

COLORADO BEAUTILION-COTILLION, INC.

15th Annual

Formal Student  
Presentation & Gala



**RED CARPET ELEGANCE**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025**

**5PM**

**HYATT REGENCY**

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GENEROUS SUPPORT OF  
COLORADO BEAUTILLION-COTILLION, INC. YOUR  
BELIEF IN OUR MISSION AND VISION TO UPLIFT  
AND EMPOWER OUR HIDDEN JEWELS  
MEANS THE WORLD TO US.**

**THANK YOU FOR STANDING WITH US AS WE  
CONTINUE TO IMPACT LIVES AND BUILD BRIGHTER  
FUTURES. WE TRULY APPRECIATE YOU!**

**WITH GRATITUDE,  
COLORADO BEAUTILLION-COTILLION, INC.**

## **Ceremony Order**

**5:00pm-6:00pm**

**6:05pm-6:10pm**

**6:10pm-6:15pm**

**6:15pm-6:20pm**

**6:20pm-6:25pm**

**6:25pm-6:30pm**

**6:30pm-6:45pm**

**7:00pm-7:15pm**

**7:15pm-7:20pm**

**7:20pm-8:20pm**

**8:20pm-8:45pm**

**8:45pm-8:55pm**

**8:55pm**

**Reception/Social Hour**

**Welcome: Dr. Regina English, Tionna Moss**

**Topazz McBride, Madison McBride**

**Invocation Dr. Tywana Jones**

**Musical Selection Doretta Tootle**

**Sponsor/Special Guest**

**Acknowledgement**

**Musical Selection Virgyl Gerdine**

**Student Processional - Go Facebook Live**

**Tremayne Anchrum Jr.**

**Introduction of Presenters**

**Chandra Whitfield**

**& Honorable Judge Joseph Whitfield**

**Formal Student Presentation**

**Student Waltz**

**Student | Parent Waltz**

**Student Dance Showcase**

**Student Awards Presentation**

**Dr. Regina English & Topazz McBride**

**Closing Remarks**

*Board Members  
& Anniversary Committee*

**Cheryl Williams-Carter: Founder & CEO**

**Dr. Thomas Bouknight**

**Dr. Jamal Bowen**

**Gwen Brown**

**Briana Butler**

**Chanel Butler**

**Nyesha Cabs**

**Jhasmyne Cooper-Moore**

**Dr. Regina English**

**Renee Eubanks**

**Angel Holt**

**DR. Tywana Jones**

**LaToya Matthews**

**Sheree Maxwell**

**Jerona Poole**

**Sheila Robinson Butler**

**Devionne Fugett - Choreographer**

**Duane Kuta - Sound Technician**

**MiDian Shofner - Choreographer**

**Jaiden Stanford - Photographer | Videographer**

A heartfelt thank you to all the incredible individuals whose dedication, passion, and support made the Colorado Beautillion-Cotillion, Inc. 15th Anniversary Ceremony an unforgettable and truly inspiring celebration.

**FROM THE DESK OF CHERYL CARTER,  
FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Dear Beloved Community,

What a joy and a blessing it is to welcome you to our Red Carpet Elegance Program! Tonight, we gather not only to celebrate the achievements of our incredible students but also to honor the beautiful legacy that Colorado Beautillion-Cotillion, Inc. has built, one student, one family, one dream at a time.

Fifteen years ago, when we planted the seeds of this program, we dreamt of creating a space where young people could be uplifted, challenged, and prepared for greatness. Over the years, we have watched those dreams bloom into a vibrant legacy of leaders, changemakers, and visionaries. The journey has not always been easy, but it has always been worth it because of students like the ones you see here tonight.

But none of this would have been possible without you. To our parents, families, mentors, volunteers, sponsors, and friends: thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your love, your time, your prayers, and your unwavering belief in our mission have carried us through every season. You have been the village our students needed, and we are forever grateful.

Tonight, as our students step into the spotlight they have worked so hard for, know that you are witnessing the future, bright, bold, and brilliant. Every bow, every curtsy, every smile is a testament to countless hours of preparation, growth, and self-discovery. Their excellence is a reflection of all of us and of the power of community.

As we look ahead, we are filled with hope and excitement for what is yet to come. With your continued support, we will keep lifting as we climb, building a stronger, more empowered generation.

Thank you for believing. Thank you for standing with us. Thank you for celebrating with us. Tonight, we honor not only our students but each one of you.

Please sit back, soak in this moment, and enjoy the magic of the evening.

With deepest gratitude and love,

*Cheryl Williams-Carter*



## We Exist Because...

Fifteen years ago, Colorado Beautillion-Cotillion, Inc. was born out of a simple yet profound mission: to celebrate the “Hidden Jewels” of Colorado. These are the bright, resilient young individuals whose brilliance may have gone unnoticed simply because they lacked access to mentorship, recognition, or the networks that traditionally open doors to success.

We saw their potential, even when others didn't. We sought out those whose greatness had yet to be revealed, not because they were unworthy, but because life circumstances, family dynamics, or lack of exposure kept them in the shadows. Our goal was, and still is, to bring these young people to the forefront—to mentor them, uplift them, and present them to our community and the world.

At the heart of our organization is the unwavering belief that **every young person deserves to be celebrated**, not just those with well-known last names or access to elite spaces, but all who possess discipline, drive, and dreams. We stand in the gap where other excellent programs may not reach due to limited capacity. We exist to fill that void with excellence, intention, and love.

Through our efforts, we provide more than ceremonies and accolades, we create opportunities. We offer mentorship, financial literacy, academic support, job readiness training, health and wellness education, political awareness, and college preparation. We connect our students with accomplished professionals so they can see what's possible and believe it's possible for them too.

We are deeply grateful to the families and communities who entrust us with the honor of walking alongside their students. Thank you for believing in this mission. Thank you for allowing us to witness greatness in the making.

We look forward to watching these remarkable young people soar—and to the day they return to uplift the next generation, just as they were uplifted.

With heartfelt gratitude,  
Cheryl Williams-Carter

## **Dr. Regina English**

Dr. Regina English stands as a pioneering force in the realms of leadership and community engagement, currently serving as the state representative for House District 17 in Colorado. Notably, she is the first Black woman to represent El Paso County in the Colorado General Assembly, a historic achievement that underscores her commitment to inclusivity and representation.

Dr. English holds a Doctorate in Organizational Leadership, a Master's in Public Administration, a Bachelor's in Management, and an Associate's degree in Drug and Alcohol Counseling/Chemical Dependency. Her diverse educational background equips her with a unique perspective on the complexities of governance and social support systems.

In addition to her legislative role, Dr. English is an accomplished entrepreneur, owning the clothing store "Your Favorite Fashionista," which reflects her passion for fashion and community engagement. She is also the founder of "Regina Inspires," a speaking platform dedicated to motivating individuals, and "Be You!," a life coaching business aimed at fostering personal growth and self-acceptance. As the CEO of her nonprofit organization, Be You, and the visionary behind the scholarship pageant YESMAAM!, Dr. English demonstrates an unwavering commitment to uplifting others.

A devoted mother of five adult children, grandmother to eleven grandchildren, and a mentor to five Godchildren, Dr. English treasures her family and dedicates her spare time to nurturing these relationships. She enjoys shopping, playing basketball, and sharing laughter through comedy, all of which reflect her vibrant spirit and dedication to making meaningful connections. Driven by compassion and a profound desire to inspire joy, Dr. Regina English is steadfast in her mission to create a lasting impact in her community and beyond.

## **Madison Solomon Malik, Also Know As: Max:**

Max is a distinguished alumnus of the 2017 Colorado Beautillion-Cotillion, Inc., where he earned the title of King. After graduation, he elected to pursue a career in the Armed Services. He eventually served as a Naval Engineer during his six-year commitment.

In 2020, he was deployed to Afghanistan for a year, completing his commitment in September 2024. Max now works as a Senior Analyst for Raytheon at Buckley Air Force Base.

Currently, Max is a student at the Denver Integrative Massage School, with plans to establish his own Therapeutic Massage & Wellness Clinic in the future.

In addition to his engineering and academic pursuits, Max is a part-time print and runway model and an adventurous traveler. He values open-mindedness and free thinking, identifying as a modern-day philosopher who champions self-wealth and self-care.

## TOPAZZ' Johnson McBride MA LPC

A seasoned entrepreneur, Topazz operates a psychotherapy private practice focused on trauma-informed modalities, supporting individuals through unexpected life changes. She is a therapist, success coach, consultant, and certified mediator, sought after for her expertise internationally, from London to Saipan, as well as domestically, from New York City to Denver. Topazz is the founder and Executive Director of Rediscovery Through Wellness, a multifaceted behavioral health and emotional wellness program that emphasizes healing alternatives for African American communities through individual, family, and group therapy sessions for adults. With over 18 years of clinical experience, Topazz was the first Black woman to own a sexual offense-specific treatment agency in the state of Colorado. She also made history as the first Black woman appointed to the Executive Board of Directors for the National Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, serving for six years. Topazz integrates her unique skill set across diverse arenas, including activism, politics, grassroots organizing, and community cohesion initiatives. She serves on three Executive Boards: the Aurora Council of Faith, the Greater Denver Ministerial Alliance and Colorado's first Economic Development Association for Black Communities. In 2020, Topazz was appointed to the Aurora Community Police Task Force, where she contributed to evaluating and recommending improvements for a more efficient and effective police department. Ordained as an Elder at Restoration Christian Fellowship of Aurora, Colorado, in 2018, Topazz was invited on staff as the Pastor of Retention in 2017 and continues to serve in her current role now as "Belong Pastor" and Community Relations Liaison. She graduated with a certification in Leadership and Theology from the Denver Seminary's Urban Initiative Program in 2017. Topazz has received numerous accolades, including the 2024 Unsung Hero Award from Urban Leadership of Denver, the 2023 Black Woman of the Year Award from the Negro Women's Association, and the 2021 Community Award from the Colorado Black Women for Political Action. Topazz was also recognized as a 2020 Denver Urban Spectrum's "African Americans Who Make a Difference," and she received the 2020 Presidential Award from the Greater Denver Ministerial Alliance. As a featured speaker at events such as the 2020 and 2022 Annual Black Boss Summit, Denver Startup Week 2018, and the 2023 Delta Sigma Theta Women Empowerment Summit, Topazz has shared her insights at various other community conferences. These speaking engagements have been organized through schools, church auxiliaries, and other agencies.

## Chandra Thomas Whitfield



**Chandra Thomas Whitfield** is co-host and producer of "Colorado Matters," the interview-style, daily public affairs show on Colorado Public Radio. An award-winning multimedia journalist, her work has appeared in The New York Times, The Washington Post, Essence, Ebony, NBCNews.com, NPR.org, and The Huffington Post. In 2020, she completed a Leonard C. Goodman Institute for Investigative Reporting Fellowship with In These Times magazine, during which she hosted and produced the In The Gap podcast about how pay inequity and discrimination impacts the lives – and livelihoods – of Black women in America. The short-run podcast won a 2021 Clarion Award from the Association of Women In Communications. A 2024 Colorado Association of Black Journalists "Journalist of the Year" winner and 2024 Juanita Gray Community Service Awards honoree from the Denver Public Library, Chandra's work has also been honored by the Colorado Broadcasters Association and the Colorado Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. A former Atlanta Press Club and Atlanta Association of Black Journalists "Journalist of the Year" award winner, a feature story she penned for Atlanta magazine was named one of "Atlanta's Top 10 Favorite Stories of the Past 50 Years." A proud New Orleans native by-way-of Atlanta, the mom of two young "engineers in training," she is also an alum of the Teds Scripps Environmental Journalism Fellowship at the University of Colorado Boulder.

## Honorable Joseph Whitfield



**The Honorable** Joseph Whitfield is a District Court Judge in Colorado's 18th Judicial District. Appointed to the bench by Governor Jared Polis, Judge Whitfield handles a variety of case types, including civil, criminal, domestic relations, and juvenile, among others. He has served in a variety of leadership positions in Colorado, including as a Committee Chair for the NAACP Aurora Colorado Chapter, President of the Sam Cary Bar Association of Colorado, Colorado's official Black bar association, as a Commissioner for the Colorado delegation of the Uniform Law Commission, and as an Instructor with the National Institute for Trial Advocacy. He currently serves on the Highline Academy Charter Schools Board of Directors and coaches local youth sports teams, a role inspired largely by his two young competitive sons. Judge Whitfield attended both Morehouse College and Occidental College and received his Juris Doctorate and Master's Degree in Intellectual Property and Technology Law from the School of Law at Washington University in St. Louis.

