

Mance and Sarah Ann Oxford Memorial Scholarship

For over 17 years the Mance and Sarah Ann Oxford Scholarship dispensed nearly \$25,000 in scholarship awards. The purpose of the scholarship award was to encourage and assist high school graduates who are descendants of Mance and Sarah Ann Oxford in furthering their education. The scholarship awards were given in the amount of \$500 each and were awarded in June of each year. Then beginning in 2000, Mance and Sarah Oxford descendants who had been accepted, or were enrolled, in a graduate school were eligible for a one time graduate student award of \$500.

The scholarship awards were discontinued in 2012, but if you are interested investing in and developing a plan to restart the scholarship program, please send an email to pkford@gmail.com.

Below are stories about some of the past recipients. If you are a former recipient, drop us a line and let the family know what you are doing. Your testimony will encourage the younger generation to “hang in there.”

Application Statement: (From 2006 Recipient- Jessica Lewis)

My name is Jessica Lewis and I am currently a senior at Weaver High School, Hartford, CT. I was born and raised in Hartford, CT by my mother. I have three brothers, making me the only girl. One of my brothers is currently a student at Eastern Connecticut State University. My mother has always emphasized the importance of education, especially higher education. I have participated in two sports at Weaver. They are basketball and volleyball. I really enjoyed them both and I believe they have helped to teach me self-discipline, leadership and team building skills. The sport I enjoy the most is basketball because I am very competitive and truly enjoy a challenge. My leadership skills have helped me in securing the position of captain on the varsity basketball team for two years. I have been playing varsity for three years.

Throughout high school I have done many community service activities. I tutored elementary school students and assisted them with their homework. This helped me get a feel for what teachers do and how hard their job can be. My best experience was when I was selected to teach a kindergarten class for a whole day. I learned that being a kindergarten teacher is a lot of work and it isn't as easy as it seems. This was a great experience for me. It gave me the chance to develop a lesson plan and see first hand

how important a job of a teacher really is. Also, I helped to coach an elementary basketball team all year around. Being a coach comes with a lot of responsibility. What being a coach taught me was a lot of patience because when you're working with kids; patience is the first thing that you must have. The thing I liked the most about working with kids was just seeing a smile on their face and knowing that they are happy and when they're happy it makes me feel like I accomplished something that day. I also participated in several committees; first the Human Relations club and then the National Urban League Incentives to Excel and Succeed program (N.U.L.I.T.E.S). I enjoy being a part of the Human Relations club because we conduct a lot of community service projects. We assist at local shelters at holiday times while making and serving dinners. I felt good while working in a shelter because it made me feel like I changed the world and it gave me the feeling that I just made someone's life a little bit better. We also organized a school-wide blood drive. This gave us the opportunity to donate blood to someone that was in need. I also participate in Jobs for America's Graduates (J.A.G); this program teaches the fundamentals of college preparation and employment.

I plan on attending a four-year university where I can major in psychology. After graduation, I want to pursue a career as a psychologist because I love working with kids and I want to contribute to the world in some way. As I see it, my life is just beginning. I plan on being a great asset to the world.

OXFORD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT, 2009

Kierra Perry

My name is Kierra Perry and I am the great granddaughter of Arie D. Fordham, granddaughter of Vera Mae Fordham Thomas, and the daughter of Leon J. and Torri L. Perry. I graduated from Warner Robins High School in Warner Robins, Georgia. I plan to attend Macon State College in Macon, Georgia where I want to obtain a degree in nursing. Upon receiving my degree, I aspire to work in the Pediatric Neo-Natal Unit in a hospital where I can nurture and help premature and sick babies. I am honored to be a part of a family that supports and encourages me to continue my education.

OXFORD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS, 2008

There are five Oxford Scholarship recipients for 2008, they are Kevin Brown, Lajuan Brunson, Tameka Nicole Hall, Amanzie Jenkins II, and Shaquaveanika "Nika" Ware. Each scholarship recipient will receive a \$500 stipend and a certificate. Best wishes to all of them as they pursue their post-high school goals. We ask the family to

keep them in their prayers. Below are the essays submitted by the students, to introduce themselves.

