting impression by letting your hard work and commitment speak louder than your words. There should be no doubt in anyones mind that you deserve all that life has to offer."

RASHAD ADAM CLOVER
BACHELORS OF SCIENCES



Class of 2013 Graduates

ANGELIQUE M. DOUGLAS
BACHELORS OF SCIENCES



Major: Health Science
Minor: Child and Adolescent Development

Plans after Graduation: Attend Graduate School

Future Aspirations: To become a Registered Nurse, or Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

"With men this is possible, but with God all things are possible" Matthew 19:26

Major: Psychology
Minor: Child and Adolescent Development

Plans after Graduation: I will be taking a year off to acquire much needed field experience, hopefully as a bubble behavioral therapist or intern at a medical hospital in the Psych Dept. Gaining the experience will put me in a better qualified position when I apply for the PhD counseling program at Stanford University in fall 2014

Future Aspirations: My plan is to work my way up to becoming the lead psychologist at a hospital as a first to aid for incoming psychology patients, in which I will help them cope with traumatic life changes of past experiences. It is through this work that I hope to play my part in effectively changing the world one individual at a time.

"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream, not only plan, but also believe". —Anatole France

JACALYN DEMETRIA FLAGG
BACHELORS OF SCIENCES



Class of 2013 Graduates

JESSICA GIPSON
BACHELORS OF ARTS



Major: Psychology

Plans after Graduation: I will be earning my Doctor of Psychology (Psy. D.) in clinical psychology at the Adler School of Professional Psychology, in Chicago, IL.

Future Aspirations: I plan to have a career in Forensic Psychology working for the FBI

"be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is Gods will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not put out the spirits fire; do not treat prophecies with contempt. Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil." - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22

"Don't shrink your dreams. Super-size your courage and abilities" — Karen Salmansohn

Major: Justice Studies

Plans after Graduation: Continue in the legal field as a family law paralegal.

Future Aspirations: To attend law school and become a non-profit lawyer helping disadvantaged populations.

Quote for the class of 2013: "When someone tells you, 'you can't do it'... 'tell them... PLEASE!'

VANESSA GORDON
BACHELORS OF SCIENCES



Class of 2013 Graduates

EMERALD SENSALL GREEN BACHELORS OF ARTS



Major: Child and Adolescent Development

Plans after Graduation: My plans are to make money to support myself and to continue my education.

Future Aspirations: I aspire to be a pediatric nurse and to spend my life advocating for the welfare of children nationwide. I also aspire to be a female entrepreneur and own my own chain of businesses.

"Love yourself. Follow your heart. Be you."

Major: Business Marketing
Minor: Photojournalism

Plans after Graduation: Travel! I've been working non-stop in school and work for so many years. Now is my time to see the world, spread my wings and experience all the wonders I've been waiting so long for.

Future Aspirations: I would like to get into a career that uses my photojournalism skills to help market products or spread awareness about institutions that contribute to the community. Wherever God leads me, that's what I'll do.

"Don't allow your learning to end once school does. Keep that motivation to learn, to grow, to thrive, to broaden your understanding. You have come this far; there is no stopping you now. Rock on, and don't let anyone stand in your way!"

DANIELLE DIANNA GREENE BACHELORS OF SCIENCES



Class of 2013 Graduates

LAUREN OLIVIA HAILEY
BACHELORS OF SCIENCES



Major: Journalism, Emphasis in Magazine

Plans After Graduation: Work, work, and work, write, write, write, get my work noticed by the best in the business, and get my work noticed by the right people.

Future Aspirations: Write for magazines, be editor-in-chief of my own, and be able to provide for my family in every way possible. I want to be one of the top journalists, ever.

"You can do anything, you can do everything, you will do it well."

Major: Health Science-Administration

Plans After Graduation: To obtain hands on experience in my respective field before enrollment into a graduate program.

