

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2017!



Spelman College Glee Club seniors during Founders Day Festivities.

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A Message from the Director and President



This class of 2017 has exceeded all expectations in these past 8 semesters. Their dedication to the glee club has strengthened our tradition in many ways. Their leadership over these past four years has been perhaps the most successful that I've witnessed as my 18 years as Director. It is my hope that their future endeavors will be as successful as their membership in our organization has been. We will miss them dearly.

Dr. Kevin P. Johnson Director

"Although we've come to the end of the road..." Where do I begin? I cannot believe I am leaving Spelman College but more importantly the Spelman College Glee Club. My entire college experience has been dedicated to academics, art, and of course my music. I am grateful for everything that the glee club has instilled in me and my goal is to just keep growing. All good things must come to an end, but all wonderful things come to a crossroad and this is the point in which I must take the road less traveled. I love you all forever and promise me you will never stop dreaming big!



Signed, Rajane Katurah Brown President

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Eboné Brianne Bailey is an Environmental Studies major from Houston, Texas. After graduation she will attend graduate school to continue her studies in environmental science and become a college professor. Her favorite Glee Club memory is the Annual Spring Tour that took place during her sophomore year. She lives by these words from Ayn Rand, "The question isn't who is going to let me. It's who is going to stop me." When asked if she had any special remarks regarding her Glee Club experience, Eboné had this to say:

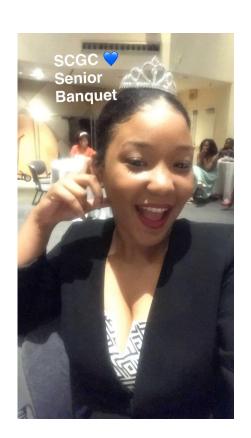
"I have been so blessed for the opportunity to serve and be a member of this beloved organization. I cannot wait to see what amazing things the younger members and members to come will accomplish in the future"





Rajané Katurah Brown is a Drama Major, Spanish minor from Bridgeport, Connecticut. After graduating from Spelman, Rajané will be a Performing Apprentice at the Children's Theatre of Minneapolis. Her favorite Glee Club memory, she stated, was singing "We Are Christmas" at her final Spelman-Morehouse Christmas Carol Concert. Rajané lives by the phrase "Dream Big" and when asked if there was anything else she would like to add, she said, "I love and miss you Pop-pop <3" Noni Davis is a Biology, Pre-Med major from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. After graduation, Noni will continue her education at George Washington University where she will work towards obtaining her Masters in Anatomical and Translational Sciences. Her favorite Glee Club memory, she stated, was singing at the annual Spelman-Morhouse Christmas Carol Concert for four consecutive years. Noni lives by the words "Don't make someone a priority when they only see you as an option."

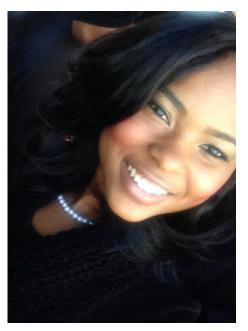




Julia Dennis is a Comparative Women's Studies major with a concentration in Cultural Studies and Sexuality from Silver Spring, Maryland. After graduating from Spelman, Julia plans on becoming a teacher in Miami, Florida. Her favorite Glee Club memory, she stated, was singing at Mother Emmanuel Church in Charleston, South Carolina while on the Undaunted Spring Tour 2017. Julia lives by the famous and powerful words of Dr. Maya Angelou, "Still I rise".

Imani Dixon is an Economics major from Charlotte, North Carolina. After graduating from Spelman, Imani will be moving to New York City to work for JPMorgan Chase. She stated that her favorite Glee Club memory was singing for former President Barack Obama at the White House. Imani lives by the phrase, "Anything impossible with man, is possible with God."

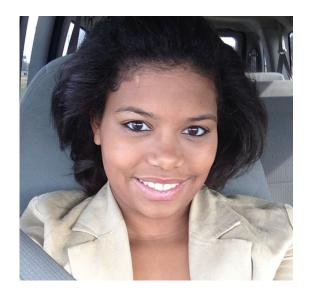




Ayana Michelle Hart is a Psychology major from Clarksville, Tennessee. After graduating from Spelman, Ayana plans to attend graduate school to obtain a Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling. When asked, she stated that meeting President Barack Obama during the Spring 2016 was her favorite Glee Club memory. Ayana's favorite quote is "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose." from Dr. Seuss's Oh, The Places You'll Go!

Alaya Martin is a Women Studies major, Public Health Minor from Columbus, Georgia. After graduating from Spelman, Alaya will be attending University of Michigan School of Public Health to obtain a Master of Public Health. She stated that her favorite Glee Club memory was Spring Tour 2014. Alaya lives by Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."