Kevin Brown

My name is Kevin Brown and I am the son of Steven and Sandra Brown of Bloomfield, Connecticut. My grandparents are the late Robert Carter and Mrs. Winifred Carter. I am in the senior class of Bloomfield High School in Bloomfield, CT. My favorite class in high school is the automotive class. Since becoming a freshman in high school, I have taken all three automotive courses, Auto 1 as a freshman, Auto II as a sophomore, and Auto III as a junior. Since I could not repeat the classes for my senior year, I have volunteered to help with other automotive students. Since my junior year at the high school, I have been participating in sports by playing volleyball. Even though I was a junior and a first year player at the time, I found myself subbing in for varsity players after four games in the season, which helped build my teamwork skills and sped up both my thinking and reaction time. During my senior year, I found myself starting for the varsity team and realized that my competitiveness had grown with my skills. I maintained a positive attitude and encouraged my teammates to do better. When I was not playing on the court, I was volunteering my time to help manage the girls' volleyball team during their season, which has helped me become more responsible.

Through two of my summer vacations of my four years of high school, I volunteered to be in a program at Social Youth Services called C.I.T. (Counselors In Training). This program was about helping to look after kids in different camps younger than myself and others in the C.I.T. program. These camps included "Kiddie Kamp" (children ranging from ages 5 to 7 years old), "789 Camp" (ages 7 to 9 years old), and "Total Rec" (ages 10 to 12 years old). Working with these kids has taught me a lot about patience. Also, during the summer before my senior year, I performed community service for my school along with one of my friends. Together, we worked in Bloomfield High School's library. We shelved books, cleaned up tables, counters, and shelves, and assisted the librarians with paperwork. At the end of the summer, my friend and I had completed over 40 hours of community service. During my junior and senior I helped create a program which involved building an electric car to compete in an actual race on a track in Limerock Park, located in Connecticut. While being involved with this project, I was one of the supervisors to make sure all of the right adjustments were made, and I also assisted in welding the car together.

I plan to go to a technical school called UTI (Universal Technical Institute). I want to study both auto mechanics and electronics, which are my passions. After graduation, I plan to work with a major car company to expand my knowledge of both cars and electronics with the company's vast technology. I plan on becoming a great automotive engineer and help others with their problems.

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for this scholarship.

Lajuan Brunson

My name is Lajuan Brunson. I am the daughter of Evelyn Perry, grand daughter of Vera Mae Fordham, and great-grand daughter of the late Arie D. Fordham Jackson. I am a high school graduate in the class of 2008. I graduated from Jacksonville Job Corp, and I am working to complete my trade so that I can become a successful certified electrician. I plan to be very successful, and I'm not stopping there!!! You will be seeing my name in lights.

Tameka Nicole Hall

My name is Tameka Nicole Hall. I am the daughter of Gloria Jean Oxford Hall and the late Johnny Albert Hall; the granddaughter of Ethel Mae Oxford and the late John L. "Jaybird" Oxford; and the great-grand daughter of the late Jess Oxford. I will graduate from Terrell Middle High School in May 2008.

I am a member of Macedonia Baptist Church of Parrott Ga. I serve as a junior usher and am a member of the junior Choir. After graduating from high school in May 2008 I will attend Fort Valley State College in Fort Valley Georgia this falls. My major will be Early Childhood Education. I am the youngest of 2 brothers and 1 sister. I have 2 nieces Damiya and Nevaeh Hall. I enjoyed watching TV, dancing, talking on the phone, and hanging out with friends. I play 1st base for the Terrell County Green Waves softball team.

Amanzie Jenkins II

My name is Amanzie Jenkins II. I am the son of Gwen Carter-Jenkins, grandson of Naomi Carter and the late Reggie Carter, Sr. of Butler, GA., and the great grandson of the late Ozie B. Carter. I graduated from Taylor County High School on May 31, 2008. My plans are to attend South Georgia Technical College in Americus, Georgia and pursue a degree in Aircraft Structural Technology. My

professional goal in life is to become an Aircraft Specialist. My granddaddy has been an inspiration in my life and he always stressed how important it is to get an education, put GOD first, enjoy what you do with your life and never forget where you came from. Keep me and my entire family in your prayers.