Future Aspirations: I hope to one day plan, direct, and coordinate health services in a respected organization

"When the mind and the heart are in agreement. The prosperity of your actions are endless"

BETHALE HAILELEUL
BACHELORS OF SCIENCES



Class of 2013 Graduates

TYRESIA HARGROVE
BACHELORS OF ARTS



Major: Journalism
Minor: Magazine (concentration)

Plans After Graduation: I want to go into internal communication

Future Aspirations: I want to write a book

"This is a dedication to all the people who said I couldn't do this because of my circumstance. But I'm here and I did it and there is no looking back from here. I came from nothing but now I have everything"

Major: Art/Studio Practice (photography emphasis)
Minor: Graphic Design

Plans After Graduation: I plan to work on the growth of my photography business, while gaining experience working for different photography companies.

Future Aspirations: I aspire to own a portrait studio where I'll have the opportunity to photograph the essence of life's beautiful expressions.

"I can spend my whole life chasing a dream, or I can let a dream catch me"

MONIQUE HENDERSON
BACHELORS OF ARTS



Class of 2013 Graduates

CHRISTINA NICOLE IRVING
BACHELORS OF ARTS



Major: Sociology- Community Change

Plans After Graduation: Over the next year I would like to start some internships to get some experience under belt and apply what I have learned over the last 5 years.

Future Aspirations: I plan to go back to graduate school for Fall 2014, where I will obtain a Master's in Public Administration. I then plan to use that degree to become a Political Scientist.

"When we are motivated by goals that have deep meaning, by dreams that need completion, by pure love that needs expressing, then we truly live life." - Greg Anderson

Major: Mechanical Engineering
Minor: Mechanical Design

Plans After Graduation: I would like to work for a Space systems company or defense company and find a niche. Then save up enough money to teach until retirement.

Future Aspirations: I would like to teach math and science to underrepresented young kids to keep them interested in those fields so that society can never tell them they aren't as capable as anyone else.

"Don't let others dictate to you what you are capable of, that is a decision only you can make for yourself."

SIMONE ROCHELLE JACKSON
BACHELORS OF SCIENCES



Class of 2013 Graduates

DESNE JAMES
BACHELORS OF ARTS



Major: Psychology
Minor: African American Studies

Plans After Graduation: My post-Graduation plans is attending Graduate school in the field of social work and work with a non-profit organization that deals with at-risk youth

Future Aspirations: After obtaining my Masters Degree, I would like to work on getting my license to be a clinical social worker. I will then start my own non-profit organization that caters to youth and begin working in therapy.

"be the kind of women that when your feet hit the floor each morning, the devil says, 'oh crap, she's up.' Life is too short to wake up with regrets. So love the people who treat you right. Love the ones who don't just because you can. Believe everything happens for a reason. If you get a second chance, grab it with both hands. If it changes your life... let it. kiss slowly. Forgive quickly. God never said life would be easy. He promised it would be worth it." -Anonymous

Major: Creative Arts
Minor: (Double) Communication Studies, *Concentration: Information Age & Creative Writing*

Plans After Graduation: My post-graduation plans, first and foremost, are to be led by and listen to God's direction for this next chapter. In preparation for Masters/Graduate study programs I am looking for employment and/or internships to gain field experience in the nonprofit/public sector. I will be studying for the GRE, but also the CBEST in order to become a substitute teacher developing the background and skill set needed to be a conscious advocate for improving education and closing the literacy and digital divides.

Future Aspirations: I believe wholeheartedly that "what we are, is God's gift to us, what we become is our gift to God" (-Eleanor Powell). I am striving towards "my" life's work being a reflection of this belief. I aspire to go to grad school for three programs: MA in Cultural and Literary Studies, MFA in Fine Arts/Writing with a Social Purpose, and Masters in Nonprofit Leadership/Administration/Management. I aspire to study abroad in different countries (probably predominantly Spanish-speaking) and volunteer through organizations like AIESEC. I aspire to start nonprofit organizations that continue to lift up and inspire the art world for anyone with an interest; that are driven by peer-student mentorship; and promote literacy and closing the literacy and digital divides. I aspire to be a part of starting a family business and/or book press writing stories of the journeys of and with my loved ones.