CONGRATULATIONS  
**COLORADO**  
BEAUTILLION-COTILLION, INC



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**Thank you for your grant award!**

## **The mission of the Denver Black Reparations Council**

**The mission of the Denver Black Reparations Council (DBRC) is to provide grants that are focused on rebuilding the institutions, religions, languages, and traditions within the Black Community of Denver and Colorado that were destroyed during the enslavement of African and African descendant people. The scope includes the repair of Black institutions that were wrecked and harmed post-slavery by Jim Crow, segregation, red lining, gentrification, mass incarceration, and violence on Black bodies. As a consequence, many institutions were prevented from coming into existence.**

**We provide oversight to Reparations Circle Denver's Denver Reparations Fund housed at The Denver Foundation and to donations made directly to DBRC. Grants are available to a wide range of Black entrepreneurial ventures such as small businesses, artistic and creative projects, nonprofit organizations, and community-oriented projects.**

**The Adinkra symbol used in our logo is called "Boa Me Na Me Mmoa Wo." It means "Help me and let me help you," which is the symbol of cooperation and interdependence. This represents the spirit of the DBRC approach.**

**Thank you for your Grant Award**

## **The Thomas W Bean Foundation**

The Thomas W. Bean Foundation, established in 1990 in Denver, Colorado, honors the legacy of Thomas Washington Bean, a pioneering African American businessman and community leader known for his contributions to affordable housing and community development.

The Foundation's mission is to provide volunteer opportunities and support in fundraising, political advocacy, justice, and social services. It aims to empower individuals and organizations working towards social equity and community development in Denver. Through these efforts, the Foundation continues Bean's commitment to enhancing the quality of life for Denver's disadvantaged communities.

Today, the Thomas W. Bean Foundation continues to serve as a testament to Bean's enduring commitment to enhancing the quality of life for Denver's disadvantaged communities.

## Thank you for your Grant Award



The Denver Foundation

The primary mission of Strengthening Neighborhoods is to support community-led groups in communities of color and low-income neighborhoods across the seven-county Metro Denver area. The program aims to:

- Empower Residents: Enable local residents to take initiative and lead projects that address community needs.
- Build Capacity: Enhance the effectiveness and sustainability of grassroots organizations through funding and support.
- Promote Equity: Focus on communities that have historically been underserved, ensuring they have the resources to thrive.
- Foster Collaboration: Encourage partnerships among residents, local institutions, and organizations to amplify impact

**Thank you for your support**

## **Colorado Black Caucus**

**James Coleman, Chair**  
**State Senator – Senate District 33**  
**Senate President**

**Regina English, Vice-Chair**  
**State Representative – House District 17**

**Michael Carter**  
**State Representative – House District 36**

**Tony Exum Sr.**  
**State Senator – Senate District 11**

**Naquetta Ricks, Treasurer**  
**State Representative – House District 40**

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**State Representative – House District 7**

**Junie Joseph, Secretary.**  
**State Representative – House District 10**

**Jamie Jackson**  
**State Representative – House District 41**



**Thank you for your support**



The **Montbello Organizing Committee (MOC)** is a nonprofit Community Development Corporation (CDC) based in Denver, Colorado. Established in 2013, MOC is dedicated to empowering Montbello residents to address critical issues affecting their community, such as affordable housing, food access, mental health services, and economic development.

MOC's mission is to galvanize and cultivate Montbello stakeholders and resident leaders to proactively address the critical issues affecting their quality of life



🎉 CONGRATULATIONS CBCI! 🎉

**Sisters Enterprise proudly salutes you on your 15th Annual Gala  
– Lifting Future Leaders of America in Colorado**

**ABOUT SISTERS ENTERPRISE (S.E.):**

**Founded in 2005 by Sisters Betty Reynolds Funderburke and Elinora Reynolds Brown, Sisters Enterprise champions Random Acts of Kindness (RAOK) to uplift lives and inspire Coloradans always to pay it forward.**

- ★ Signature RAOK Programs Include:
  - ✓ Back-to-School Campaigns
  - ✓ Homeless Outreach
  - ✓ Youth Literacy Projects
  - ✓ Global Food & Toy Giveaways
- ✓ Centenarian Celebrations (18 honored!)
  - ✓ Men’s Clothing Giveaways
  - ✓ Domestic Violence “Purse Project”
  - ✓ Job Opportunity Awareness
  - ✓ Utility Aid Referrals
  - ✓ Free Wedding Sponsorships
  - ✓ CPR Training & Health Awareness

**With a mission focused on education, health, youth, arts, community, and holiday outreach, S.E. connects volunteers and organizations to build stronger communities and brighter futures.**

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**“If there be any kindness I can show, let me do it now... as I shall not pass this way again.” – William Penn**

**Thank you for your support**

**African American Trade Association  
(AATA)**





## **Congratulations to Colorado Beautillion-Cotillion, Inc.**

**Celebrating 15 Years of Impact, Excellence & Legacy  
The Lady Black Hawks Organization  
proudly extends heartfelt congratulations to the  
Colorado Beautillion-Cotillion, Inc. on your  
remarkable 15th Anniversary!**

For a decade and a half, you have nurtured, uplifted, and empowered young Black men and women through your rites of passage programs—instilling purpose, leadership, cultural pride, and excellence. Your commitment to shaping future leaders has not only inspired individuals, but also strengthened families and transformed communities.

We salute your vision, your dedication, and the lives you continue to elevate. May this milestone be a reminder of your incredible legacy and a stepping stone to even greater impact in the years to come.

**With deep respect and admiration,  
The Lady Black Hawks Organization**

Thank you for your support



**COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION**  
ALIGNED TOGETHER  
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***Congratulations***  
***Malcolm Brigham***

Thank you for your support

# 100 Men Who Cook



Congratulations  
Adonis Woods

# Congratulations Malcolm!

From toddler steps to graduation cap, we are proud of you!



With our love and support,  
Mom & Dad



*AS ONE OF THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE  
"GUMMY BEAR GANG", YOU HAVE COME A LONG  
WAY!*

*CONGRATULATIONS MALCOLM! WE ARE VERY  
PROUD OF THE YOUNG MAN YOU ARE BECOMING.  
KEEP GOD FIRST, AND ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU  
ARE CAPABLE OF GREATNESS!*

*"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU  
DECLARES THE LORD."*

*JER 29:11*



*WITH LOVE,  
AUNTIE GINA,  
JEFFREY &  
JOSEPH*

# Congratulations

Ms. Cheryl Williams Carter and  
Colorado Cotillion Beautillion Inc.



*Praising God for the great things he has done through you and our youth!*

The Denver Interdenominational  
Association of Ministers' Wives & Ministers'  
Widows (DIAMWMW)

Dr Tywanna Jones, President



# Daddy Bruce Randolph Legacy Foundation

Virtual Job Fair: Thursday, May 8, 2025, 11 AM - 1 PM MST



**In Partnership With**



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## Jobseekers & Employers!

We are thrilled to invite you to our **Virtual Daddy Bruce Job Fair** on May 8th, from 11 AM to 1 PM. This is going to be a fantastic opportunity to connect local employers with job seekers.

### Event Details:

- **Date:** May 8, 2025
- **Time:** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

### Format: Virtual

During the job fair, you will have the chance to:

- Meet with various employers actively hiring for open positions
- Learn about different organizations and their job opportunities
- Network and make valuable connections

**Jobseekers & Employers:** To participate, please register in advance [HERE](#). After registering, you will receive a link to join the virtual event. Don't miss this opportunity for employers and job seekers to connect and begin valuable relationships! We look forward to seeing you there!

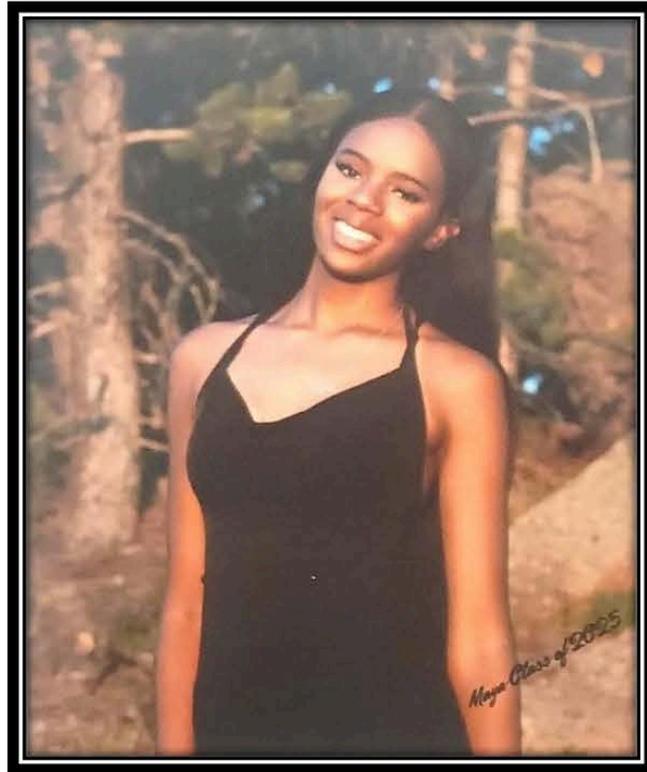
**Register Today - One QR Code For Both Employers & Job Seekers!**



**Employers & Job Seekers:**

<https://tinyurl.com/DBRLF-Virtual-Job-Fair-202505>

*Congratulations & Blessings  
Maya Nassardeen-Buckley*



*With Love & Pride Always  
Mom & Dad  
Lisa & Ishmail Nassardeen-Buckley*

*Congratulations & Best Wishes  
To Our Niece  
Maya Nassardeen-Buckley*



*We Are So Proud Of You!!  
Smith Family Aunts & Uncles  
Vonda, Pam, Phyllis, Terry*

# Class of 2025

## Ulysses Brown

**With love and overflowing pride...**

We have watched you grow into an incredible young man who is driven, disciplined, and full of heart. You have graduated high school and are ready to take the next step on your journey, we celebrate your amazing accomplishments:

- **Full-ride basketball scholarship**
- **Consistent Honor Roll student**
- **A true lover of music**
- **An individual who has deep family values**
- **And a young man grounded in faith and guided by God**

You've shown us what it means to chase dreams with humility, purpose, and integrity. As you head off to college, know that we are behind you every step of the way. Keep shining, keep believing, and always remember who you are and whose you are.

With all our love and blessings,  
Your Proud Family

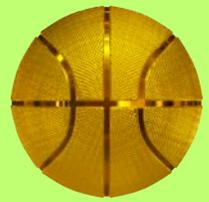
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# Congratulations, Ulysses!

## Class of 2025



From the court to the classroom, you've shown what hard work, talent, and dedication can achieve. We are beyond proud of you for earning a college basketball scholarship, becoming a State Champion in Basketball and the 4x400 Relay, and still finding time to embrace your passion for jazz.

Your journey is just beginning, and the best is yet to come. Keep rising, keep leading, and keep making your mark—on the court, on the track, and in the world.