Shaquaveanika “Nika” Ware

I am a graduate of Terrell Middle High School, in Dawson Georgia. I plan to attend Albany Technical College this fall. I plan to major in nursing. My future goal is to become a pediatric nurse.

I am the daughter of Phyllis Oxford, the grand daughter of Mr. Adolphus Oxford, Jr., and Louise Harden Oxford, and the great-grand daughter of the late Adolphus Oxford, Sr., and the late Annie Lee Oxford.

Presently, I am working with Girls Incorporated of Terrell County. The girls range in age from 6 to 16 years. I have worked with the group for several years.

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for this scholarship.

MANCE AND SARAH OXFORD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2007

The following are excerpts from the letters of application of the winning applications:

Calvin Corlin Carter

I am the son of Calvin and Avondale Carter. My grandparents are Reginald and Naomi Carter of Butler, Georgia. I'm scheduled to graduate from Northside High School in Warner Robins, Georgia on June 2, 2007. As a high school student, my extra curricula activities included, ROTC and the Swim team.

I also attended schools in Germany where my father was a member of the United States Army. I've traveled to 15 countries. I'm planning to enroll in Middle Georgia Junior College located in Cochran, Georgia in the fall, 2007. My major will be Computer Science.

Kayla N. Carter

My name is Kayla Nicole Carter. I am the granddaughter of Reginald and Naomi Carter. I am the daughter of Calvin and Avondale Carter. In 2002, I began my

undergrad studies at Valdosta State University and was awarded the Mance and Sarah Oxford Scholarship. The monetary funds that I received were greatly needed and appreciated. In July 2006, I graduated with a Bachelors Degree in English with a German minor. Currently, I am pursuing a Masters of Education in School Counseling at Valdosta State University. I will be enrolled in this program from spring 2007 to spring 2009. I would be truly grateful if I was awarded the Mance and Sarah Oxford Scholarship again for my graduate studies.

Reginald Carter III

I am the son of Reginald Carter Jr. and the grandson of Reggie Carter Sr. and Naomi Carter of Butler, Georgia. My plans are to attend Fort Valley State University and pursue a degree in Biology. My professional goal in life is to become a Crime Scene Investigator. Watching the weekly show CSI has really had a great impact on my life dreams, because I believe in helping others and doing what is right.

Cortesia A.L. Oxford

I am Cortesia Oxford, my parents are Lorenzo Oxford and Audrey Mitchell-Oxford, who are presently divorced. My father's parents are Rosetta and the late Otis Oxford.

Currently I am a senior at Forest Park High School in Forest Park Georgia. I'm in the top fourteen percent of my class with a B plus average. In school, I have been involved in sports, chorus and even a participant in Homecoming. I am a well-respected member of my class through my individuality, drive and concern for my fellow peers. I am the first one of my father or my mother's children to graduate from high school and continue on to a post-secondary institution.

I have recently been accepted to the University of West Georgia. As an undergraduate student, I am going to major in my favorite subject, Spanish, and minor in International Studies. After completing my undergraduate studies, I plan to go on to Medical School to become a hematologist, then eventually a Pediatric Neurological Surgeon. I have wanted to be a doctor since I was two years old.

I have remained on a steady path to my dream; for instance, in 2004 I went to Los Angeles, California to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine to determine if this dream is what I really want to do, and "YES!" was my answer. The Mance and Sarah Oxford Scholarship would be of great assistance to me in the pursuit of my dream of becoming a doctor.

Winter J. Oxford

My name is Winter Jasmine Oxford. I am currently a senior attending Everett Alvarez High School in Salinas, CA. I am seventeen years old and I have a fourteen-year-old sister named Jenna. She is a freshman this year attending the same school. Our mom, Tina, has raised us. Our father is Willie James Oxford. He currently lives in Dawson, Georgia. My dad, Willie, is the youngest son of the late Annie Lee (Gammage) and Adolphus Oxford, Sr. My mom always thought it was important to keep connected to our family back in Georgia. So my sister and I have visited with my dad and his side of the family during our summers whenever it was financially possible.