"If the mountain was smooth then how could we climb it?" - Delisa Ansah

JULEANE JOHNSON
BACHELORS OF ARTS



Class of 2013 Graduates

ALEX M. JOHNSON III
BACHELORS OF SCIENCES



Major: Corporate Finance Management

Plans After Graduation: Transaction Services Advisory Associate for KPMG

Future Aspirations: To own my own consulting firm and non-profit to provide financial education to low income families

"Everyone wants heaven, but no one wants death, Sacrifice."

Major: Psychology
Minor: Theatre

Plans After Graduation: I plan to work and apply for grad school in the next two years

Future Aspirations: I aspire to one day start My only child development centers and summer camps throughout the East Bay

*I can do all things through Christ who has strengthened me Phillipians 4:13
Without Struggle there is no progress. -Frederick Douglass*

JENIFER JONES
BACHELORS OF ARTS



Class of 2013 Graduates

ANGELA MARY LACY
BACHELORS OF ARTS



Major: Psychology

Plans After Graduation: I plan to go to graduate school to obtain my Masters in Social Work.

Future Aspirations: To become a guidance counselor

"Angie Bee, be who you wanna be" My mother drilled this in my head when I was younger

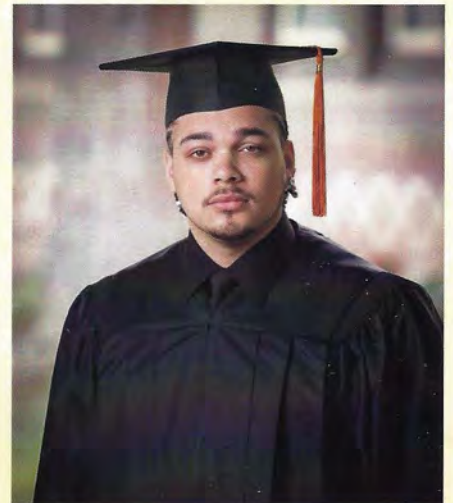
Major: Design Studies
Minor: Art History & Visual Culture

Plans After Graduation: Right after College, I plan on taking a nosedive into the music industry and continuing to chase my dreams as a full time recording artist. I plan on expanding my network and stopping at nothing to make sure I turn all my dreams into reality. I will be sure to utilize my degree of Design Studies to make sure all my marketing designs are up to par with industry standards that I studied in college.

Future Aspirations: My Future Aspirations will one day come true. These aspirations consist of landing a major record deal, becoming an icon in the music industry, and living successfully off of my musical talents. I will take all that I have learned in school and apply it to the real world. Since graphic design is intertwined with the music industry marketing (business cards, flyers, banners, posters, and album covers) I will now have a professional point of view of how I want my stuff marketed as well as the artist I manage. My vision of finally being appreciated for my musical talents and achievements will soon be here, all successful endeavors begin with a vision. A clear vision of what one hopes to accomplish is paramount for success. Don't forget the name Young Soulja The Realest because you will one day see it in lights.

"You can dream about success, but working for it is what counts, and that's just what we did!"

BRANDON LEON
BACHELORS



Class of 2013 Graduates

KAYLA LIVINGSTON
BACHELORS OF ARTS



Major: Hospitality Event Management

Plans After Graduation: Travel; Work in the industry

Future Aspirations: To own a catering, club, restaurant, or all 3.

"Live the life you wanna live!"

Major: Child and Adolescent Development
Minor: Spanish

Plans After Graduation: Teach for America, Be a mentor for disadvantaged or at risk girls.

Future Aspirations: To be a model, be a teacher, open up my own Day Care Center, open my own non-profit organization for at risk youth

"Never take life for granted because the next day is not guaranteed"

LA'RRYE MCINTYRE
BACHELORS



Class of 2013 Graduates

ALICIA MOORE
BACHELORS OF ARTS



Major: Public Relations
Minor: Communications

Plans After Graduation: After graduation I plan to hunt for a career I have love and passion for. I have a strong passion to work in the television industry so that will be my focus while job hunting

Future Aspirations: To become a successful news anchor, and eventually become the next Oprah

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. - Philippians 4:13

Major: Business Administration Concentration in Management
Information Systems; Communication Studies

Plans after Graduation: I will be working for the federal Government in Cyber Security

Future Aspirations: My future aspirations are to own ".com" businesses around silicon Valley and become an entrepreneur. I will also go further in education to obtain a graduate degree.