With love and pride,  
Vena Flax



# Congratulations

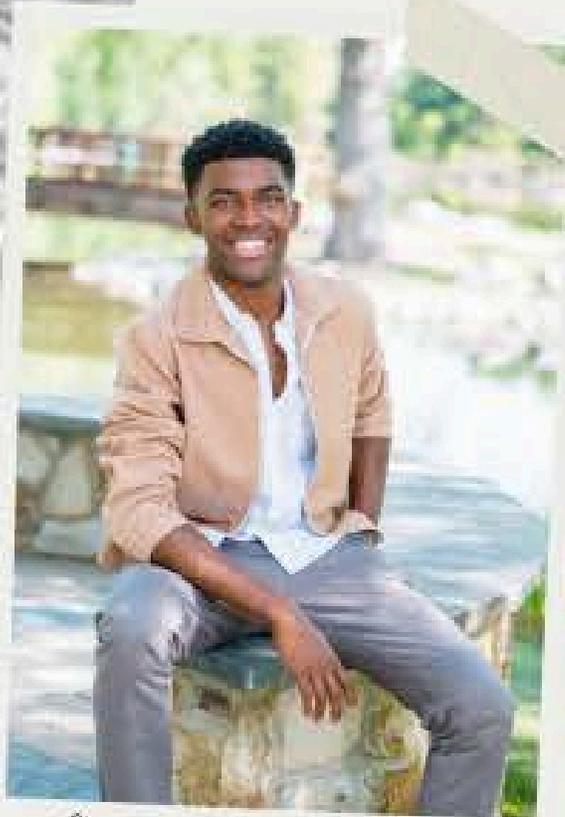


# Ulysses Brown II

*LaDonna Jurgensen*

# Ulysses Brown

*Ephesians 3:20-21*



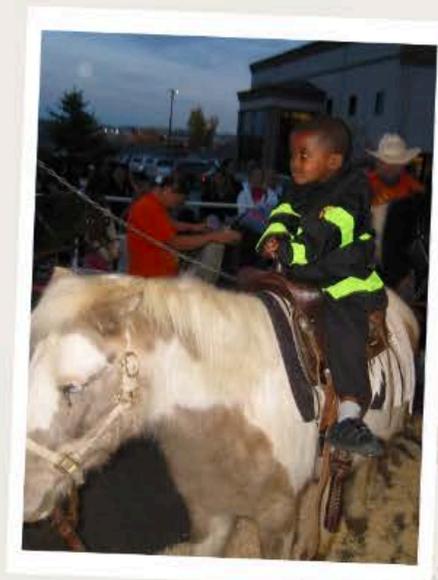
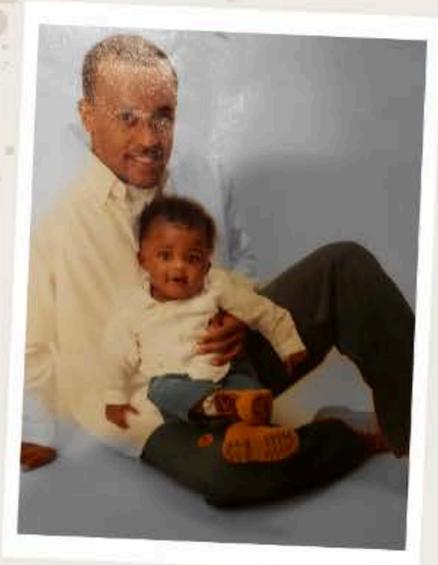
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*Love The Carls & Henderson Families*



*We are proud to  
call you our legacy*

*Mom Mr. Chris Uncle Joe Aunt Juliette*



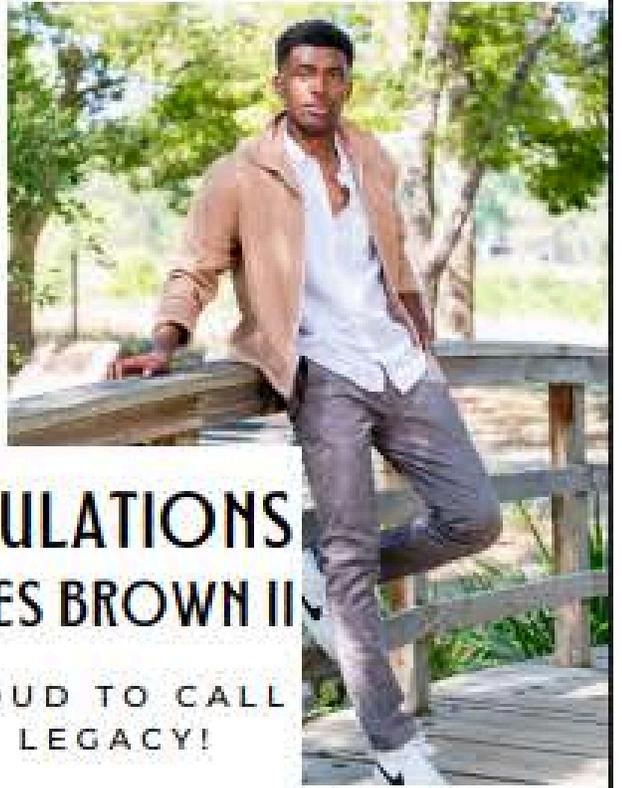
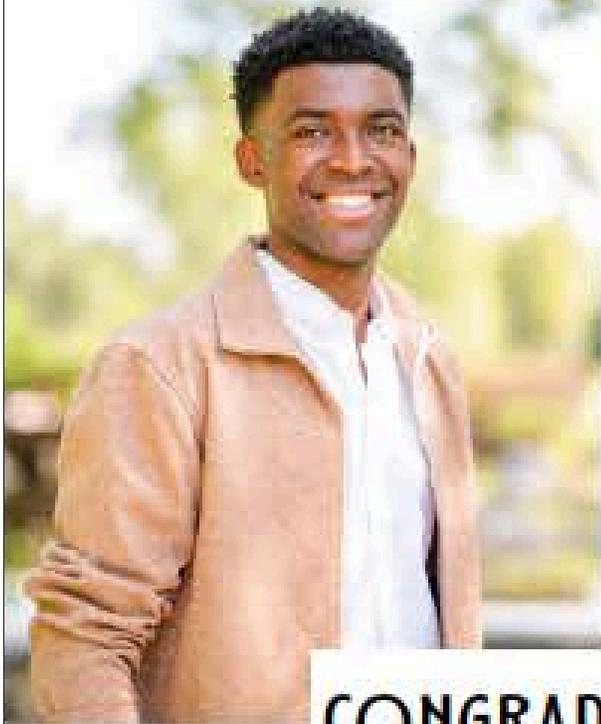
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I'VE WATCHED YOU AMONG OTHER THINGS,  
WITH MY SON, YOUR UNCLE JOE,  
AS A 2 YEAR OLD BASKETBALL PLAYER,  
AS A SEASONED HORSEBACK RIDER,  
AS A 4 YEAR OLD KARATE STUDENT,  
AS A 5 YEAR OLD PIANO STUDENT,  
AND NOW AS AN 18 YEAR OLD GUITAR PLAYING  
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

I'M SO PROUD OF YOU & CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT YOU DO NEXT

LOVE, GRANNY

# Ulysses Brown



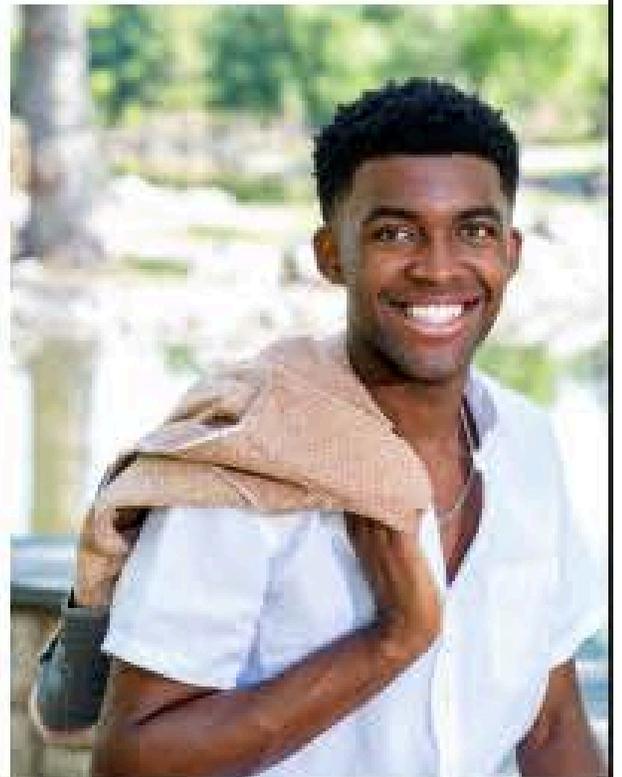
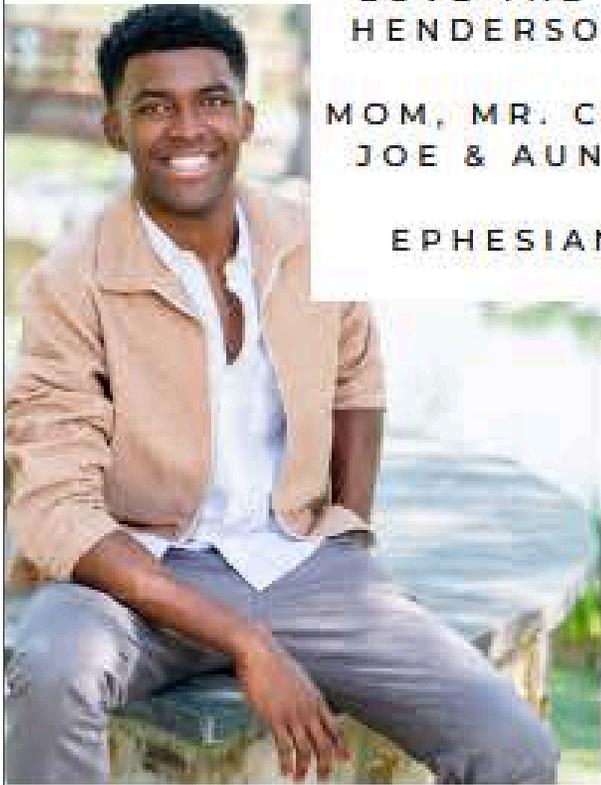
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BEAU ULYSSES BROWN II

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YOU OUR LEGACY!

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HENDERSON FAMILIES

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**Congratulations to Amari Green for her Debut!  
GiGi Loves You!**

# *Congratulations To Our Sweet Amaya*



**"God is within her, she will not fall"**

*Psalm 46:5 (NIV)*

Dearest Amaya,

With every breath you take, know that you carry the love, brilliance, and boldness of four generations of extraordinary Black Women ... your GREAT-Grandmother, your Grandmother, and your Mom. You are our legacy, a beautiful blend of care, courage, and creativity, poise and purpose, joy and justice. Your journey is a powerful testimony, and your future - with great care of yourself, focused work, and determination - promises to be phenomenal.

As you enter this exciting, new chapter, may you feel us walking with you, rooting you on, praying, and loving you every step of the way. We are so proud of you, Amaya. You are everything we prayed for and more.

With all our love,  
Meme, Oma, and Mom



**Congratulations Sister!**





# Amaya,

as you can tell from all of these pictures and from real life, I love you endlessly. It has been a great honor watching you grow into everything you are. I'm beyond grateful and proud to be your brother.

Love Always,  
Ajhani



# Congratulations Amaya!



**"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart" Jeremiah 1:5 NIV**

Sweet Amaya,

From the very beginning, you've been extraordinary. Playful, brilliant, full of creative light, you have a way of entering a room with a peaceful power that makes everyone feel seen, safe, and special. What a joy it is to celebrate you in this moment of triumph and transition. Walk boldly, sweet girl. God and the ancestors are with you always.

Though your Grand D is in the heavenlies, please know we both are praying for you every single day. We are cheering for you and celebrating you – not just for what you're doing, but for the exceptional person you are becoming. Your purpose is unfolding in ways more powerful than you can yet imagine.

Keep moving forward ...

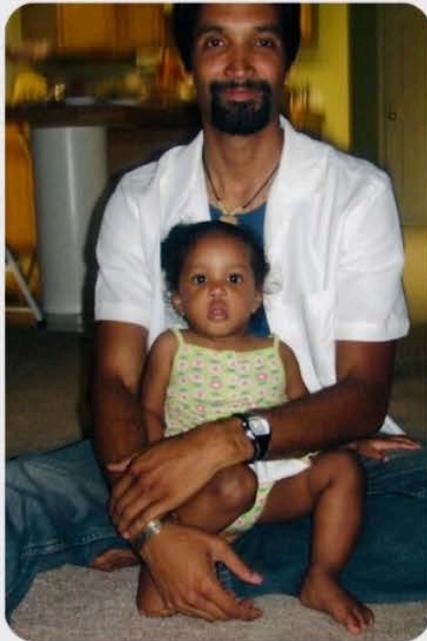
With much prayer and deep love,  
Nana. Grand D. Bella & Amadora



# WE LOVE YOU AMAYA



Here She Comes...  
*Amaya*



WE ARE PROUD OF YOU

YOUNG, GIFTED, AND BLACK

ALWAYS ALLOW YOUR LIGHT TO SHINE...DIM IT FOR NOBODY

# Congratulations Neicy!





## Congratulations to Amaya, Our Forever Baby



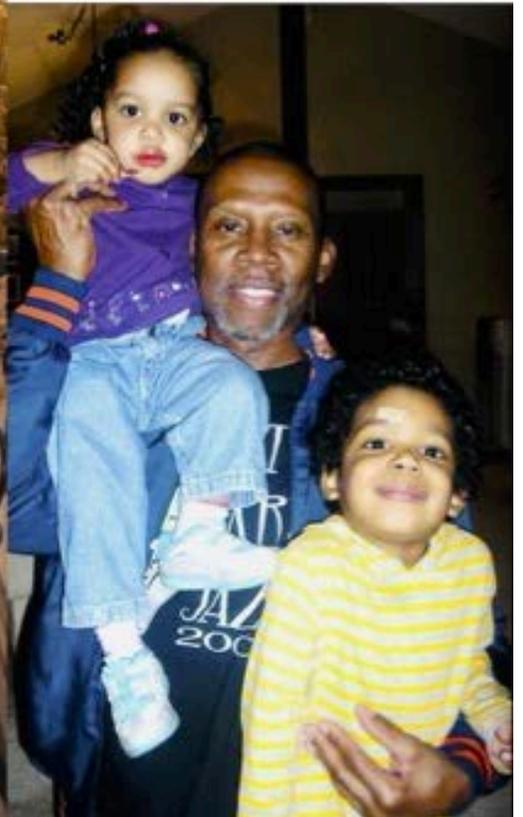
Dear Amaya,

From heaven's bright light, we are watching and smiling with full hearts and eyes full of joy and pride. We've seen every step, each triumph, every challenge, every moment where you've stood in your power, and we are so deeply proud of you, our Baby Amaya.