I enjoy sports and have played basketball for 4 years; the last three years I was the captain of the varsity team. I also played both varsity volleyball, and track and field. I've held the level of corporal in the Monterey County Sheriff's Explorers for over 4 years. I am currently involved in my school's Spanish Club and Black Student Union. Through my participation in team sports I've learned self-discipline, respect and an appreciation for other people's gifts and talents. I've found I am a leader and an example to my team, my friends and my family. Team sports have taught me responsibility and commitment in regards to both my family and my community.

My mom has always stressed the importance of a higher education. It has always been a given that I would continue my education to a university level. That opportunity is here. I have been accepted and am planning on attending the California State University of Sacramento. Although I am going into my school undeclared, I will most likely major in business and minor in marketing. Should the opportunity arise, I would like to continue playing both volleyball and basketball in college.

Before I close this letter, I would like to say that I am truly proud to be in a family that has been able to trace their family roots back as far as we have. When I have mentioned to others that my family has a website (not to mention a scholarship program), they have expressed how fortunate I am. Thank you for this opportunity to apply for the scholarship and for the generosity that you extend to the family.

MANCE AND SARAH OXFORD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2006

The winners of the Mance and Sarah Ann Oxford Scholarship for 2006 are Bonita Nicole Brunson, James Calvin Oxford II, Theodus L. Canty, Jr., Marcus Jamell Jones, and Jessica Elizabeth Lewis.

Bonita Nicole Brunson

Bonita Brunson is the daughter of Evelyn Bonita Perry, grand-daughter of Vera Mae Thomas, and great-granddaughter of the late Arie D. Oxford Fordham Jackson. Bonita graduated from Agape Christian Academy, in Orlando, FL. She attended Agape for four years and graduated at the head of her class and with honors. Bonita will continue her education in the fall as a student at Valencia Community College. She plans to major in nursing.

James Calvin Oxford II

James Calvin Oxford II is a graduating senior at Newton High School, Covington, GA. He is the son of James Calvin Oxford, Sr., and Deborah Ann Oxford; and grandson of Adolphus Oxford, Jr., and Louise Harden; and great-grandson of the late Adolphus Oxford, Sr., and Annie Lee Oxford. James was an honor student in the college preparatory program. In the fall, James will attend Georgia State University and will major in computer science. James plans to eventually do graduate work in computer engineering at Georgia Tech University.

Theodus L. Canty, Jr.

Theodus L. Canty, Jr., is a graduating senior at Lyman High School in Longwood, FL. He is the son of Theodus Canty, Sr., and Karen Oxford Canty of Altamonte Springs, FL. He is the grandson of John "Joe Man" Oxford, and the great-grandson of Arcolia "Teck" Myers, and the great-great-grandson of the late Jess Oxford. Theodus plans to attend the Georgia Military College in the fall, 2006. He plans to major in public relations.

Marcus Jamell Jones

Marcus Jamell Jones is a 2006 graduate of Flagler Palm Coast High School. Marcus is the son of Tammy Fordham Jackson. He is the grandson of Evelyn Williams, and the great-grandson of the late Arie D. Fordham Jackson. Marcus was born in Orlando, Florida but moved to Palm Coast when he was 17. Marcus plans to attend Valencia Community College in the spring semester. He will major in Business. Marcus plans to complete his undergraduate education at Florida State University. His dream is to one day own his own business.

Jessica Elizabeth Lewis

Jessica Elizabeth Lewis of Hartford, Ct. Jessica is a graduating senior at Weaver High School in Hartford. She is the daughter of Victoria Lynn Iverson and Michael G. Lewis. She is the granddaughter of Joseph "Bubba" Iverson (deceased) and Jo-Ann King Iverson, and great-granddaughter of Jessie Mae Iverson. Jessica was ranked 35 in a class of 216.

