



FOR THE LOVE OF BLUE XII

THEE CULTURE CONTINUES: SHADES OF BLUE

JUNE 24, 2023 | 1-5 P.M.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Steven (KatEye) Gates DD F93, for 2023 Honoree of The Love of Blue XII and your Achievements in advocating for the youth of Chicago.



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For The Love of Blue XII

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The History of For The Love of Blue

The Chicago Alumni Chapter of the Jackson State University National Alumni Association, Inc. established For The Love of Blue as a Jazz and Blues Scholarship Brunch in 2010. The idea for this signature fundraising event came from two of our outstanding chapter members, Carolyn Griffin Palmer and Carolyn Curry. Since its inception, the events held under our For The Love of Blue brand, have been the primary source of funding the chapter's scholarship program. The scholarship program awards one-time and recurring scholarships to qualified Chicagoland students.

Funding the scholarship program is the primary goal of this event. Consequently, we are unapologetic about our quest to secure these funds. We ask friends, family, peer alumni chapters, students and businesses to support us!

Support of this event is vital to us being able to help students from the Chicagoland area enroll and graduation from Jackson State University.

During the event, we honor several chapter members and/or community partners who aid us in fundraising or who have shown significant support for the activities of the chapter.

For the Love of Blue events have been held at various venues across the city and to date, we have honored 49 members as noted in the summary below! Thank you for enabling our culture of giving to students to continue! These things we do for The Love of Blue!

2010: For the Love of Blue Jazz and Blues Brunch:

Co-chairs: Carolyn Palmer, Carolyn Curry

- Location: Harambee House
- Honorees: Robert A. Carr, Rev Dr. Jon E McCoy, Minnie Peggs, Earl Stewart

2011: For the Love of Blue Jazz and Blues Brunch:

Co-chairs: Cynthia Glenn-Cotton, Annette Johnson, Doris Smith

- Location: Harambee House
- Honorees: Harvey Burton, Roy Curry, Carolyn Curry, Carolyn Palmer

2012: For the Love of Blue Jazz and Blues Brunch:

Co-chairs: Cynthia Glenn-Cotton, Doris Smith

- Location: Parkway Ballroom
- Honorees: Anthony Brooks, Glasetta Barksdale, Mae Ruth Carr, Senator Mattie Hunter, Alean Smith

2013: For the Love of Blue Jazz and Blues Brunch:

Co-chairs: Michelle Jackson-Shavers, Angela Waller

- Location: Parkway Ballroom
- Honorees: Starla Adams, Barbara Cox, Darryl Pilate

2014: For the Love of Blue VI: Jazz and Blues Scholarship Brunch:

Chair: Lori Stacker

- Location: The Parkway Ballroom
- Honorees: Michelle Jackson Shavers, Debra Dyer Webster



The History of For The Love of Blue

2015: For the Love of Blue VI: Jazz and Blues Scholarship Brunch:

Co-chairs: Annette Johnson, Gwendolyn Lawson

- Location: Harborside International Golf Clubhouse
- Honorees: Juanita Duncan, Jorri Duncan, Doris Smith

2016: For the Love of Blue VII: Jazz and Blues Brunch:

Co-Chairs: Jorri Duncan, Juanita Duncan

- Location: Serbian Social Center
- Honorees: Dorothy Miller Cobbs, Karry Young, Tanya Robinson

2017: For the Love of Blue Jazz and Blues Luncheon: Through the years:

Co-chairs: Angela Brooks, Casey Nesbit

- Location: Serbian Social Center
- Honorees: Roy Curry Jr, Cynthia Glenn-Cotton, John Glover, Jonavan Smith, Angela Waller

2018: For the Love of Blue IX: Scholarship Luncheon Past, Present and future:

Co-chairs: Angela Brooks, Casey Nesbit

- Location: Serbian Social Center
- Honorees: Ossie Davenport, Dr. Albert Holmes Jr, Everett Newchurch, Augustine Emuwa

2019: For the Love of Blue: X

Co-chairs: Cynthia Glenn-Cotton, Dr. Amber Cotton Rouse

- Location: Serbian Social Center
- Honorees: Angela Brooks, Casey Nesbit, Alesha Russey and Tommy Harrison

2020 - 2021 - For the Love of Blue events canceled due to Covid-19

2022: For the Love of Blue XI: The Comeback:

Co-chairs: DiAngelo Rouse, Dr. Amber Cotton Rouse

- Location: Blanc Gallery
- Honorees: Yolanda Daniel, Annette Johnson, Dr. Irma Plaxico, Mr. Quinton Scurlock, Mr. Marvin Thomas Jr.