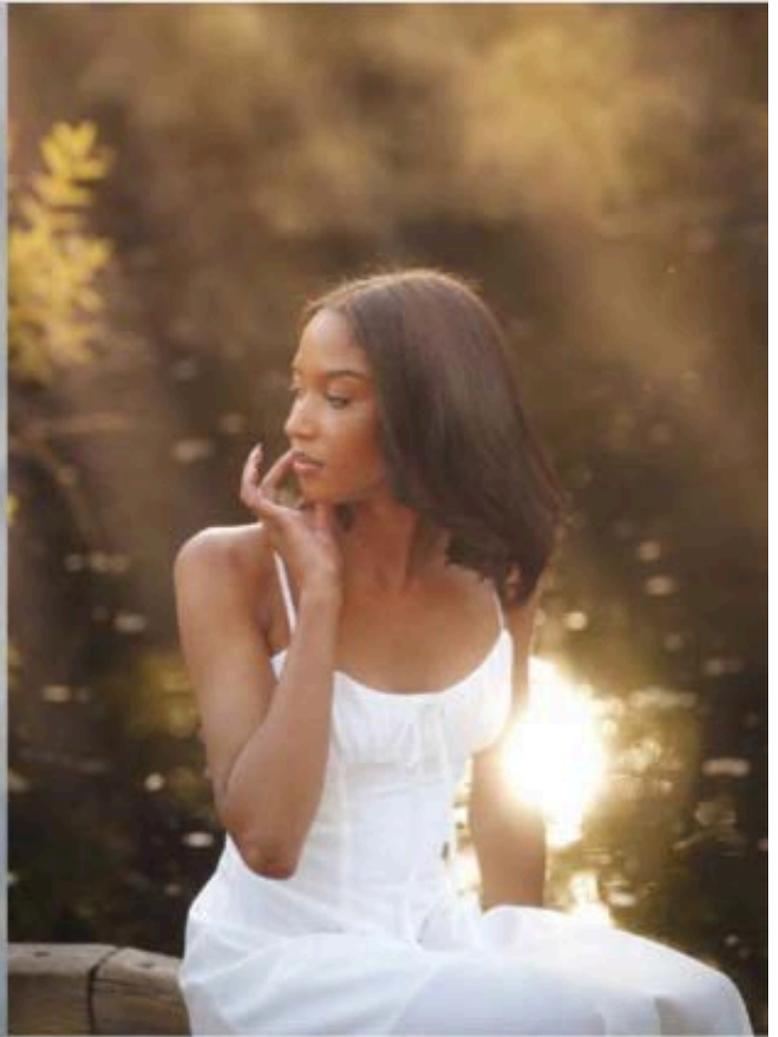
You are our answered prayers, the joy we carry in our spirits, and the legacy we knew would rise. Your heart, your brilliance, your determination – they are divine reflections of the love we continuously pour into you. As you become a young woman, keep rising, keep going, you got this, and we got you. All of your ancestors are loving you, protecting you, and cheering you on.

With all our love always,

Your Grampa and Grand D who are in Heaven



# CONGRATULATIONS!!



Amaya,

Congratulations on your remarkable accomplishments!

You have achieved a significant milestone, and a bright future awaits you. It is truly a blessing to witness your growth into an exceptional young lady. Embrace the uncertainties ahead, pursue your interests, and continue your journey of learning. We'll be there to support you every step of the way. We're so proud of you and pray all your aspirations will be realized.

We love you,  
Uncle Bruce, Aunt Wanda,  
Cousins, Tamara, Tyla, Mark, Marcellus & Micah

Congratulations  
Amaya Duval!



As your Godparents, we have prayed over you, cheered for you, and trusted that this day would come – a day where your light shines even brighter and your purpose continues to unfold exceeding, abundantly and above all that we could ever imagine.

We're very proud of you. Keep shining remembering God is with you forever, and we will always be here loving you from near or far!

Loves

Peter, Regina, Malachi & Moriah Groff

# *Congratulations Amaya Duval*



*You are beautiful in more ways than one, and a living reminder of God's faithfulness. What a joy and blessing it has been to witness your journey, and to now celebrate you in this moment of triumph and transition to the next stage of your life. Keeping shining!*

*Love, Godmommy*

# Congratulations



The Mitchell Family is so proud to express our heartfelt congratulations to our beloved graduate. Amaya, we love you and are so proud of you. We share pride and immense joy in your achievements. We are watching to see where your talent takes you next. Keep Jesus first and the world is yours.

**A journey completed - a future unfolding ...**

# Congratulations

class of  
**2025**



Congratulations



**Mitchell Family**

Congratulations



Family  
**HOME**



Believe

**AMAYA**

class of  
**2025**

vision

Laugh

Congratulations

**HEALTHY**

**FAMILY**



Congratulations

Congratulations



**GRADUATE**



**FAITH**



Congratulations



Love



Love ♡♡

# love you

# *Congratulations, Amaya Duval!*

May your journey be guided by grace, grounded in purpose, and lit by the miraculous that God placed uniquely within you – we're praying abundant blessings over your beautiful, bright future.

We love you so much!  
Your West Coast Gauden/Stone Family





## **Congratulations, Radiant Amaya!**



Dear Amaya,

Your beauty – inside and out – shines with grace, wisdom, strength, and a light that will never be dimmed.

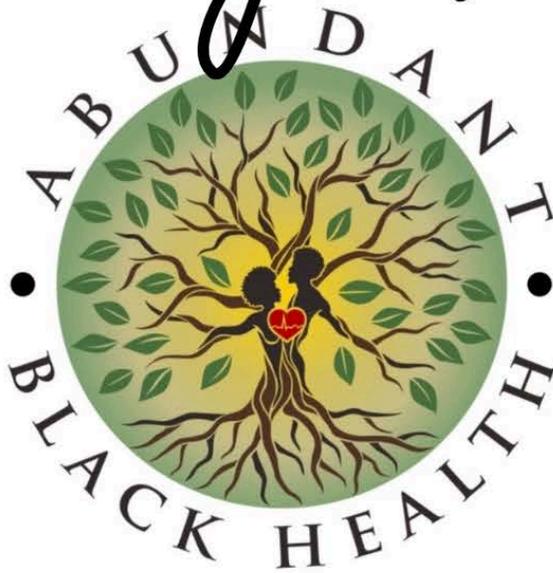
As you step into this next chapter, know that you are divinely equipped for greatness. Your heart, your brilliance, and your sweet spirit will not only carry you through college, but will open doors, build bridges, and inspire everyone who is blessed to know you.

I, and all of your Oma's friends, are praying over your journey with so much faith and love; your future is not just bright, it's destined to make a powerful mark in this world.

With love and heartfelt blessings,  
Dr. Dorothy Garrison-Wade



# Congratulations!



**Dearest Amaya,**

All of us at Abundant Black Health are deeply proud of you! During your time as an intern, you brought warmth, wisdom, and a clear commitment to health and wellness – especially for teens and young adults – that truly inspired us. We know your wonderful journey is just beginning, and we’re excited to see how you’ll continue to champion health, whether by helping in organizations or by creating a powerful business of your own.

**With abundant love and admiration,  
Abundant Black Health,**

# Congratulations, Precious Daughter!

Dearest Amaya,

Our Ancestors' light shines bright through you. From the moment I first held you, I felt the extraordinary spirit within you. Always know that your worth comes first from being God's cherished creation; **your gifts and talents are planted in you with divine purpose** – watching you grow in using them leaves me in awe of you, and my heart overflows with a pride and joy so profound it brings tears to my eyes.

**Remember always that we treasure you simply for being you** – for your laughter that brightens our family, your compassionate heart that sees the best in others, your unique perspectives that enrich every conversation.

We know your journey hasn't always been easy. I've watched you face challenges with quiet determination, transform setbacks into lessons, and pursue your dreams with unwavering focus. **Your soft yet strong perseverance inspires me daily.**

Amaya, the awesome achievements you've earned are a testament to your intelligence and to your character – **your persistence, your courage, your integrity.** These qualities will carry you further than any credential ever could.

Trust your instincts as you move forward and know that whenever you need shelter from life's storms or someone to celebrate your triumphs, my arms are eternally open. **I love you more than words can ever adequately express,** and I'm forever grateful to the Divine for entrusting me to be your mother.

With boundless love, admiration, and joy!  
Mom





**Belle:** Jackey Alvaro

**Parents' Names:** Nichelle & Philippe Alvaro

**School:** Denver School of the Arts | **GPA:** 3.6

**College Preferences:** Howard University, Coppin State University

**Major:** Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance with a focus on performance, choreography, and professional dance training

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Montbello Cheerleading, Pre-professional dancer at Cleo Parker Robinson, Member of Crown Dance K-Pop Group, Black Student Alliance, and pre professional Dancer at Denver School of the Arts

**Community Service:** Leader of Emmanuel Christian Church Youth Group

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am a charismatic and spiritually grounded individual who radiates positivity and creates a welcoming atmosphere wherever I go. Known for my sense of humor and uplifting energy, I strive to bring joy and connection to every environment. In my free time, I express my creativity and passion through playing the piano and guitar.



**Belle:** Crystal Castleberry

**Parents' Names:** Whitney Carter & Lance Castleberry

**School:** Vista PEAK Preparatory | **GPA:** 3.2

**College Preference:** Texas Southern University, Jarvis

**Major:** Special Education

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Cheerleading, Volleyball

**Community Service:** Daddy Bruce Randolph Thanksgiving Outreach, Black Art Festival, Colorado Beautillion-Cotillion, Inc, Out reach Projects, and Service Work with Mile High Tumblers at Athletics and Beyond

**What do you want us to know about you:**

I shine with purpose, turning my passion into promise. I will empower young minds through my early childhood education and light the way for children with dyslexia to see their brilliance beyond the letters.



**Belle:** Isabella Delhierro

**Parents' Names:** Jaslie Louis & Nathan Delhierro

**School:** Cherry Creek High School | **GPA:** 4.5

**College Preferences:** Stanford University, University of California Berkeley, University of Colorado, Colorado School of Mines, Johns Hopkins University, Washington University

**Major:** Neuroscience or Biology

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Student Senate, National Honors Society, Tutor, Spanish Honors Society, President of No Place for Hate, Editor in Chief of the yearbook

**Community Service:** Tallyn's Ranch Library, Board member of 38 Freedom, Confluence Ministries

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am an extremely hard worker who strives for excellence and approaches everything I do with dedication and purpose.



**Belle:** Juanita Dixon

**Parents' Names:** LaShawnda & Bobby Dixon

**School:** Montbello High School | **GPA:** 3.38

**College Preference:** California State University, South Carolina University

**Major:** Sports Psychology

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Black Student Alliance, Basketball, Track n Field, Volleyball, Honors Choir

**Community Service:** Unified Sports, Black Arts Festival, Ground Works and Juneteenth

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am a hardworking and determined young woman who walks confidently in the path God has set before me. As a scholar-athlete, I compete at the varsity and club level, demonstrating discipline, resilience, and teamwork both on and off the field. I've embraced opportunities to grow through part-time summer work, building independence and valuable life skills. Deeply committed to service, I actively participate in projects that uplift my community and reflect my dedication to making a meaningful impact.