Jessica will attend Morgan State University in the fall. We ask the family to keep Jessica in their prayers.

MANCE AND SARAH OXFORD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2005

There were five scholarship recipients selected for 2005, they were Marshall Pierre Baquet, Janet Telafare Baquet, Tanisha Shavonne Fordham, Ashley Katrina Key, and Lefagous Maurice White. Each recipient gets a \$500 stipend and a certificate. Since 1990, the Mance & Sarah Oxford Scholarship has awarded over \$20,000 in scholarships.

Marshall Pierre Baquet - Marshall is the son of Janet Telafare Baquet, the grandson of Curtis and Dorothy Telafare, and the great-grandson of Nannie Mae Oxford Telafare. He is a spring, 2005 graduate of Atlanta's Benjamin Mays High School, where he was an above average student. He was enrolled in the college preparatory course of study. His professional goal is to be a movie director/producer or a sports commentator. In the fall, Marshall will attend the University of New Orleans and major in Liberal Arts.

Janet Telafare Baquet - Jan is the recipient of the *graduate student scholarship*. She is the daughter of Curtis and Dorothy Telafare, and the granddaughter of Nannie Mae Oxford Telafare. Jan is a second year graduate student at the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta. She is pursuing a Master of Divinity Degree in the Psychology of Religion and Pastoral Care. Jan's professional goal is to be a Chaplain at the Georgia Capital Defender's facility which works with inmates to maintain community as they work through the process of adjusting to life under state death-row sentencing. Following the completion of the Masters Degree, in 2006, Jan plans to pursue a Doctor of Theological Degree concentrating in Pastoral Counseling.

TaNisha Shavonne Fordham - Tanisha is the daughter of Pamela Fordham, granddaughter of Monroe and Freddie Mae Fordham, and great-granddaughter of the late Arie D. Fordham. Tanisha was a spring, 2005 graduate of the Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart, where she carried an overall G.P.A. of 3.0. She was director of her high school gospel choir, and for two years she directed the school's Black History program. She lettered for two years in Varsity basketball, and three years in varsity volley ball. She was also a national finalist for three years in the NAACP's ACT-SO (academic Olympics). In 2005 Tanisha was the recipient of NCCJ community service

award. In the fall, she plans to attend North Carolina A&T University, where she will major in Broadcast Journalism. Her career goal is to become a television news reporter and maybe eventually a television news anchor.

Ashley Katrina Key - Ashley is the daughter of Leon and Dollie Mae Oxford Key, the granddaughter of Ethel Mae and the late John L. "Jaybird" Oxford, Sr., and the great-granddaughter of the late Jess Oxford. Ashley was a spring, 2005 graduate of Terrell High School in Dawson, Georgia, where she carried a cum G.P.A. of 84. She was a member of the school basketball team, a four year member of the track and cross country teams, and a six year member of the softball team. She was a member of the Future Business Leaders of America Club. Ashley was also an active member of Parrott's Macedonia Baptist Church, where she was a junior usher. In the fall, she plans to attend Georgia Southwestern College in Americus, Georgia. She will major in Early Childhood Education.

Lefagous Maurice White - Lefagous is the son of Lefagous White and Lisa Oxford White, and the grandson of John L. "Jaybird" Oxford. Lefagous was a spring, 2005 graduate of the James M. Coughlin High School. in Wilkes-Barre,PA., where he carried a 2.7 cum G.P.A. In the fall, he plans to attend Cheyney University and major in accounting. His career goal is to become a certified public accountant.

MANCE AND SARAH OXFORD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2004

The Mance and Sarah Oxford scholarship recipient for 2004 was **DeAndrea Denise Hall**. DeAndrea is the daughter of Gloria Oxford Hall and the late Johnny Albert Hall, the granddaughter of Ethel Mae Oxford and the late John L. "Jay Bird" Oxford, and the great-granddaughter of the late Jess Oxford. DeAndrea graduated from Terrell Middle/High School, Dawson, Georgia in May 2004. Her cumulative grade point average was 80 (B). Her extra-curricular activities included Future Business Leaders of America (F.B.L.A.), high school band (3 yrs), basketball (6 yrs), softball (6 yrs), cross country, and track. DeAndrea is a member of Macedonia Baptist Church, Parrott, GA., where she is a junior usher. After high school graduation, she plans to attend Georgia Southwestern State University. She plans to major in Early Childhood Education.