2023: For the Love of Blue XII: Thee Culture Continues: Shades of Blue

Co-chairs: Franja Meeks, Hazel Prentiss, Teena Moore

- Location: Serbian Social Center
- Honorees: Steven Gates, Lavell Love, Thomas Robinson, Monique Scott,
The Chicago Football Classic Founders: Larry Huggins, Everett Rand, Timothy Rand





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Greetings JSU Alumni Family,

Your giving spirit and humanitarian heart are examples of 'Thee' excellence produced at Jackson State University. Your efforts touch our students in such an impactful way, helping them realize their educational dreams.

I sincerely congratulate the JSUNAA Chicago Alumni Chapter for hosting the 12th Annual **"For the Love of Blue" Scholarship Fundraising Luncheon**. Your work empowers our students to fulfill their academic goals and propel them forward during matriculation.

The cost of higher education can be a challenge for many. Any effort to provide scholarships for our students and bolster support for special programming while increasing awareness about the need for alumni giving and fundraising is highly appreciated.

It is also important to highlight how your generous giving has aided more than 85 first-year or returning students by providing nearly \$200,000 in scholarship funds since the inception of this luncheon. Every contribution makes a difference, so events like this are incredibly significant to creating healthy life experiences for our students.

Our alumni associations' individual and collective efforts are vital in helping Jackson State University challenge minds and change lives. I thank you for donating your time and talents to elevating our students and alma mater.

The gifts you provide today will be extremely beneficial to our leaders of tomorrow.

Have a wonderful luncheon.

Sincerely,

Dr. Elayne H. Anthony
Acting President



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June 24, 2023

Greetings Tiger Alumni,

On behalf of the Jackson State University National Alumni Association, Inc. (JSUNAA), it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 12th Annual "For The Love of Blue," Scholarship Brunch, hosted by the Chicago Alumni Chapter.



Today, you join in support of outstanding Chicagoland students who currently attend or desire to attend our beloved Jackson State University. Today, you help dreams become reality by investing in the education and the future of these extraordinary students. During the event, I urge you to reflect on your commitment to Jackson State University and continue to promote its importance to our future scholars.

Within JSUNAA, we pride ourselves on helping to provide one of the greatest gifts we can offer, a quality education, a Jackson State University education. With your assistance, JSU will continue its magnificent tradition of "Challenging Minds and Changing Lives."

To the Chicago Chapter, I applaud you on an outstanding event and appreciate your dedication toward fulfilling the mission of JSUNAA. A special thank you to each of you for your support as committee members, program participants, sponsors, and attendees. Your dedication to higher education is what brings you here today and is what leads us to a brighter future. Your continued support will help finance the education of deserving students attending Jackson State.

All of us are a reflection of the power of a JSU education. This is an important element when helping to create future leaders. As we strive to make a viable difference in the lives of our young scholars, I look forward to your continuous partnership with the Chicago Alumni Chapter and the Jackson State University Family.

I wish you the absolute best for a most successful and enjoyable "For The Love of Blue," Scholarship Brunch!

Patrease Edwards, President
Jackson State University National Alumni Association, Inc.

June 24, 2023

Welcome to For The Love of Blue XII - Thee Culture Continues: Shades of Blue!

On behalf of the entire Majestic Midwest Region of Jackson State National Alumni Association, I welcome and thank you for generously giving your time and gifts as you come together for this noteworthy event hosted by the JSUNAA Chicago Alumni Chapter..

Shine brilliantly in your shades of blue! Your presence provides a phenomenal impact not only to the local alumni chapter but also the entire Jackson State University National Alumni Association! Our strength is because of you!

I truly appreciate your continued support of the JSUNAA Chicago Alumni Chapter and invite you to stay engaged in their efforts in providing unique opportunities and much needed scholarships to our Jackson State University students.



We Love THEE JSU!
Larry Cameron
Midwest Regional Vice President
Jackson State University National Alumni Association

June 12, 2023

Greetings Jacksonians and Friends!

On behalf of the Jackson State University Division of Institutional Advancement, it is my pleasure to congratulate you on this beautiful affair known as “**For the Love of Blue**”. As alumni of Jackson State University we gladly accept our responsibility to inspire our young people, assist them along their educational journey and help prepare them to face the world that lies in front of them. Jackson State is not just in the business of education, we’re in the business of Challenging minds and changing lives.