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character- that is the goal of true education" -Dr. Martin Luther King

NNAMDI NDUBISI NWAIGWE
BACHELORS OF SCIENCE & ARTS



Class of 2013 Graduates

BABATUNDE ONADELE JR.
BACHELORS OF SCIENCES



Major: Civil Engineering

Plans After Graduation: Marrying my high school sweetheart June 1st, and will be working full time with Blach Construction as a Project Engineer.

Future Aspirations: To own part of an engineering firm and create a culture where African American students matriculate at a steady rate into the STEM fields.

"Never let anyone devalue your life work, but remember you work to live, not live to work"

Major: Justice studies
Minor: Child Development

Future Aspirations: Work with the youth, show them that anything is possible if you put your mind to it and stay focus, strong and positive. You can overcome anything with the right positive support.

"Congratulations class of 2013, succeed in everything you do, we are the future."

SHMAYA PIPKINS
BACHELORS OF SCIENCES



Class of 2013 Graduates

BRIANA PLUMBOY
BACHELORS OF ARTS



Major: Sociology
Minor: Child and Adolescent Development

Plans After Graduation: To take care of my son, attend cosmetology school, and continue working

Future Aspirations: To open an organization

"Thank God for everything. Do your best in life and strive. We graduated and many people do not reach the accomplishment we have. Always be grateful for life, love people, and laugh often. Congratulations class of 2013, We Did It! Thank you mom and family for pushing me."

Major: Electric Engineering

Plans After Graduation: I Plan to take a semester off from school to study for my Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) exam and the GRE. I also plan to find a job working full-time in the telecom industry, and get accepted to the Electrical Engineering graduate program at SJSU in Fall 2014.

Future Aspirations: Professionally, I hope to be an executive in a telecommunications company. Personally, I want to start a family by the age of 29.

"Excuses are monuments of nothing, that build bridges to nowhere, those who use these tools of incompetence are masters of nothing themselves" - Excuses

AMIR PORTER
BACHELORS OF SCIENCES



Class of 2013 Graduates

DALETA ROBINSON
BACHELORS OF SCIENCES



Major: Psychology Concentration: Forensics
Minor: African-American studies

Plans After Graduation: I plan to study for the LSAT this summer and passing it fall 2013. Also, get my real estate license with hopes of becoming an agent, selling a multi-million dollar home, and using that to pay for Law School. Now will this all happen as planned? I'll pray on it :)

Future Aspirations: So many people focus on becoming successful that they forget the paramount goal at hand-giving back! I aspire to be the voice of change in my community. I intend to love unconditionally, support my family in all aspects, and continue to be a role model for my nieces, nephews, and cousins. I know that with my faith, hard-work, and dedication God will direct me exactly where I need to be. "I ain't got no worries"

*"For I know the plans that I have for you declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."
- Jeremiah 29:11, Congrats class of 2013!!*

Major: Sociology

Future Aspirations: After graduation, I plan to spend as much time as I can with my family before returning to San Jose State to earn my DSW degree.

Future Aspirations: My aspiration is to become a clinical social worker who will focus on helping people increase their connection with others and their environment and advocating for the social environment to be more responsive to people in need.

"Show by your good life that your work are done with gentleness born of wisdom" James 3:13

NENAH REED
BACHELORS OF ARTS



Class of 2013 Graduates

JOCKLEEN RYLES
BACHELORS OF ARTS



Major: Theatre Arts

Plans After Graduation: I plan to find a job in theatre and/or film industry.

Future Aspirations: To be one of the most successful African American female actresses along with writing films. Later, I will develop a program focusing on the studies of theatre and film arts for under privileged kids.

*If you think you are beaten, you are,
If you think you dare not, you don't
If you like to win, but you think you can't,
It is almost certain you won't.
"If you think you'll lose, you're lost
For out of the world we find,
Success begins with a fellow's will—
It's all in the state of mind.
"If you think you are outclassed, you are,
You've got to think high to rise,
You've got to be sure of yourself before
You can ever win a prize.
"Life's battles don't always go
To the stronger or faster man,
But soon or late the man who wins
Is the man WHO THINKS HE CAN!"*

-Napoleon Hill.