MANCE AND SARAH OXFORD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2003

The Mance and Sarah Ann Oxford Scholarship recipient for 2003 is **Dexter Desmond Brunson**, the son of Evelyn Bonnie Perry, grandson of Vera Thomas and great-grandson of Arie Fordham Jackson. Dexter graduated from Jones High School, Orlando, Florida. He was a star athlete at Jones. Dexter played defensive end on the varsity football team and he was a member of the wrestling team. He was captain of the wrestling team in his junior year. After high school, Dexter plans to enroll in an automotive school and study Mechanics. After that, he plans to get a degree in Mobile Electronics and Business Administration. His long term goal is to one day own his own business.

MANCE AND SARAH OXFORD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2002

There were two recipients of the Mance and Sarah Ann Oxford Scholarship in 2002, they were Kayla Nicole Carter of Butler, Georgia, and Ivey Rochell Williams of Orlando, Florida. Both Kayla and Ivy will receive a \$500 stipend and a certificate.

Kayla Nicole Carter – Kayla Carter is the daughter of Calvin and Avondale Carter and the granddaughter of Reginald and Naomi Carter. Kayla will graduate from Taylor County High School in Butler, Georgia on May 24, 2002. As a high school student, her extra curricula activities included, cheerleader, D.A.R.E., Drama Club, the Drill Team, Future Business Leaders of America, the swim team, the track team, and the National Honor Society. Kayla was born in Germany (her father was stationed there as a member of the U.S. Army). She attended schools in Germany from the fifth – the tenth grades. She has traveled in 15 countries. Kayla plans to enroll in Valdosta State University in the fall, 2002. She plans to major in Criminal Justice. We are proud of what Kayla has done in high school, and we will keep her in our prayers.

Ivey Rochell Williams – Ivy Williams is the daughter of Russell and Evelyn Williams and the granddaughter of the late Arie D. Fordham Jackson. Ivy will graduate from Jones High School in Orlando, Florida on May 20, 2002. As a high school student Ivy was a member of the Jones High School Concert Choir, and a member of the Orlando chapter of the Delteens. Ivy plans to attend Valencia Community College in Orlando, where she received a scholarship. She plans to get the two-year, AA Degree, in pediatric nursing. After Valencia, she plans to attend the University of South Florida to pursue a higher degree in pediatric nursing. Her ultimate goal is to work as a pediatric nurse in an Orlando hospital. Ivy's grandmother, the late Arie Fordham Jackson, worked for years as an LPN in local hospitals. Her grandmother would be proud of her. We will keep her in our prayers.

OXFORD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS, 2001

This year there were two scholarship awardees. The two awardees for 2001 were Nivea Aisha Fordham and Kelvin D. Hall.

Nivea Fordham is the daughter of Mancefield Fordham and Elaine Hemmingway-Fordham, and the granddaughter of the late Arie D. Fordham-Jackson. Nivea is a 2001 graduate of Jones High School, Orlando, Florida. She was a member of the renowned Jones High School Marching Band, and earned a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5 during her high school years. Nivea has played the clarinet since 6th grade. In the fall, Nivea will attend Bethune-Cookman College. She plans to play in the college marching band. She says that her goal in life "is to become a pediatric nurse or an OB/GYN and be the best I can be. I am choosing this profession because I feel that I can make a difference in someone's life."