Like the sound of Jazz, that has a forceful rhythm, the Chicago Alumni Chapter proudly uses its instruments made up of syncopated aspirations and a variety of harmonic ideals to support and assist Illinois natives who currently attend or desire to attend our beloved Jackson State University. Today, you help dreams become reality by investing in the education and the future of these extraordinary students. It is on this momentous occasion that the rich legacy inherited from past Jacksonians is passed on to the next generation.

My congratulations go out to the honorees today but remember that our work here truly gives honor to Jackson state and the winners are the college students who will benefit from the funds raised. Your presence here today represents your commitment to higher education, uplifting our community, inspiring young minds and building a brighter future. Your donations go directly into the hands of deserving students from the Chicago area that may not have all the monies needed to sustain their college education. So today, I thank you. The chapter thanks you. And most importantly, our Scholarship recipients thank you.

I encourage the Chicago Chapter to continually make strides to ELEVATE our beloved alma mater and again, I applaud you on an outstanding event. Many thanks to each of you for your support as committee members, program participants, sponsors and attendees. Your dedication to higher education is what brings you here today and is what leads us to a brighter future. As we continue to make a viable difference in the lives of our young scholars, I look forward to your continuous partnership with the Jackson State University Family. Thank you again and enjoy **For the Love of Blue**!



With Tiger Pride,

Yolanda R. Owens

Yolanda R. Owens, Interim Vice President
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Dear Jacksonians:

I bring you greetings from the Jackson State University Department of Alumni and Constituency Relations, and I am elated to be a part of this year's Chicago Alumni Chapter Annual "For the Love of Blue" Scholarship Fundraiser. It is always a pleasure to see and feel the love and continued support of the JSU National Alumni Association, Inc. (JSUNAA) and its chapters.

With over 50 chapters across the country, the JSUNAA has the size, voice and giving potential to continue to elevate Jackson State to ensure bright futures for our students at the University and beyond! Your support is evident through our many awarded scholarships, attendance at University events, and our Alumni Participation Rate (APR) growth. As we position the University to attract and secure additional resources from external entities, it is imperative that we continue to work collectively to attain our new APR goal of 25% by 2025 and take Jackson State to new heights through recruitment, fundraising, and alumni engagement.

In closing, thank you for all that you do as alumni, and I ask that each of you remain involved in your local chapter, the National Alumni Association, Inc., and the University's activities and endeavors. Please remember that the Department of Alumni and Constituency Relations is here to connect, inform, and engage all alumni with "Thee I Love."

Best wishes and congratulations to those being honored!



A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Howard'.

David C. Howard
JSU Alumni Relations Director

Greetings Alumni and Friends,



Welcome to the Jackson State University National Alumni Association (JSUNAA) Chicago Alumni Chapter, ***“For the Love of Blue XII: THEE Culture Continues: Shades of Blue”*** Scholarship Fundraiser.

It is with great pleasure that we honor four very special alumni today. Mr. Steven L. Gates aka “Kateye” is a Youth Advocate with over 25 years’ experience in being an activist, advocate, and administrator working with low-income families and at-risk youth. His passion for youth advocacy has garnered him National recognition. He has been seen on various National platforms which has allowed him to meet at the White House during President

Obama’s administration and speak at Harvard University. Mr. Lavell “Mystro” Love, is a dedicated member of the JSUNAA Chicago Alumni Chapter. He serves as the 1st Vice President and is known as the chapter’s resident DJ. Lavell currently works as a Senior Compliance Sales Representative with Stericycle, a leading medical waste and compliance solution company where he has earned top sales awards and numerous recognitions. Mr. Thomas Robinson has a passion for youth and the community. Thomas serves as the JSUNAA Chicago Alumni Chapter Student Recruitment Chair. Thomas is the Program Coordinator for TRIO at Kennedy King College, which assists children in Chicago transition to college from lower economic communities. Between his role as the Student Recruitment Chair and the Program Coordinator for TRIO, he has assisted over 300 students with getting accepted into Jackson State University. 24th Ward Alderwoman Monique Scott is a lifelong resident of Chicago’s 24th Ward, which is on the Westside of Chicago. Throughout Monique’s work history she has engaged with people and the community. Being elected as an Alderwoman allows her to take her passion for working and engaging with people and businesses to increase the resources in her Ward.