Major: Psychology

Plans After Graduation: Graduate school for either a Masters or a Doctorate

Future Aspirations: To become a psychiatrist

"The fireworks begin today. each diploma is a lighted match. Each one of you is a fuse" —Edward Koch

AMBER STEWART
BACHELORS OF SCIENCES



Class of 2013 Graduates

TASHIA TAYLOR
BACHELORS OF SCIENCES



Major: Public relations
Minor: Business

Plans After Graduation: To obtain a position that will allow me to fully utilize my skills in event planning.

Future Aspirations: To become a successful public relations agent in event planning, while still continuing to perfect my craft

*It's the reach of my arms
The span of my hips
the stride of my step
the curl of my lips
I am a woman, phenomenally
Phenomenal Woman,
That's me.
-Maya Angelou*

Major: Public Relations
Minor: Communication Studies

Plans After Graduation: Working fulltime and living life freely

Future Aspirations: To own my own public relations agency and inspire as many people as I possibly can

"Be the change you wish to seek"

BREA WATTS
BACHELORS OF SCIENCES



Class of 2013 Graduates

AYIESHA WILLIAMS
BACHELORS OF SCIENCES



Major: Industrial Technology Conc. Computer Electronics
and Network Technology
Minor: Business Management

Plans After Graduation: My plans for after graduation is to continue working at NVIDIA Corporation as a Supplier Quality Analyst. I also plan to pursue a masters degree in either Quality Assurance or Business Administration.

Future Aspirations: My future aspirations are be a successful businesswoman and to encourage young people strive for success in all that they do!

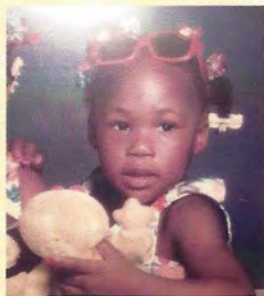
"Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed." Proverbs 16:3

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Osa Aigbuza



Camyl Anderson



Karisa Breckenridge



Brittany Broderick



Breanna Brooks

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Keenan Brown



Lauren Burrus-Fikes



Deshawn Butler



Christian Ceaser



Lillian Childs



Gloria Chukwueke



Rashad Colver



Angelique Douglas



Jacalyn Flagg



Jessica Danielle
Gipson



Vanessa Palena
Gordon



Emerald Green



Danielle Dianna
Greene



Lauren Hailey



Tyresia Hargrove



Betty Heileleul



Monique Henderson



Christina Irving



Simone Jackson



Desne James

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Alex Johnson III



Juleane Johnson



Angela Lacy



Brandon Leon



La'rrye McIntyre



Alicia Moore



Nnamdi Nwaigwe



Babtunde Onadele



Briana Plumboy



Amir Porter



Nenah Reed



Daleta Robinson



Jockleen Ryles



Amber Stewart



Tashia Nichole Taylor



Brea Watts



Ayiesha Williams

La'rrye McIntyre



Well Daughter. YOU MADE IT! YOU DID IT!

We are so proud of you and your accomplishments and we know the best is yet to come. During your years at San Jose State University, you have involved yourself in so many positive activities and organizations that will prove to guarantee your success in the future. We can not wait to see the manifestation of your dream as a "Child Care Facility Owner". We continue to be amazed at your tenacity, integrity, and overall commitment to all that you involve yourself in. We are truly blessed and honored to have raised such a "Jewel". Always remember to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And

He shall direct your paths." Proverbs 3: 5-6

WE LOVE YOU! Mom, Dad, Big Sister Shanelle, and Lil Brother Willie Mac

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated Eta Omega Chapter Congratulates



Brea Watts #2
PUBLIC RELATIONS



Emerald Green #6
CHILD AND ADOLESCENT
DEVELOPMENT



Betty Haileleul #8
HEALTH SCIENCE
ADMINISTRATION



Tashia Taylor #9
PUBLIC RELATIONS



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THE NEGRO NATIONAL ANTHEM

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears have been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, Our God, where we met Thee;
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand.
True to our GOD,
True to our native land