Kelvin D. Hall is the son of Gloria Jean Oxford-Hall and the late Johnny Albert Hall. He is the grandson of Ethel Mae and the late John L. "Jaybird" Oxford. Kelvin is a member of Macedonia Baptist Church in Parrott, GA, where he served on the Jr. Ushers Board. He is a 2001 graduate of Terrell Middle-High School in Dawson, GA. During his high school years Kelvin was a member of the varsity basketball and football teams. He was nominated "Most Athletic" for the 2000-2001, school term. Other honors include, the "Golden Helmet Football Senior Award," "Boys Basketball Best Defensive Senior Player," and the "Defensive Back Football Award." On June 6 Kelvin left to begin training with the U.S. Navy. In the short term he will be stationed in Great Lakes, Illinois.

Both Nivea and Kelvin will receive a certificate and a \$500.00 stipend. We ask the family to remember Nivea and Kelvin in their prayers.

OXFORD SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES, 2000

This year there were seven recipients of the Mance and Sarah Oxford Scholarship Award. Five persons were high school graduates, and two of the recipients got the first two graduate student awards. All of the recipients were given a certificate and a \$500 check. The awardees are listed below:

Brandon Walton is the son of Myra Walton, the grandson of Amos "Red" Walton III and Brenda Walton, and the great-grandson of Thelma "Tip" Walton. Brandon was born in Hartford, Conn., but moved to Allentown, PA when he was seven. Brandon is a 2000 graduate of William Allen High School in Allentown. He has been accepted at Temple University, Philadelphia, PA. He plans to enroll there in the fall and major in Criminal Justice. He wants to become a lawyer or a court administrator.

During the past year Brandon was an intern at the Lehigh County Court House. In high school Brandon was an honor student and was a member of the Allentown Academy of the Arts (a local program for promising young artists), and the Kuntztown Academic Alliance (a local program for talented high school students). He is an active member of the St. Paul Baptist Church. Brandon also reported that he holds a part-time job at K-mart to "help his mother" and save money for college. Brandon had a strong recommendation from his high school counselor.

Tasha Latrice Washington is the daughter of Brenda Darnes-Washington and the late Rayfield Washington. She is the granddaughter of Arthur Lee and Mary Ann Clay. Tasha is a 2000 graduate of Terrell Middle-High School of Dawson GA. She plans to attend the Albany Technical Institute in the fall. She reports that she loves to work with computer, and plans to major in Computer Information Systems. Tasha's two older sisters, Ravan Dorns and Arvelta Washington are both graduates of the Albany Technical Institute (both sisters are also past awardees of the Oxford Scholarship). Raven is employed with Bell South Communications in Albany, and Arvelta is a Dental Assistant. Tasha asks that the family remember her in their prayers.

Tamika Nicole Young is the daughter of Angela Bradley, the granddaughter of Vera Thomas, and the great-granddaughter of the late Arie Jackson-Fordham. Tamika is a 2000 graduate of Jones High School, Orlando FL. Tamika was a member of the high school marching band for four years. She has played the clarinet for seven years. She was a member of the girls varsity basketball team; a varsity cheerleader for two years; a member of student government, and treasurer of the junior class. Her overall high school grade point was 3.0. Tamika plans to attend Valencia Community College and major in Business Administration. Her career goal is to open her own day care center.

Brien Antonio Oxford is the son of Willie and Terry Oxford-Arnold, and the grandson of the late John L. "Jay" Oxford and Mrs. Ethel Mae Peters-Oxford. Brien is a 2000 graduate of Terrell Middle-High School, Dawson GA. He plans to attend Fort Valley University in the fall. Brien asks that the family remember him in their prayers.

Brandon Brown is the son of Otis Oxford and Jackie Brown, and the grandson of the late Adolphus "Flick" and Annie Lee Oxford. Brandon is a 2000 graduate of Westover High School, Albany GA. He plans to attend Darton College in the fall.

GRADUATE SCHOOL AWARDEES

Kimmetrice Oxford is the daughter of Marilyn Oxford Elliott, and the granddaughter of Mrs. Annie Lee Oxford. Kim earned her B.A. Degree in Spanish and Early Childhood Education from Wheaton College, Norton MA, in May, 2000. During her undergraduate career at Wheaton, she spent a semester in Spain in the college's Study

Abroad Program. She also served as an intern with the Children's Defense organization in Washington DC. Citing her "outstanding undergraduate credentials and [her] strong professional commitment", Kim was accepted into the Urban Teaching Program in the Graduate School at Wheelock College, Boston MA. Kim will begin her graduate work in the summer 2000. She is fluent in Spanish, and her stated goal "is to become a bilingual and multicultural educator" and work with Latino and Black children in the Boston Public Schools.