For the first time, we are honoring a community organization that supports the JSUNAA Chicago Alumni Chapter whenever asked and/or needed, the Co-Founders of the Chicago Football Classic, Inc. (CFC), Mr. Larry Huggins, Everett Rand, and Timothy Rand. CFC not only hosts annual HBCU Football Classics, but their events influence students and parents to consider the rich academic and cultural opportunities offered by Historically Black Colleges and Universities. In the last several years, they have awarded over \$250,000 to students attending HBCUs.

As you can see, our 2023 honorees dedication and accomplishments within their careers, community, and JSUNAA Chicago Alumni Chapter emulates Jackson State University mission of, “Challenging Minds and Changing Lives”.

Thank you to all our countless supporters who have contributed to making this event a success this year; without you this event would not be. To our Chairs: Ms. Franja Meeks, Teena Moore, and Hazel Prentiss and our chapter’s 2nd Vice President and PR/Technology Chair, Cynthia Glenn-Cotton, thank you for all your hard work and tireless efforts in putting together this memorable event.

Lastly, to the JSUNAA Chicago Alumni Chapter, thank you for all your work and dedication throughout the years, it has truly been an honor to serve as your President.

With Tiger Pride,

Brendolyn Hart-Glover

President

JSUNAA Chicago Alumni Chapter

Greetings Tigers,

It is with great honor and pride that I welcome you to our 12th annual For The Love of Blue Scholarship event on behalf of the Jackson State University National Alumni Association, Inc. Chicago Alumni Chapter (JSUCAC). As we pivot from various protocols related to COVID which required us to take a three-year hiatus from an indoor event, I am happy to serve my first year as the chair of this impactful event working along-side Ms. Teena Moore and Ms. Hazel Prentiss as amazing co-chairs. Over the last several months, we have been diligently working to ensure that you have a memorable and thought-provoking experience on how your support can make a lasting difference. We are proud of the work done over the last 12 years, providing over **\$190,000** in scholarships and supporting over **85** freshmen or returning students.

Today, we are pleased to honor our latest inductees into our honoree hall of fame: Mr. Steven Gates, Mr. Lavell Love, Mr. Thomas Robinson and Alderwoman Monique Scott. Our honorees were selected as a result of the impact they have made in their community, careers, student recruitment efforts, and support for JSUNAA.

As a proud class of 1992 graduate of JSU, I know first-hand of the variety of needs of students from off setting various costs such as room, board, and meals to assisting with purchasing books, computers and other necessities that are required as they navigate through stages of their college journey! So today not only will we honor JSU alumni, but we also recognize our "Golden Graduates", current JSU students, various supporters and sponsors.

As we move through this afternoon, I encourage you to not only fellowship with your current friends, but offer a smile and introduce yourself to a new friend, and offer a word of encouragement to a current or future JSU student! Lastly, your participation in the raffle and silent auction will allow us to make an even greater financial impact on behalf of our Chicago area students! To offset various financial challenges, our students need our support now more than ever and from the bottom of my heart I thank you in advance for your commitment to help us help them!



With Tiger Pride,
For The Love of Blue,
Ms. Franja J. Meeks
For The Love of Blue XII, Chair

Greetings Alumni, Future Tigers, and Friends,

I am extremely pleased to welcome you to the JSUNAA Chicago Chapter For The Love of Blue XII: Thee Culture Continues Shade of Blue Scholarship Banquet.

I am Hazel L. Prentiss a graduate of Thee class of 1995. It is an honor and privilege to be one of the Co-Chairs of this fabulous gala. The mission of this banquet is to raise money for students of Chicago to receive a scholarship to assist financially in attending Jackson State University. We are ecstatic to announce that we have over 20 individuals that have applied for a scholarship.

Previously, this chapter has raised over \$190,000 to support students. It is our goal and wish to continue the culture of supporting future Jacksonians. I humbly ask that each one of you continue to support our future Tigers. Lets encourage them to understand that in order for them to be successful they must be inquisitive. Teach them that it is okay for them to ask for help. Remember even the greatest were beginners.

The 2023 Honorees that are being honored are truly exemplary in all that they do. Congratulations to each Honoree. Mr. Steven Gates who believes in building the community within the city of Chicago through mentoring males. Mr. Lavell Love who always has a joke to tell along with the ability to soothe us all with his magical musical talents as a DJ. Mr. Thomas Robinson is always kind, calming and ready to assist no matter the job. Lastly, but definitely not least, Alderwoman Monique Scott who believes in hard work and rebuilding the community for greatness as well as success.