**Belle:** Amari Green

**Parents' Names:** Angel Holt & Joshua Green

**School | GPA:** East High School | **GPA:** 3.7

**College Preference:** Spelman College

**Major:** Real Estate and Business Marketing, and minor in Marketing & Communications.

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Bloom (club for students Biblical Studies), People of Color for Advocacy (club), Head of the Props Department for East Theatre Company, East gifted & talented, 9 honors classes, 2 AP classes and Dual Enrollment Sociology Class.

**Community Service:** Food Bank of the Rockies", participant in various protests & marches

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am a 'Rising Junior' in the Porter-Billups Leadership Academy (participating since 6th grade) graduating the academy in June. I am most proud of and currently serve as the Head of the Props Department for the East High School Theatre Company. I also hold leadership positions in two school clubs and was recently accepted into the FIRST Cohort of 12 students as a Hancock Fellow. The 2025 Hancock Heritage Fellowship was instituted by former Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock with the intent to enhance young minds through the experience of traveling to historical Black Landmarks with an emphasis on discovering one's lineage through intense study and financed with a stipend throughout the summer. A dedicated dancer for over 12 years (many with the Dance Institute) I am gifted in tap and jazz earning a medal in 2023, and I am active in community advocacy, participating in protests against gun violence. Looking ahead, I plan my success by earning my real estate license at 18 in addition to pursuing a degree at Atlanta's Spelman College in Business Marketing, with a minor in Marketing & Communications. Finally I have been a member of Emmanuel Christian Center since I was born, participating in the liturgical dance team as a teen. I credit all my success and favor because of God's hand over my life.



**Belle:** Lenora Harris

**Parent's Name:** Etosha Pendarvis

**School** Overland High School | **GPA:** 3.5

**College Preference:** Howard University

**Major:** Political Science

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Black Student Alliance, Varsity Cheerleading, Sisterhood Peer Ambassador, National Honor Society.

**What would you like people to know about you?**

As I am presented to society, I do so with pride, purpose, and a deep sense of possibility. This moment symbolizes more than tradition, it reflects a dream I've held since seventh grade: to become a lawyer and advocate for justice. Inspired by the legacy of Howard University, where I aspire to study, I am committed to turning that dream into reality. As captain of the varsity cheerleading team, I've learned the value of leadership, unity, and resilience, lessons that extend beyond the field and into every area of my life. I also cherish quiet moments spent reading and being with my family, whose love grounds me. Today, I step forward not just as a debutante, but as a young woman determined to shape her own future.



**Belle:** J'Niya Hernandez

**Parent's Name:** Renieka Johnson

**School:** Vista PEAK Preparatory | **GPA:** 3.8

**College Preferences:** North Carolina A&T, Spelman College,  
Morehouse School of Medicine

**Major:** Nursing and minor in Psychology

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:**  
Cheerleading, Link Crew

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am a motivated and purpose-driven young woman, committed to building a successful future through hard work, leadership, and a heart for service. As a cheerleader and Link Crew mentor, I lead by example, uplifting others with school spirit, encouragement, and authentic connection. My active participation in service initiatives and community uplift projects reflects a deep passion for empowering individuals and making a lasting impact, especially within underserved neighborhoods and marginalized communities.



**Belle:** Maleeyia Moore

**Parents' Names:** Taneyia and Marvin Moore

**School:** Vista Peak Preparatory | **GPA:** 3.0

**College Preferences:** Florida A&M University

**Major:** CRNA Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:**

Honor Math, Cheerleading, Volleyball, (FBLA) Future Business Leaders of America, Track and Field

**Community Service:** Numerous service projects with several Community Organizations

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am a young woman dedicated to both academic and athletic excellence. As a student-athlete, I strive each day to meet the highest standards—not only on the field, but also in the classroom and in my community. I believe that true achievement is measured not just by trophies or titles, but by the values we uphold. Discipline, resilience, and purpose are the cornerstones of my journey, guiding me toward a life of impact, integrity, and meaningful service to others.



**Belle:** I'Liyana Knight

**Parents' Names:** Shalynn Green and Eugene Knight

**School:** George Washington High School | **GPA:** 3.0

**College Preference:** Metropolitan State, University of Denver, Mesa University

**Major:** Psychology

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Track & Field, Cheerleading, Flag Football, Black Student Union, Uplift, Honor Roll

**Community Service:** Numerous projects with cheer squad, school, and other organizations

**What would you like people to know about you?**

As I step forward into this new chapter, I do so with a deep commitment to understanding both myself and those around me. I am passionately drawn to the study of human behavior and the intricate forces that shape our thoughts, emotions, and actions. Pursuing a degree in Psychology will empower me to explore the principles behind mental processes and cognition, equipping me to support others with empathy, insight, and purpose. It is my belief that through understanding, we can build stronger, more compassionate communities—and I am honored to begin that journey.



**Belle:** Malaya Moon-Fletcher

**Parents' Names:** Sheryl Moon Alexander and Richard Fletcher

**School:** Vista Peak Preparatory | GPA **4.2**

**College Preference:** Tuskegee University

**Major:** Aviation and Aerospace Engineering

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Member of the National Honor Society and recipient of a varsity letter in Orchestra. Serves as Vice President of the school's orchestra and has earned first chair violist twice in the Aurora Public School District-Wide Honors Orchestra. Active participant in Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), having qualified for the FBLA state team competition. On track to earn an Associate Degree in Mathematics by the end of junior year.

**Community Service:** Food Bank of the Rockies and reading to elementary students

**What would you like people to know about you?**



**Belle:** Ja'Raye Noble

**Parents' Names:** Brandy Riley & John Noble II

**School:** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Early College | **GPA:** 4.2

**College Preferences:** Florida A&M University, Hampton University

**Major:** Business Management or Entrepreneurship

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** National Honors Society, Deans List, Volleyball, Tutor, Varsity Basketball Manager

**What would you like people to know about you?**

As an aspiring nail artist and future business owner, I am committed to transforming my passion for nail art into a thriving enterprise. Currently, I am on track to graduate with over 60 college credits next year, equipping me with a strong academic foundation to complement my creative ambitions. By integrating my artistic talents with business acumen, I aim to establish a brand that not only showcases innovative nail designs but also fosters a welcoming environment for clients. I am dedicated to continuous learning and professional development, ensuring that my journey is marked by growth, resilience, and a steadfast commitment to excellence in the beauty industry.



**Belle:** Anyya Williams-Torres

**Parents' Names:** Erica Moseley & Britt Torres

**School:** Legend High School | **GPA:** 3.5

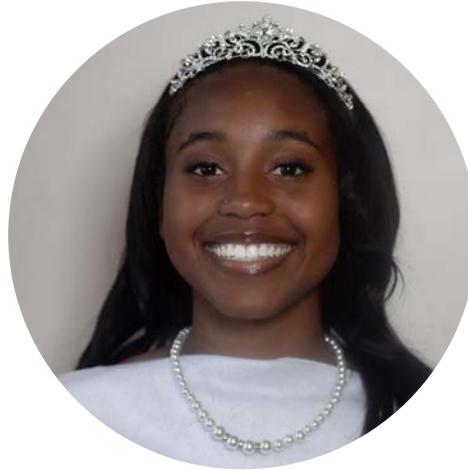
**College Preference:** Howard University

**Major:** Nursing

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** HOSA, DECA, Spanish National Honor Society, Part-time job

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am a deeply observant and thoughtful listener who approaches every interaction with empathy and intention. By actively engaging with others, I strive to understand their perspectives and emotions, fostering an environment of trust and respect. This approach not only strengthens relationships but also enhances collaboration and problem-solving. I am committed to continuous growth in this area, recognizing the profound impact that genuine, empathetic listening can have on both personal and professional connections.



**Debutante:** Nykira Barnett

**Parents' Names:** Paula & Shawn Barnett

**School:** George Washington High School | **GPA:** 3.0

**College Preference:** University of Northern Colorado

**Major:** Early Childhood Education

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Student leadership, Beautiful Black Girls Club, Basketball, Track & Field

**Community Service:** Helping the Blaze Ladies Football team with service projects, Colorado Beautillion-Cotillion, Inc. Fundraisers, Black Arts Festival, and Juneteenth

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I have proudly maintained a lifelong commitment to being a scholar-athlete, balancing academic excellence with the discipline gained through sports. These experiences have shaped my strong work ethic and sense of purpose. My passion for education stems from a deep desire to inspire and empower young minds, helping them recognize their worth and potential. I believe in the transformative power of teaching and aim to guide the next generation toward success. Rooted in strong family values and a love for travel, I value connection, perspective, and compassion. As I pursue a career in education, I do so with a commitment to being not just a teacher, but a mentor and advocate for every student I serve.



**Debutante:** Ta'Niya Bland

**Parents' Name:** Steffany Darden

**School:** Arapahoe High School | **GPA:** 4.0

**College Preference:** Colorado State University

**Major:** Veterinary Medicine

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Cheerleading

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am an inspiring honor student whose heart beats for more than just academic success. With a deep love for animals and an unwavering commitment to community service, I dedicate my time to rescuing and caring for helpless pets in need. Whether I'm volunteering at shelters or organizing local drives to support animal welfare, my compassion shines through in every act. Beyond the classroom and community, I bring energy and enthusiasm as a skilled cheerleader, using my talents to uplift school spirit and encourage others. With a rare blend of intelligence, empathy, and leadership, I am truly making a difference, one rescued paw and positive cheer at a time!



**Debutante:** Maya Buckley

**Parents' Names:** Lisa Nassardeen-Buckley & Ishmael Buckley

**School:** Castle View High School | **GPA:** 3.0

**College Preference:** Rome City Institute

**Major:** International Business

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Student of Color Alliance, FCA Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Jack & Jill of America, Varsity Tennis, Basketball, Marching Band & Symphonic Band

**Community Service:** Horse Ranch, Denver Food Bank

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am an ambitious and well-rounded student who exemplifies excellence in and out of the classroom. I am kind, charismatic, and deeply driven to succeed in everything I set my mind to. With a remarkable international spirit, my plans to study International Business at Rome City Institute reflect my courage to explore the world and embrace global opportunities. I am both brilliant and pleasant, carrying a vibrant zeal for life that uplifts those around me. My character, unwavering integrity, and passion for learning are truly commendable and will undoubtedly open doors to a bright and successful future.



**Debutante:** Khimora Cage

**Parents' Names:** Karima Mcvey & Steven Cage

**School:** Gateway High School | **GPA:** 3.5

**College Preference:** Community College of Aurora, Prairie View A&M University

**Major:** Health Science , Pediatric Medicine

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Varsity Swim, Girls Flag Football Team Captain, AVID, Gear Up, Ascent program

**Community Service:** Lifeguard at the Utah Swimming Pool, CPR and First Aid certified, member of the Hope city Church of Colorado Performing Arts, Youngest first responder at Hope City Church of Colorado, helps to aid the homeless twice a year.

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am a proud African-American woman and the first in my family to graduate from high school—an achievement that signifies the beginning of breaking generational barriers. While I am naturally introverted, I've found powerful forms of self-expression through the arts and swimming, both of which have played a key role in shaping my confidence, discipline, and resilience. I aspire to become a nurse, with a deep desire to uplift and heal others, particularly within underserved communities like my own. My goal is to leave a lasting legacy of hope and progress for future generations. As Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams



**Debutante:** Chelsea Carver

**Parents' Names:** Chalice & Robert Carver

**School :** Overland High School | **GPA:** 3.0

**College Preference:** Texas Southern University

**Major:** Kinesiology

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Cheerleading Captain

**Community Service:** Dedicated and active member of Odom Memorial Church of God In Christ, Dance ministry's head dancer, Joy Givers Outreach Ministry, Sunshine Band, Purity, and Vacation Bible School, Odom Memorial Choir and Praise Team, Active member of the Colorado Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Youth Choir

**What would you like people to know about you?**

While attending Overland High School, I maintained a 3.0 GPA and earned certifications in Behavioral Health and Physical Occupational Therapy through college-level courses at Cherry Creek Innovation Campus. As a four-year varsity cheerleader and senior-year captain, I have been described as a quiet force and role model, known for offering leadership on and off the field. The challenges I faced during COVID taught her that prayer, perseverance, determination, and dedication are the keys to success. Grounded in faith, I live by Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



**Debutante:** Sirius Connally

**Parents' Names:** LaShawn Coleman & Kevin Brown

**School:** Northeast Early College | **GPA:** 3.17

**College Preference:** South Carolina State University

**Major:** Health & Exercise Science

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Honor Roll, Cheerleading, Track & Field, Founding Miss Robert F Smith Steam Academy Scholar, Recognized Artist, Fox Theater Play leading role, Entrepreneur

**Community Service:** Hospital gift giving, feeding the homeless, helping middle & high school cheer teams

Crown Miss Juneteenth | Denver - 2025: is a symbol of pride, resilience, cultural heritage, and leadership for young Black women. The title honors both the history of Juneteenth and the future of African American youth.