Skyla Martin is a Psychology major from Lancaster, South Carolina. Her post-Spelman plans include continuing her education to reach her ultimate goal of becoming a clinical or sports psychologist. Skyla's favorite Glee Club memory was the 90th Spelman-Morehouse Christmas Carol Concert, 2016. She lives by the wise words of Audre Lorde, "If I didn't define myself for myself, I would be crunched into other people's fantasies for me and eaten alive."

Audrianna Mattox is an Education Studies major, Music minor from Atlanta, Georgia. After graduating from Spelman, she will attend Elevation School of Worship in North Carolina while taking classes to gain certification to teach Elementary Education. When asked to recall her favorite Glee Club memory, she stated that singing at the White House for Barack Obama and him touching her shoulder is her favorite memory. Audrianna lives by Jeremiah 29: 11, "For I know the plans I have for you,' says the Lord. 'They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

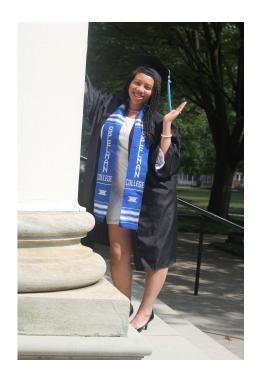




Ariel McAphee is a Music major from Atlanta, Georgia. After graduating from Spelman, Ariel will be working in the music industry in Atlanta, Georgia. Her favorite Glee Club memory, she recalls, is her first Glee Tour. When asked about her favorite quote, she responded with a quote by Victor Hugo, "Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent."

Lady Nwadike is a Biology major from Miami, Florida. After graduating from Spelman, she plans on attending medical school. When asked about her favorite Glee Club Memory, Lady said "When I see my glee sisters outside of Glee and they say hi. It makes me feel like apart of the greater community even though I took a hiatus". Her favorite quote reads, "Preoccupied with a single leaf, you won't see the tree."





Jasmyne Ormond is an English major from Raleigh, North Carolina. After graduation from Spelman, she will be working as a teaching assistant in the English department for the summer Early College Program. Later, Jasmyne will work to complete a Master's Degree certification program in hopes to become a teacher in the field of special education. In the fall of this year, Jasmyne will be lucky enough to have 2 of her glee sisters as bridesmaids in her wedding as she will be marrying her college sweetheart from Morehouse College. Jasmyne lives by the phrase, "Life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we react to it."

Paris Richburg is an Economics major from Queens, New York. After graduation, she plans on working full time as a Business Delivery Specialist at Aon Hewitt in Atlanta, Georgia. Her favorite Glee Club memory, she recalls, is when the Glee Club performed with the Dance Theatre of Harlem. Paris's favorite quote is that of Oprah Winfrey when she said, "It doesn't matter who you are, or where you come from. The ability to triumph begins with you always."





Jaleesa Janae Schoolfield is a Music major with a concentration in Vocal Music from Queens, New York. After Spelman, she will relocate to Miami, Florida to help bridge the gap in education through an organization named City Year. Her favorite Glee Club memory was the entire 2016 Spring Tour. When asked to pick her favorite quote, Jaleesa picked several! The first, the wise words from the burly man at SkyDive Georgia, "You don't just fall you fly", the second from Dr. Angela Davis, "You have been assigned to inspire. When asked if she had any special remarks regarding her Glee Club experience, Jaleesa had this to say:

The quote "She believed she could so she did" also kept me in motion throughout college, it reminded me that I had to believe in myself before anyone else could. The world could stand behind you, but you don't believe in yourself you will never make it.

Kyana Waters is an International Studies major with a concentration in Latin American Studies, Music minor from Silver Spring, Maryland. After graduating from Spelman, Kyana plans to take a gap year before attending graduate school. She is seeking opportunities to work in the field of International Education. When asked what her favorite Glee Club memory is, she responded with how she got the chance to know the first-years she worked with as Set-Up Crew Manager during her sophomore year. Kyana's favorite quote is "Decide that you want it more than you are afraid of it."





Jaz'mine Renee Williams is an International Studies major from Augusta, Georgia. After graduation, Jaz'mine will move to Houston, Texas where she will teach middle school social studies. She hopes to one day parlay life as an educator into curriculum writing and educational policy. Her favorite Glee Club memory was from her sophomore year, spring 2015, when the glee club traveled to New York City. This was her first time there, and she recalls that she had many great experiences with her glee sisters stating that the Spelman College Glee Club continuously provides avenues for its members to travel the nation amazing and inspiring all audiences. Jaz'mine lives by the quote "Authenticity requires vulnerability, transparency, and integrity."

RETROSPECTIVE

A look at recent SCGC happenings.







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