Cheers to all of you for supporting this Scholarship Banquet to help educate our leaders of tomorrow. A million thanks are in order to each and everyone of you for your unselfishness and your commitment to educate our future leaders.



With Tiger Love and Pride

Hazel L Prentiss

For The Love of Blue Co-Chair

Greetings to THEE I LOVE,

Welcome to the Jackson State University Chicago Alumni Chapter's 2023 For The Love of Blue XII: Thee Culture Continues - Shades of Blue Scholarship Fundraising Event. My name is Teena Moore and I am a 1992 graduate of Jackson State University and I am one of your Co-Chairs for this illustrious event this afternoon. As you may already know the mission for this event is to help raise monies for Our Scholarship recipients that will be attending Jackson State University this fall.

This year we are excited to have over 20 scholarship recipients. In the past years we have raised over \$150,000 for student scholarships and we look forward to upholding that tradition this year. Everything we do is in support of our students at Jackson State University and they deserve the very best we have to offer.

We have put in countless hours to make sure this event will be a success. This year we have the honor to induct four of our Fabulous Alumni of JSU into our special honoree Hall of Fame: Steven Gates, Lavell Love, Monique Scott and Thomas Robinson. All have made major strides within their communities and dedication to Jackson State University.

We are honored to have you all as guests at this year For The Love of Blue Scholarship Event and hope you enjoy every minute of it. So, with that said sit back eat, drink, socialize and enjoy the experience.



With Tiger Pride,

Teena Moore

For The Love of Blue XII Co-Chair



Mistress of Ceremonies

Anita Blanton. FOX 32 Chicago anchor

Anita Blanton joined FOX 32 to anchor Good Day Chicago in 2022. She is an Emmy Award-winning journalist who joined the WFLD-TV family after nine years as evening anchor for WAVY-TV10/WVBT FOX43 in Hampton Roads, VA.

She began her journalism career as a reporter at KTXS-TV in Abilene, Texas, before heading to Central Texas to work at KWTX-TV in Waco, WRIC-TV in Richmond, VA, and KOCO-TV in Oklahoma City, OK where she served as morning anchor for four years.

All-in-all, Anita thrives on reporting the big story for her viewers. Some of the most memorable reporting of her career has involved severe weather. She's chased tornadoes, anchored wall-to-wall coverage during two blizzards and delivered live reports during one of the worst fire seasons in Texas history.

While in Texas, Anita frequently covered President George W. Bush and visiting world leaders in Crawford, TX. In Virginia, she was part of team coverage of several high profile stories, including the tragic mass shootings at Virginia Tech University and the Virginia Beach Municipal Center. And Anita field anchored annual coverage from the site of the Oklahoma City Bombing on that tragic event's anniversary for three years.

Anita is a proud alumna of Hampton University in Hampton, VA (a former Miss Hampton University). She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Broadcast Journalism and Political Science from the Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications. And she was named to the inaugural Top 40 Under 40 Class of Alumni in 2016.

Anita has won numerous awards from the Society of Professional Journalists and the Associated Press for her work as an anchor and reporter. She's also been entered into the Congressional Record and received several community service awards including a citation signed by the Governor of Oklahoma for her dedication to giving back. She even received the Silver Star Legacy Award from the Urban League of Hampton Roads. Anita has volunteered, served as a spokesperson, and sat on boards for several organizations as well as helping to create mentoring groups for pre-teens and teens.

And Anita's a fitness enthusiast certified as a personal trainer with a deep love for music, having been selected to sing the National Anthem for the Oklahoma City Thunder NBA team for two years.

Anita is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

You can email Anita with positive thoughts or story suggestions and follow her online on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

2023 Honoree

Steven Gates

Steven L. Gates, aka “Kateye”, obtained his B.A. in Criminal Justice at Thee Jackson State University in 1995 and his M.A. in Social Work from the University of Chicago with a concentration in Violence Prevention in 2018.

Upon graduation from JSU, Steven moved back to Chicago and became a Youth Advocate.

Steven is a lifelong resident of the Roseland community in Chicago, and he is proud to bring his voice to all he does. It is there where he witnessed firsthand the violence and threats of gang violence. Justice and youth equity are Steven’s life’s work, and his distinct approach supports marginalized communities in innovative ways. He loves working together with community residents and partner organizations.