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am a dedicated scholar who earned my Associate's Degree in General Studies through concurrent enrollment while completing high school. I am fluent in Spanish and English and was awarded the Seal of Biliteracy. I have received multiple scholarships, including the Beverly Leali Scholarship and the "I Am A Star" Scholarship, and I remain committed to securing funding for my educational goals.



**Debutante:** Evelina Cunningham

**Parents' Names:** Aminea Malone & Roger Cunningham

**School:** Overland High School | **GPA:** 3.0

**College Preference:** Colorado State University

**Major:** Exploratory Studies

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Honor Roll, Peer Ambassador, Wrestling Manager, Photography Club, Tutor

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am a dedicated student of Animal Science with a passion for learning and commitment to excellence that truly sets me apart from the crowd. I have a strong work ethic and a genuine curiosity for the world around me, I consistently seeks out opportunities to grow, both academically and personally. I am a proud Honor Roll student, who also serves as a Peer Ambassador, where my leadership and compassion shine as a mentor and supports my fellow students. As the Wrestling Team Manager and an active member of the Photography Club, I bring creativity, organization, and enthusiasm to everything I do. In addition, I give back through tutoring, using my knowledge and patience to uplift others on their academic journeys. My grace, intellect, and dedication exemplify what it means to be a young woman of purpose and promise.



**Debutante:** Amaya Duval

**Parent's Name:** Dawn Duval

**School:** Denver Online School

**College Preference:** University of Colorado Denver

**Major:** Biomedical Engineering

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Honors AP, Swimming, Mentor

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am a proud National Honor Society student with a passion for science and engineering. I will be continuing my academic journey by studying Biomedical Engineering in college, a field that reflects my deep curiosity, discipline, and drive to make a meaningful impact. I am known for my perseverance and self-advocacy, I approach learning with focus and resilience, pushing through challenges with determination. In addition to my academic achievements, I am a dedicated athlete, having participated in both Swimming and Track & Field, and have also served as a lifeguard, demonstrating my commitment to excellence, leadership, and service in every area of my life.



**Debutante:** Malayia Flowers

**Parents' Names:** Nikaila Pogue & Lance Flowers

**School:** Gateway High School | **GPA:** 3.0

**College Preference:** Metropolitan State University

**Major:** Nursing

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Cheerleading, Gear Up

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am a bright, focused, and hardworking young woman with a heart for helping others. I want to begin my college journey at Metropolitan State University, and I plan to transfer to Spelman College in Atlanta to continue pursuing my dream of becoming a pharmacist. With a foundation in nursing, my goal is to make a lasting impact in the healthcare field. A participant in the GEAR UP college readiness program, I have taken initiative in preparing for my future, navigating financial aid, FAFSA, and college planning. Outside of school, I work at a hair salon where I enjoy connecting with and supporting new people every day, showing both compassion and professionalism in all that I do.



**Debutante:** Brooklynn Haggerty

**Parents' Names:** Shalonda Palmer & Lindsey Haggerty

**School:** East High School | **GPA:** 4.0

**College Preference:** Spelman College

**Major:** Health Science on the Pre-Med track, and minor in Spanish.

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Avid, Black Student Alliance, Star Girlz Empowerment.

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am fueled by a deep commitment to service, resilience shaped by personal loss, and a powerful vision to represent and uplift my community. My light doesn't stop in the classroom. As a certified lash technician, I am also an emerging entrepreneur who blends creativity with confidence. My dream of owning my own beauty and wellness business is not just about style, it's about empowering others to feel seen, beautiful, and worthy. My leadership is rooted in purpose. I am a youth mentor, community organizer, and speaker who uses my voice to uplift young girls of color. I have led workshops, served on panels, and even taken my advocacy to the state capitol, sharing my lived experiences and ideas to help drive social change. My passion is deeply personal. I chose to fight back, not with anger, but with purpose. Many obstacles throughout life have fueled my desire to create safer communities, support mental health awareness, and be the representation I once needed. I am not just chasing success, I am creating impact, building legacy, and lighting the path for others to follow.



**Debutante:** Eianna Jackson

**Parent's Name:** Lakisha Benford

**School:** Vista PEAK Preparatory | **GPA:** 3.8

**College Preference:** Schreiner University

**Major:** Engineering and minor in Business Management.

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Varsity Basketball, Track and field, Drip Nation, Team Colorado club Basketball, Honor Roll, Flag Football, Black Student Alliance, Hairstylist.

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am a person who deeply cares about the things I commit to—whether it's my relationships, my work, or my future goals. I'm someone who believes in growth, not perfection, and every challenge I face is just another step toward becoming the person I'm meant to be. I value honesty, loyalty, and ambition, and I'm working hard to build a life that reflects those values. I hope to thrive in Texas, I want to leave a mark—one that shows I didn't just dream big, but I also put in the work to get there. Lastly, most importantly a thank you to my family! Your love, support, and belief in me have shaped who I am. I wouldn't be on this path without you, and I'm forever grateful for everything you've done to help me chase my goals.



**Debutante:** Salomae Jenkins

**Parents' Names:** Retha & Brian Jenkins

**School:** Prairie View High School | **GPA:** 3.5

**College Preferences:** Front Range Community College, Grambling State University

**Major:** Cosmetology, Business Management, Minor in Sports Management

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Band, Marching Band, Girls Basketball, National Honors Society, African and Black Student Union, Family and Career and Community Leaders of America, Prairie View High School of Business, Student council, Sophomore and Junior representative] Principal's honor roll and Honor roll, Colorado Association for Black Professional Engineers & Scientists

**Community Service:** Church work Volunteering at Greater Wayside Community Temple on the Media Team, Volunteer hours at Libby's animal Shelter, Children's Hospital, Turnberry Elementary school and various school events

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am a hard-working dedicated individual, who is working on my walk with God and building a better community for black and brown people through healthy eating and generational wealth building. I'm excited for my future and I'm proud to be a black woman. One of my favorite quotes is " Nothing can dim the light which shines from within" (Maya Angelou)



**Debutante:** Aaliyah Jones

**Parents' Names:** Priscilla & Jamal Abdullah

**School:** Vista PEAK Preparatory | **GPA:** 2.9

**College Preference:** Northeastern University

**Major:** Sports Medicine

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Varsity Cheer captain, 2024/2025 Cheer State and National Bid, 2x letter Varsity golf, 4x letter Honors Band, Black Student Alliance, Track & Field, Excel Gymnastics team, Link crew, Snowboarding team

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I believe I have achieved so much due to my hard work, self-love, and putting God first. These values have shaped every step of my journey and continue to guide me as I strive for greatness. I am a shining example of leadership, talent, and academic excellence, earning a full-ride cheer scholarship to Northeastern University, where I will pursue a degree in Sports Medicine. My vibrant spirit and dedication have made me a standout in Varsity Cheer, Poms, Track & Field, and Golf. Beyond athletics, I am an active member of the Black Student Alliance and serve as a Link Crew leader, helping to guide and support young students. Whether in the classroom, on the field, or in my community, I lead with purpose, passion, and poise. With my eyes on the future and my heart set on making a difference, I am destined to rise, inspire, and empower others along the way. I know that staying true to myself, even in the face of pressure to conform, is one of my greatest strengths. As Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment."



**Debutante:** Makailah McKinley-Williams

**Parents' Names:** Yevonne Williams & Ajanae Grimes

**School:** Rangeview High School | **GPA:** 4.72

**College Preference:** Howard University

**Major:** Mechanical Engineering

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** National Honor Society, Black Student Alliance

**Community Service:** Food Bank of the Rockies, reads to elementary students in her community

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am proud to have been selected as a recipient of the Black Student of Excellence Award by Senator Coleman, an honor that reflects my hard work and leadership. I describe myself as someone who brings both humor and heart into every space I enter. Looking ahead, I hope to begin college with advanced standing to create more room for valuable engineering internships. On a lighter note, one of my personal goals is to try my hand at gardening and discover a new way to relax and grow.



**Debutante:** Niylah Mosley

**Parent Name:** Tedra Bady

**School:** Denver School of Arts | **GPA** 3.6

**College Preferences:** Metropolitan State University of Denver

**Major:** Business Marketing and Management

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Strive Teens Programs, Black Student Alliance at DSA, Montbello High School Cheerleading

**Community Service:** Heal the Hood Annual Summer Event, Flava of Love Thanksgiving Drive, Strive Princess Pageant

**What would you like people to know about you?**

With a clear vision and unwavering determination, I proudly step into this moment as a young woman focused on building a future defined by purpose and achievement. I will be pursuing a degree in Business, I am passionate about personal growth, driven by ambition, and committed to turning dreams into reality. This journey is only beginning, but with faith, focus, and hard work, I believe the best is yet to come. I embrace this new chapter with gratitude and excitement, ready to lead, learn, and leave a meaningful mark on the world.



**Debutante:** Raine Portress

**Parents' Names:** Elita Hester & Dedric Portress

**School:** Thomas Jefferson High School | **GPA:** 4.5

**College Preference:** Langston University

**Major:** Business Accounting

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Band, Orchestra, Cheerleading, Choir, Platinum on Honor Roll

**Community Service:** El Sistema, Global Youth Leaders, Colorado Young Leaders

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I embody of excellence, leadership, and grace. Graduating with a perfect 4.0 GPA and selected as my high school's graduation speaker, I am a distinguished scholar and a voice of inspiration to my peers. I will continue my academic journey at Langston University, majoring in Business Accounting, where my discipline and determination will pave the way for future success.

I am well-rounded student, with a vibrant presence in Band, Orchestra, Choir, and Cheerleading, I have consistently achieved Platinum Honor Roll status. My dedication extends beyond the classroom through impactful service with El Sistema, Global Youth Leaders, and Colorado Young Leaders, organizations that reflect my passion for uplifting others.

My future is bright, and my legacy of scholarship, service, and strength is already taking shape.



**Debutante:** Syrai Smith

**Parents' Names:** Rhonda Harris & Murjani Harris

**School:** Vista PEAK Preparatory | **GPA:** 3.8

**College Preference:** Morehead State University

**Major:** Business

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** National Honor Society, Track & Field, Cheerleading

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am a scholar, athlete, and leader with a fearless spirit and a heart full of ambition. I plan to attend Morehead State University, where I will major in Business and pursue my passion for collegiate cheer. My involvement in the National Honor Society, Track & Field, and Cheerleading is a reflection of my dedication, discipline, and well-rounded excellence. I am known for my boldness and determination, I am not afraid to step outside of her comfort zone to try new things, and face challenges head-on, as I see them as opportunities to grow, lead, and shine. As I embarks on this exciting new chapter, I will carry my legacy of hard work, courage, and an unwavering commitment to becoming the best version of myself. My journey is just beginning, and my light is sure to inspire others for years to come.



**Beau:** Josias Ashton

**Parents' Names:** Karla & Joshua Ashton Sr.

**School:** Overland High School | **GPA:** 3.5

**College Preference:** Mississippi State University

**Major:** Pre-veterinary/Biological Science

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** French Club, HOSA, FBLA, FCCLA, Varsity Football, Wrestling, Track & Field, National Honor Society, JEKL, Lyrics 4 Life

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am true example of excellence, ambition, and resilience. With my eyes set on Mississippi State University, I plan to pursue a major in Pre-Veterinary and Biological Science, I am driven by a deep love for animals and a commitment to healing. I am a versatile and well-rounded student, who excelled in both academics and extracurricular activities. I am a proud member of the National Honor Society and active in organizations such as the French Club, HOSA, FBLA, FCCLA, JEKL, and Lyrics 4 Life. On the field, I showcase strength and determination as a Varsity Football player, wrestler, and Track & Field athlete. I am known for my vibrant energy and focused mindset. I am a versatile and talented young man, ready to make my mark on the world. With passion and purpose, I'm just getting started. Get ready... here I comes.