Steven has over 25 years’ experience in being an activist, advocate, and administrator working with low-income families and at-risk youth.

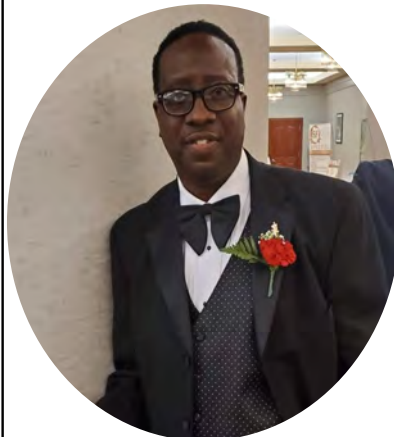
Steven is currently the CEO and Founder of R2C2 and over the course of his longstanding career, he has engaged as a Philanthropy Growth Manager at Chicago Beyond, a Site Manager for Chicago CRED, served as a Director at Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. and helped launch the program in Chicago.

Steven’s passion and advocacy for the Chicago youth has given him National recognition. He has been on NBC, MSNBC, CNN, and has been interviewed and provided commentary on youth violence in various podcast, New York Times, Huffington Post, and other media platforms. His most prestigious moments were visiting the White House during President Obama’s administration and meeting with his Senior Director of Domestic Policy and speaking at Harvard University.

Steven is a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.



Lavell Love



Lavell F. Love Jr. is a native of the Southside of Chicago. He began his high school journey at Thornridge where he was a member of the wrestling team, he then transferred and became an alumni of Thornton High School. At Thornton, he was ranked by his peers as one of the top Deejays in his class. This is where his business acumen began to develop, while in high school selling his weekly mixtapes to earn gas money for the weekend.

Lavell is a Senior Compliance Sales Representative with Stericycle, a leading medical waste and compliance solution company. Since joining the company in 2017, Lavell has held titles as a Medical Products Specialist, Account Manager, Territory Account Representative, and 2 years ago he was promoted to a Senior position within the company. During his tenure with Stericycle, Lavell has earned top sales awards and numerous recognition dinners and gifts.

Lavell began his educational journey at Columbia College Chicago where he was a deans list recipient and earned his Associates Degree in Liberal Arts. After a near death car accident in 2007, he took his talents to Jackson Mississippi and earned a Bachelors of Business Administration Degree in Finance from Jackson State University. He was active with the Finance Club, Business Club, and L'es a Exquisite A la Mode Modeling Squad. In addition he earned a Masters of Business Administration and a Masters in Human Resources Management from the University of Phoenix.

Lavell currently serves as the 1st Vice President of JSU Alumni Chapter and executes the role with dedication and efficiency.

During his time at Jackson State University, Lavell was raised a Prince Hall Free and Accepted Mason at Lodge 242 T.C. Almore, Jackson Mississippi. He then became a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity Inc., Nashville Alumni Fall 95. He is currently active and subscribing life member with Calumet City Lansing Alumni Chapter.

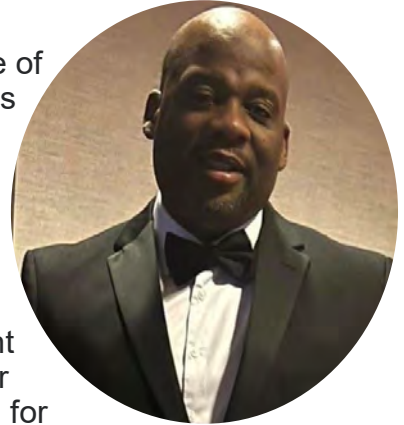
Lavell, also known as Dj Mystro Love currently operates a successful production company and music label. His company M and R Music Entertainment Group has over 100 releases that are currently available on Apple Music, Spotify, Traxsource, Bandcamp, Beatport, Google, YouTube and many other music outlets. His current new release dropped this month "Feel The Rhythm".

Lavell is a proud father of a beautiful 19 years young honor college student Layla Love and enjoys life with his wonderful and loving fiancé Yolanda.

2023 Honoree

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Thomas Robinson



Thomas Robinson is the recipient of the 2023 For the Love of Blue Honoree Award. Mr. Robinson was nominated for this award for all his hard work and dedication as a member of the Jackson State University National Alumni Association, Inc. (JSUNAA) Chicago Alumni Chapter. He is a strong advocate for community service and he is dedicated to promoting his college home "THEEILOVE". Thomas works diligently volunteering for the JSUNAA Chicago Alumni Chapter by implementing programs such as student recruitment fairs, financial aid seminars, and workshops for students etc. These programs promote not only education for our youth but increase the JSU family relationships throughout the Chicagoland area.

During the past 10 years, he has been responsible for over 300 students attending JSU from the Chicagoland area. In addition, he plans extracurricular activities such as tailgating events, movie night fundraisers, back to school parties, and currently is part of the recruitment team, all while keeping our 'Tiger' spirit alive! Thomas is known as the 'elbow grease' of all these events, as it takes an enormous amount of time and dedication in planning and organizing to have successful events.

Thomas graduated JSU with a Masters in Criminology (2002), and a B.S. in Criminal Justice (2000). He was born and raised on the south side of Chicago in a low economic area, Englewood.

In addition to Thomas dedication to the JSU family, for the past 20 years he has worked to enhance the high-crime urban community of Englewood. Thomas created the Greater Life Foundation Inc., an organization geared towards implementing programs geared towards assisting those in need. Through Greater Life, Inc., Thomas created programs for ex-offenders, such as job fairs, resume workshops, feeding the homeless, and welfare to work programs. He also created activities and programs for the youth to deter crime and gang participation; basketball tournaments, softball teams, neighborhood clean-ups, back to school drives, and college fairs. Thomas attempts to tackle all community issues, by hosting health and wellness fairs, coat drives, toy drives, and voter's registration events in the area.

During his spare time Thomas coaches Youth basketball, football and travel. Throughout the last 22 years of Thomas' professional life, he has worked in the fields of Research, Nonprofit, Criminal Justice and Education. Mr. Robinson is currently the Program Coordinator for TRIO at Kennedy King College, which assists children in Chicago transition to college from lower economic communities.

Monique Scott



As a native of North Lawndale, Alderwoman Monique L. Scott strives to continue building a better Westside for the hardworking and compassionate residents of the 24th Ward who deserve nothing less than a public servant who is dedicated to their needs.

Alderwoman Scott graduated from Whitney M. Young Magnet High School and earned a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Marketing from Jackson State University in 1993 and a Master's of Business Administration degree from National Louis University in 2000.

Alderwoman Scott's passion for the 24th ward runs deep, as she has spent her life and career developing relationships with residents of the community, which were built on the foundation of her parents, the late Michael Scott, Sr. and Millicent Scott, who were both prominent leaders in the city of Chicago. Growing up in a family of strong leaders, Alderwoman Scott is committed to building a successful community.

Upon taking office, Alderwoman Scott served as a park supervisor for the Chicago Park District, where she improved public facilities and managed a team of employees who were dedicated to putting community residents first. During her time at the Chicago Park District, she engaged residents and created community-building programming. Now, through her service as Alderwoman, she will continue to implement the same programs and engage residents, so that she can create spaces in the community where residents can feel safe, supported, and heard.

Alderwoman Scott's top priorities for the 24th Ward is to establish a solid foundation centered around several goals:

- Ushering in economic development and investments
- Affordable housing options to market rate
- Reduce vacant lots and abandoned store fronts
- Work to improve the "food desert" in North Lawndale where access to grocery stores and healthy food are scarce or nonexistent
- Improve access to local jobs

Alderwoman Scott believes the residents of the 24th Ward deserve someone who has an extensive understanding of the community, and the resourcefulness to leave no stone unturned.

The legacy of public service in her family is something she is dedicated and committed to continuing..

2023 Honoree



Community Partner Honorees

The Chicago Football Classic, Inc (CFC) is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to inspire African-American high school and college students through support for programs, initiatives, and events that increase awareness of opportunities to achieve educational excellence. CFC events influence students and parents to consider the rich academic and cultural opportunities offered by Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

In 1997, a small local group of African American businessmen - Larry Huggins, Everett Rand, and Tim Rand formed the Chicago Football Classic (CFC) as a not-for-profit organization dedicated to encouraging African American youth to achieve their personal best in school and beyond. Our initiative empowers them to not only complete high school but also attend Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

African American college students are known to fare better and graduate at higher rates from HBCUs, than African American students attending mainstream colleges and universities. The group achieves these goals via several initiatives, including adopt-a-school programs and most notable, scholarships for African American students planning to attend HBCU institutions.