**Beau:** Malcolm Brigham

**Parents' Name:** Dr. Tameka & Marques Brigham Sr.

**School:** Endeavor Academy

**College Preference:** Metropolitan State University of Denver

**Major:** Healthcare

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Brotherhood Program, A1 Boxing Club

**Community Service:** Denver NAACP

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am known for my integrity, optimism, and thoughtful leadership, having been recognized for my character by both my high school teachers and my professors at the Cherry Creek Innovation Campus early college (CCIC). I look forward to continuing my education after high school and plan to pursue a degree in the healthcare field. I enjoy boxing, traveling, and gaming and I'm ready to step boldly into my future. With faith, family and determination, I know I am destined for greatness.



**Beau:** Ulysses P. Brown II

**Parents' Names:** Maya & Christopher Earls

**School:** ThunderRidge High School | **GPA:** 3.1

**College Preference:** Blue Mountain Community College

**Major:** Civil Engineering

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Varsity Basketball, Track and Field, Chess Club, Principal's Selection Committee

**Community Service:** Charter Member of the Sigma Beta Club, Feed the Streets, Cleaves Memorial CME Food and Clothing Giveaway.

**What would you like people to know about you?**

Today marks a meaningful milestone in my journey—one of reflection, gratitude, and forward-looking purpose. As a musician with a passion for piano, guitar, and the rich sound of jazz, I find balance between creativity and competition. This year, I had the honor of leading both my basketball and 4x400 relay teams to the state championships, experiences that deepened my resilience and teamwork. Earning a full-ride basketball scholarship is a testament to years of hard work and faith. Before college, I will serve as a camp counselor, mentoring youth as others have done for me. Tonight's Rites of Passage is just the beginning, and I step into the future with strength, purpose, and grace.



**Beau:** Jackson Coburn

**Parents' Names:** Ministers Christopher & Holli Coburn

**School:** Northfield High School | **GPA:** 4.0

**College Preferences:** CSU Fort Collins, CU Boulder, MSU Denver, CU Denver

**Major:** Biology / Pre-med

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** 3x Honor Roll student, 2024 Northfield High School AP Geography Championship Team Member, Northfield Junior Varsity Lacrosse

**Community Service:** City of Aurora Lifeguard for 2 years, CPR Certified, Aurora City Sisters Youth Volunteer, Food Bank volunteer, Emmanuel Christian Center Youth Group Member

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I aspire to become a pediatrician combining my love for science with a passion for helping children. I am committed to pursuing a career that combines medicine and child advocacy. I will begin my medical training this Summer in Boston, Massachusetts as I was chosen as a scholarship recipient of the The National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists. I will attend three days of various workshops at The University of Massachusetts where I will begin my journey of determining/narrowing my specific medical area of focus.



**Beau:** Orion Connally

**Parents' Names:** LaShawn Coleman & Kevin Brown

**School:** Northeast Early College

**College Preference:** Howard University

**Major:** Criminal Justice

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** National Honors Society, College Track, CE classes, Concurrent Enrollment for CCA

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am a focused and driven scholar who embodies purpose, potential, and a vision for justice. With aspirations rooted in service and leadership, I want attend Howard University to pursue a degree in Criminal Justice, with the goal of making a meaningful impact in the communities that need it most. I am a proud member of the National Honor Society and committed to academic excellence and personal growth. My dedication is evident through his involvement in College Track, participation in concurrent enrollment courses, and completion of CE classes through the Community College of Aurora. I approach my education with intention, preparing myself not only for a career, but for a life of influence and integrity. I see the Beautillion as more than a celebration, it is a powerful platform that uplifts Black youth in Denver, offering guidance, encouragement, and the clarity needed to chase our dreams with confidence.



**Beau:** Kai Cunningham

**Parent's Name:** Dyan Conner

**School:** Overland High School

**College | Trades Preference:** Aviation Mechanic School

**Major:** Aircraft Maintenance

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am currently enrolled in the Aircraft Maintenance program at the Cherry Creek Innovation Campus, where I'm working toward certification to enter the aviation field. Known for my curiosity and hands-on approach to learning, I am passionate about aircraft mechanics and driven to build a meaningful, successful life. I hope to intern at a major airport and look forward to a career that values precision, safety, and skill, all while combining my love for travel with a deeper understanding of how things work.



**Beau:** AJ Diane

**Parent's Name:** Assitan Kone

**School:** Northfield High School

**College Preference:** University of Colorado Boulder

**Major:** Construction Management

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Track & Field, Football, Personal Brand Model.

**What would you like people to know about you?**

He is an exceptional young man—a student-athlete whose life is defined by drive, discipline, and determination. With a mindset rooted in pushing past limits, he brings the same energy and focus to the classroom, the field, and the track. He plans to attend the University of Colorado Boulder, where he will major in Sports Science with an interest in Construction Management, while continuing to develop as both a scholar and an athlete. His dedication is unwavering, and his vision for the future is bold. With a personal brand already taking shape, he is committed to building a legacy founded on hard work, leadership, and purpose. He also plays the piano.

He steps confidently into this next chapter, and does so not just with ambition, but with the power to inspire and lead—with proof that his perseverance and passion will pave the way for greatness.



**Beau:** Patrick Efferson Jr.

**Parents' Name:** Bobbie Alexander & Patrick Efferson Sr.

**School:** Northfield High School | **GPA:** 3.9

**College Preference:** Stanford University, University of Michigan

**Major:** Law

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Varsity Football Team Captain, Varsity Track & Field, IB Diploma Student

**Community Service:** Colorado Association of Black Professional Engineers & Scientists (CABPES), Mayors Youth Commission, Kappa Alpha Psi Mentee Program

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am an avid reader, traveler, and sports enthusiast who thrives on leadership and learning. As a Varsity Football Team Captain, IB Diploma student, and active member of programs like CABPES and the Mayor's Youth Commission, I bring excellence and purpose to everything I do. With plans to pursue a career in law, I am committed to using my voice to advocate for justice and uplift my community.



**Beau:** Evan Fuentes

**Parents' Names:** Amy & Brandon Fuentes

**School:** Thomas Jefferson High School

**College Preference:** Military / Armed Forces

**Major:** Mechanics

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Honors Band (Clarinet), JROTC, Command Sgt. Major for Thomas Jefferson Drill Team

**Community Service:** Optimist Club of Denver, Christmas Tree Lot Volunteer

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am a disciplined and focused young man with a quiet strength, embodying the phrase, "still waters run deep." As Command Sgt. Major for the Thomas Jefferson Drill Team and a dedicated member of JROTC and Honors Band, I bring excellence to both leadership and music. I plan to enter the military and pursue a career in mechanics, driven by a desire to serve with purpose and precision.



**Beau:** Maurice Fulcher

**Parents' Names:** Sharikia & Tarea Fulcher

**School:** East High School | **GPA:** 3.0

**College Preferences:** Metropolitan State University of Denver

**Major:** Economics

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** AVID, Black Educated Young Men, Varsity Basketball

**Community Service:** Juneteenth Program, Black Arts Festival, Heal the Hood, Daddy Bruce Randolph Thanksgiving Baskets, St. Patrick's Day Festival, and the Urban Farm

**What would you like people to know about you?**

As I enter manhood, I do so with gratitude, ambition, and a strong sense of purpose. I am proud to be presented to society not only as a young man, but as a leader, scholar, athlete, and aspiring global citizen. Over the past four years, I have earned a varsity letter in basketball, served in the Black Education Young Men, and contributed to my community through volunteer work and the City of Denver's Youth Leadership Program. I lead with integrity both on and off the court and strive to uplift others through service and example. Fueled by a deep love for travel—especially flying—I dream of visiting every country in the world to connect with diverse cultures and broaden my perspective. I move forward with confidence, shaped by my experiences and ready to give back to the world around me.



**Beau:** Daniel Green

**Parents' Names:** LaShawnda & Bobby Dixon

**School:** Montbello High School

**College Preference:** Metropolitan State University of Denver

**Major:** Communications

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:**

Black Student Alliance, Social Study Student of the Year, Rights of Passage Award, Warriors Award, Varsity Basketball, Partner Coach for Montbello

**Community Service:** Unified Basketball Team, Groundworks of Denver, Juneteenth and The Black Arts Festival

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am a resilient senior who faced major challenges during my final year, including personal loss and doubt from others. Through it all, I stayed grounded in my values, pushed forward, and proudly graduated from Montbello High School.



**Beau:** Landen Holloway

**Parents' Names:** Tammi and Dwaine Holloway

**School:** Colorado State University, Pueblo | **GPA:** 3.8

**Major:** Exercise Science, Minor in Business Administration

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Football

**Community Service:** Colorado State University, Pueblo

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am passionate about football and currently play as a Defensive Linebacker for the CSU Pueblo Football Team. With over 20 hours of community service completed alongside my teammates, I value both teamwork and giving back. Driven and ambitious, I dream of one day owning an NFL team, turning my love for the game into long-term leadership and legacy.



**Beau:** Marius Johnson

**Parents' Names:** Kimberly & Mitchell Johnson

**School:** Cherry Creek High School | **GPA** 3.5

**College Preference:** University of Colorado

**Major:** Kinesiology, Biology

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Football, Basketball, Track & Field

**What would you like people to know about you:**

I am a rising leader whose presence commands respect and whose character inspires. I have aspirations to study Kinesiology or Biology, I will be attending University of Colorado | Colorado Springs as the launchpad for a future defined by purpose and passion. I am a scholar-athlete, who has made his mark in Football, Basketball, and Track & Field, while maintaining high academic standards and earning honors for my commitment to excellence. Beyond the field and classroom, my unwavering work ethic, and natural leadership consistently elevate those around me. I am not only focused on personal success but on leaving a meaningful legacy within my community. I am an exceptional young man whose unwavering work ethic, and natural leadership set me apart. As I steps into this next chapter, I will carry the strength of vision, the discipline of a champion, and the heart of a leader. My journey is just beginning, and the world will be better for it.



**Beau:** Bryson Lee

**Parent's Name:** ShaNeé Noble

**School:** Dr. Martin Luther King Early College

**College Preference:** Morgan State University

**Major:** Music

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Varsity Football, Varsity Basketball, Sims Fayola, Drum Line

**Community Service:** Power of One community outreach

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am a young man whose journey reflects resilience, growth, and a deep commitment to purpose. I will be continuing my academic and artistic pursuits at Morgan State University, where I plan to major in Music and further cultivate my talent, discipline, and leadership. I am a well-rounded scholar and athlete, who has demonstrated excellence on the Varsity Football and Basketball teams, while also serving as a vital member of the Drum Line and the Sims-Fayola leadership academy. During my involvement in the Power of One community outreach, I demonstrated a genuine dedication to giving back and uplifting those around me. I am committed to growth, both academically and personally. I believe success is defined not just by achievements, but by resilience and how I treat others. I am proud of my journey and embrace future challenges as opportunities to become even stronger.



**Beau:** Jordan Martin

**Parent's Name:** Jenelle Martin

**School:** Robert F Smith Steam Academy | **GPA:** 3.1

**College Preference:** University of Northern Colorado

**Major:** Sports Medicine

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Football, Lacrosse, and Basketball

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am a student-athlete whose journey reflects resilience, determination, and a deep passion for excellence. I am a standout in Football, Lacrosse, and Basketball. I embody what it means to lead with both strength and humility, consistently displaying discipline and drive in every arena of my life. During my junior year, I made a powerful statement about my commitment to growth by raising my GPA from a 2.9 to a 3.1—proof that true success lies not only in talent, but in the willingness to work, improve, and rise above challenges. I plan to major in Sports Medicine and continue my football career at the collegiate level, I am determined to turn my passion into purpose, blending athleticism with academic ambition. I am, by every measure, a strong asset to any team, but more importantly, a young man of character and heart. My journey is far from over—and the best is yet to come.



**Beau:** Fabian Morris

**Parent's Name:** Erica Jones

**School:** East High School | **GPA** 3.5

**College Preferences:** Fort Scott College

**Major:** Business

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Student Council, Track, Basketball, Young Educated Black Men's Group

**Community Service:** Volunteering with Community Organizations serving at the Food Bank, conducting Community Outreach

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I stand here today as a young man guided by faith, purpose, and ambition. My goal is to play basketball at the highest level my dedication will allow, while also building successful businesses that create lasting financial stability. But beyond personal success, my greatest aspiration is to give back—to create youth programs that inspire, uplift, and provide opportunity for the next generation. Through the grace of God, I strive to lead a life marked by discipline, service, and impact, using every blessing as a chance to empower others and honor the community that shaped me.