With a scholarship program in place, the group knew that a platform was needed for the following:

- 1) Showcase the talents, potential, and accomplishments of scholarship recipients as well as the benefits of attending HBCUs
- 2) Encourage African American students and their families to lift the bar of excellence and achievement via a vehicle involving students, their families, and the entire community. That vehicle became known as the CFC, a weekend-long itinerary of cultural, educational, and other exhilarating activities.



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The Voice of Thee Students



Kevin Barber Jr is a rising sophomore finance / accounting student at Jackson State University. He is a graduate of Bloom Trail High School with a 4.1 GPA. Mr. Barber is the first in his family to go off to college in make a change. Kevin spends his time influencing the youth to strive for greatness. He plans on working for a Big 4 Finance firms and potentially owning his own firm to advocate for low income families



Manu Kwarteng is a sophomore Phycology major at Jackson State University. Manu is currently a JSU Chicago Alumni Chapter Scholarship recipient. When asked about the importance of the JSU CAC Scholarship, Manu stated “ the Chicago Alumni Chapter scholarship gives students in their own area a chance to reach their goals. Often students that go to college out-of-state are forced to stay in-state due to out-of-state tuition costs. However, the Chicago Alumni Chapter of the Jackson State University National Alumni Association, Inc., made it possible for me to leave the state and achieve my dreams.”



Lauren Everett is an energetic and passionate junior working towards a Bachelor of Science Degree in Healthcare Administration at Jackson State University. She strives to expand her knowledge and education, and truly believes education is priceless and once gained, it can never be taken away!

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Entertainment: Dorothy Roberson



Dorothy Roberson is a singer-dancer from Dumas, Arkansas. After performing gospel music for over forty years, she ventured out to other genres of music and started doing songs that were popular and performed by some of her favorites female artists. Thanks to her huge variety of entertaining and engaging diverse audiences, Dorothy has received a lot of accolades with public ad news media.

A singer who puts her heart and soul into each and every performance, her audience is always begging for an encore. Although Dorothy's roots were traditional gospel music, her repertoire has quickly expanded to include hits performed by greats such as Tina Turner, her main act, followed by Gladys Knight, Whitney Houston, Aretha Franklin, Etta James, Diana Ross, Donna Summer, Roberta Flack, Barbara Streisand, Celine Dion and Chaka Khan, to name a few in her performances around the City of Chicago and other U.S.

cities. It is her diverse ability to perform many songs that has made her a favorite with the Chicago public and featured articles in the Chicago Sun-Times, Chicago Tribune, WVON radio, WBBM radio and Chicago Timeout news publications.

Entertaining and motivating a variety of the public is not a new passion for Dorothy; in addition to singing at private events she has also been a repeat performer at university events, hospitals, corporate offices, supper clubs, and Summer Festivals and concert/theater venues. After a painful divorce that caused her to lose her income, home, car and other personal possessions, she decided to use her music skills to somehow regain some of the things she had lost. Audiences had encouraged Dorothy to sing songs performed by Tina Turner because of their striking physical resemblances and similar hardships in broken relationships. But it wasn't until performing on the streets of Chicago, notably State Street, in front of the Chicago Theater, and Macy's, is where she gained even more public recognition and love from the big crowd that gathered to see her each summer. Dorothy was singing for survival, and sought to heal herself emotionally, through performing the music of Tina Turner. She became a huge hit in Chicago as she performed with instrumental track on the streets, then progressed by performing with live local bands as solo front singer and that is when she decided to make music her life dream. All of the different music genres and personal struggles to survive after divorce have positively influenced the singer for who she is today. She talks candidly about the pain of a failed marriage that led her to discover the "Tina" from within.

Now back to her birthplace, Dumas Arkansas, a rural area of the south is where her love of music began, her love to perform for and motivate people flourished and her genuine care and concern to reach people through singing has grown. Chicago WGN Morning News, Channel 9 was the first TV media to showcase her Tina Turner impersonation. In 2016 Dorothy was interviewed and performed live on Chicago's Fox News Channel 32, "Good Day Chicago." Dorothy has opened up for the Temptations, the Chi-Lites, and most recently Jeffrey Osborne at the South Shore Summer Festival. Dorothy is sharing her time speaking about her beginning as Tina Turner and enjoying nature and preparing for her next gig. Based on the reception of her latest shows, the future looks promising!

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Cajun Chicken

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Garlic Mashed Potatoes

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Coffee/Tea

Desert

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For The Love of Blue XII Program

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Dorothy Roberson as “Tina Turner “

Presentation of Awards

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