**Beau:** Joshua Nelson

**Parents' Names:** Carlyn and Ian Brown

**School:** Montbello High School

**College Preferences:** Undecided

**Major:** Marine Biology

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** National Honor Society, Biology Club

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am a driven young entrepreneur with a deep commitment to excellence, both on land and in the sea. As the founder of a growing lawn care business, I take pride in delivering exceptional service, cultivating strong client relationships, and consistently achieving high-quality results. My entrepreneurial journey has taught me the value of hard work, integrity, and dedication. Alongside my business pursuits, I am passionate about Marine Biology, a field that inspires me to better understand and protect the natural world. Whether through service or science, I am focused on making a meaningful impact in every environment I touch.



**Beau:** Joshua Smith

**Parents' Names:** Tatianna & Jason Thompson, Lanier Houston

**School:** Forge Christian High School

**College Preference:** Academy of Cosmetology Arts

**Trade:** Barber, Business, and Product Development

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Varsity Football, Varsity Track, Yearbook, Most Improved Math Award

**Community Service:** Student Leader with Breakthrough at Kent Denver, "Not a Fan" Youth Group

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am a dedicated student, athlete, and emerging entrepreneur whose journey reflects growth, vision, and compassion. A 4 year letterman of the Varsity Football and Track teams, I demonstrated perseverance and commitment both on and off the field. My creative eye also shines through my work on Yearbook, and my academic determination was recognized with the Most Improved Math Award. Beyond my achievements in school, I served as a student leader with Breakthrough at Kent Denver and was an active participant in the "Not a Fan" Youth Group, consistently using my voice and energy to uplift others in my community. After graduation, I will pursue my passion by attending barber school, with the ultimate goal of owning my own chain of barbershops. Cutting hair is more than a craft for me, it's a calling. I take great pride in helping others feel confident and empowered, one haircut at a time.



**Beau:** Levi Smith

**Parents' Names** LaToya & Joe Smith

**School:** Martin Luther King Early College | **GPA:** 3.1

**College Preference:** Maine Maritime Academy

**Major:** Marine Biology

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Volleyball Team Management, Fine Arts (Choir, Ceramics)

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am a scholar, artist, and trailblazer who is boldly carving my own path. I will be attending Maine Maritime Academy to pursue a degree in Marine Biology, I will be stepping into a field where representation is long overdue. I have passion for science and a vision for change. I am determined to be part of the solution, proving that young men of color not only belong in STEM, but can lead and thrive within it. Beyond my academic pursuits, I bring creativity and commitment to every space I enter, from managing the Volleyball Team to expressing myself through choir and ceramics in the Fine Arts. I stand as a powerful example that it is more than okay to have different interests and it is necessary, it is enriching, and it is transformative. I feel true leadership begins when you dare to be different, and my journey is a testament to the strength found in authenticity, purpose, and passion. The future is brighter because I'm a part of shaping it.



**Beau:** Foster Sphan II

**Parents' Names:** Natasha Vasquez & Foster Spahn

**School:** Vista PEAK Preparatory | **GPA:** 3.0

**College Preference:** Community College of Aurora, Prairie View A&M

**Major:** Architecture

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Track and Field, Young Men of Purpose (YMOP)

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am a rising star whose passions for music and sports are matched only by my vision for the future. With determination and creativity as my foundation, I plans to attend college and pursue a bachelor's degree in architecture, setting my sights on becoming the first architect in my family. My journey is more than a personal milestone, it is a powerful statement of legacy, breaking barriers and building a path for those who will follow. With every step forward, I am designing not just structures, but a future defined by purpose, excellence, and inspiration.



**Beau:** Ronald Taylor Jr.

**Parents' Names:** Kesha & Ronald Taylor Sr.

**School:** Eaglecrest High School

**College Preference:** Virginia State University

**Major:** Business Marketing

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Lacrosse Co-Captain, Football, Student Leadership Award from Aurora Sister Cities

**Community Service:** Member of Zion Baptist Church, Children's Choir Drummer, Youth Usher

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am a man grounded by the love of family, the guidance of mentors, and the unwavering support of friends, I stand today as a testament to the power of community and faith. With humility and strength, I acknowledge the many hands and hearts that have shaped my journey. To my family, friends, mentors, and everyone who has poured kindness and wisdom into my life, I say thank you. Your prayers and support have been the foundation upon which I build my future. As I step into the next chapter of his life, I do so with clarity, purpose, and the quiet confidence of a young man destined to lead, uplift, and inspire.



**Beau:** Antonio Thompson

**Parents' Names** Desiree Hill, Taitianna & Jason Thompson

**School:** Forge Christian High School

**College Preference:** Grand Canyon University

**Major:** Business Administration

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Varsity Football Manager, Varsity Baseball, Student Leadership, Honor Roll, Faculty Scholarship for GCU, "Not A Fan" Youth Group Leader.

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am a thoughtful and forward-thinking young man with a deep love for fashion and embrace being a true sneakerhead. I express my individuality and creativity with confidence and style. Beyond my passion for outward expression, I am a young man grounded in self-awareness, one who values meaningful conversations, personal growth, and the quiet strength found in reflection. I understand that moving forward often requires letting go, and I meet life's transitions with wisdom beyond my years. Whether in the gym, in deep thought, or in everyday interactions, I carry myself with purpose, authenticity, and heart. My journey is just beginning, and it promises to be bold, intentional, and inspiring.



**Beau:** Roman Walker

**Parent's Name:** Darrell Walker

**School:** Montebello High School | **GPA:** 3.8

**College Preferences:** University of Colorado, Boulder

**Major:** Acting

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** National Honor Society, AVID, Football, Basketball, Track, Brother 2 Brother (B2B), Black Student Alliance

**What would you like people to know about you:**

A proud and resilient scholar-athlete who is in preparation to pursue a degree in Acting at the University of Colorado Boulder. I will bring my talent, discipline, and voice to the stage and beyond. I stand before you today not just as a student, but as a strong, proud young Black man who has overcome adversity with unwavering courage. Life has tested me, but he has never backed down. I want the world to know that I am determined to succeed and will reach my goals - no matter the challenges ahead. In my humility, I seek the guidance of a mentor to walk alongside me, not because I lacks strength, but because I understand the power of brotherhood and legacy. My journey is not only my own—it is a rising example of perseverance, purpose, and greatness in the making.



**Beau:** Jevon West

**Parent's Name:** Kendrae and John Smith

**School:** DSST Northeast Elevate High School

**College Preferences:** Fort Lewis College

**Major:** Criminal Justice

**School Activities:** Varsity Football, Basketball, Track & Field

**What would you like people to know about you:**

As a dedicated student-athlete, I am honored to participate in the Colorado Beautillion-Cotillion, Inc. Rites of Passage Ceremony. This opportunity allows me to celebrate my growth as a young man who not only strives for excellence on the field, but also upholds strong values off of it. My passion for sports has taught me the importance of discipline, teamwork, and perseverance—qualities that I carry with me in every aspect of life. I am especially drawn to the field of Criminal Justice, where I hope to serve my community and contribute to meaningful change. Above all, I take pride in being a respectful and kind individual who leads by example. This ceremony represents more than a milestone; it marks my commitment to stepping into adulthood with integrity, purpose, and a heart for service.



**Beau:** Amari Williams

**Parents' Names:** Shaquae and Todd Williams

**School:** Cherry Creek High School

**College Preference:** Undecided

**Major:** Business

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Varsity Football, 7x7 Football League

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am here this evening with so much gratitude and a heart full of purpose, recognizing this moment not just as a tradition, but as a milestone in my journey. I strive to embody integrity, warmth, and charisma in all that I do, whether as a dedicated athlete, a loving big brother, or a young man committed to leading with heart and humility. To me, leadership is about service, consistency, uplifting others, and the values I carry with pride. This moment is not just about being seen, it's about honoring the village that raised me, embracing my responsibility to others, and stepping confidently into a future I am ready to shape with purpose and grace.



**Beau:** Cletyus (Ty) Williams

**Parents' Names:** Nyasha Johnson & Cletyus Williams

**School:** Montbello High School

**College Preferences:** University of Colorado Boulder, Ohio State University

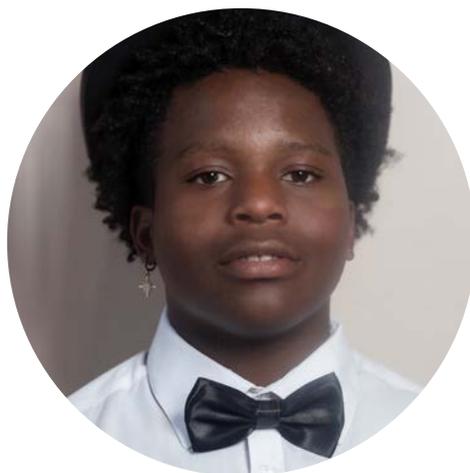
**Major:** Business Administration

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** AVID, Basketball, Football

**Community Service:** Black Arts Festival, Juneteenth Festival, Daddy Bruce Randolph Thanksgiving Baskets

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am an intelligent and hardworking young man who steps forward in this meaningful rite of passage celebration as a balanced individual who values both productivity and the joy of living, I understand that true success comes not only from ambition, but also from living with purpose and authenticity. With my sights set on getting a college education and building a thriving career in the professional world, I carry the mindset, of discipline, and character needed to turn my vision into reality. As I embraces this moment, I so with confidence - ready to lead, ready to grow, and ready to make my mark on the world.



**Beau:** Kaeden Williams

**Parent's Name:** Jacole Williams

**School:** Northfield High School | **GPA:** 3.6

**College Preference:** Notre Dame, Northern Arizona University

**Major:** Neuroscience, minor in Sports Medicine

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Football, Basketball, Lacrosse.

**Community Service:** Northfield High School

**What would you like people to know about you?**

As a National Honor Society student and a dedicated athlete in varsity football and lacrosse—using basketball to maintain peak performance year-round—he exemplifies the balance of mind, body, and spirit. Through sports, he has cultivated discipline, teamwork, and unwavering focus, lessons that continue to guide him both in the classroom and in life. With bold aspirations to major in neuroscience and become a neurosurgeon, he also plans to minor in sports medicine, bridging academic ambition with his athletic passion. Rooted in faith, driven by hard work, and fueled by determination, he stands ready to break barriers and build a future of purpose and impact. My journey is just beginning, and the world is better for the path I chose on this walk. I currently have a lacrosse verbal offer from Notre Dame, and am gaining interest from Northern Arizona for Football.



**Beau:** Amari Wise

**Parent's Name:** Denise Wise

**School:** DSST: Green Valley Ranch High School | **GPA:** 3.5

**College Preferences:** Clark Atlanta University, Texas Southern University

**Major:** Business

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Denver Rain AAU Basketball Team, DSST GVR High School Varsity Basketball Team

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am someone who lives with intention and heart—driven not only by personal success but by a genuine desire to make a lasting difference in the lives of others. Grounded in integrity, I believe in the power of hard work, staying true to my identity, and never settling for anything less than growth. My journey is marked by purpose, perseverance, and compassion. As I step forward into manhood, I do so with the strength of my values and the promise of a future that uplifts not just myself, but the world around me.



**Beau:** Adonis Woods

**Parent's Name:** Brittany Williams

**School:** Eaglecrest High School | **GPA:** 3.0

**College Preferences:** North Carolina State, South Carolina State, Florida A&M University, Hampton University

**Major:** Marine Biology, minor in Acting

**School Activities: Honors | Clubs | Sports | Organization:** Football, Basketball, Varsity Track & Field, Runner up at Colorado State Championships, HighTrails Counselor

**Community Service:** Brotherhood, 100 men Who Cook, Middle school Basketball Coach, Middle school Track Coach, Black Arts Festival Participant, 4 year Beautillion -Cotillion participant

**What would you like people to know about you:**

I am a true scholar and athlete, who is not only defined by my accomplishments, but by the kindness, humility, and generosity I bring to every space I enter. I am known for my unwavering support of both my family and peers, I live with a quiet strength and a heart committed to service. I enjoy each day and treat it as a gift from God, never taking a moment for granted. I am grateful for the love and sacrifices of my mother, and I honor her daily through my actions, my discipline, and my dedication to becoming the best version of myself. As I continue to grow, learn, and lead, I stand as a beacon of promise—proof that faith, family, and purpose can shape a life of profound impact.

**We love you, sweet Amaya**



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