Kim was a 1996 recipient of the Oxford Scholarship, and during her four years at Wheaton College she sent us regular progress reports on her studies at Wheaton. It is fitting that Kim is our first recipient of an Oxford Scholarship graduate student award.

Pamela Fordham is our second graduate student awardee. Pam is the daughter of Monroe and Freddie Mae Fordham, and the granddaughter of the late Arie D. Jackson-Fordham. Pam has been accepted in the Information Technology Program at the State University of New York at Buffalo. She is pursuing her second graduate degree. Pam is a high school English teacher (she has a Masters Degree in English). Pam states that computer technology and the internet revolution are changing the ways that teachers teach and the ways children learn. She feels that knowledge of the developments in information technology will help her to be a better educator. Pam is designing and will manage the Oxford family WEB site. We will report to you when the site goes up. If anyone has ideas about content for the WEB site, drop Pam a line (her e-mail address is on the list of e-mail addresses).

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS, 1999

Derek Hall

Derek is the grandson of the late Johnny "Jay Bird" Oxford and Ethel Mae Peters Oxford. He is the son of the late Albert Hall and Gloria Jean Oxford Hall. He is a senior at Terrell-Middle High School (Dawson, Georgia) and will graduate in June, 1999. Derek has one brother and two sisters. He loves sports and plays basketball.

Levin Myers

Levin is the grandson of the late Love Myers and Arcola "Teck" Myers. He is the son of Wallace and Sheila Myers. Levin is a senior at Terrell-Middle High School (Dawson, Georgia) and will graduate in June, 1999. Levin has four brothers. He loves music, and has been a member of the school band for the past six years.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS, 1998

Lonnie LaRone Wonnun

Lonnie Wonnun is the great-grandson of the late Ozie B. Carter, grandson of Reggie and Naomi Carter, and son of Gwendolyn Carter-Jenkins. Lonnie will be graduating

from Taylor County High School in Butler GA. He carried a 90+ academic average as a high school student. Lonnie has been accepted as a student at Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA. His career goal is to become a high school Biology teacher or guidance counselor.

Andrea Lecole Fordham

Andrea is the granddaughter of the late Arie D. Fordham-Jackson, and the daughter of Lawrence and Jeanne Fordham. Andrea will graduate from Apopka High School, Apopka FL. As a high school student she carried a 3.4 cumulative grade point average. She has been accepted as a student at the University of Florida where she plans to begin in the summer, 1998. She will major in Physical Therapy. Her goal is to work in rehabilitative services and eventually in sports medicine.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS, 1997

Lacresha Clay

Lacresha Clay is the daughter of Elizabeth Dunlap, granddaughter of Mary Ann Clay, and great-granddaughter of the late "Jess" and Johnny Mae Darnes Oxford. Lacresha is a 1997 graduate of Terrell County High School, Dawson Georgia. She plans to attend Albany Technical Institute and major in cosmetology. Eventually she wants to attend a four year college and major in art.

Sheriveun Clay

Sheriveun Clay is the daughter of Calvin Oxford, granddaughter of Adolphus and Louise Oxford, great-granddaughter of the late Adolphus Oxford, Sr., and Annie Lee Oxford, and great-great-granddaughter of the late "Dock" Oxford. Sheriveun is a 1997 graduate of Terrell County High School, Dawson Georgia. She plans to attend Savannah Technical Institute and major in business management and cosmetology. Sheriveun would like to pursue a career as a cosmetologist.

Raven Dorns

Raven Dorns is the daughter of Brenda Darnes Washington, granddaughter of Mary Ann Clay, and great-granddaughter of the late "Jess" and Johnny Mae Darnes Oxford. Raven will graduate in December, 1997 from Albany Technical Institute in information and office technology. She plans to enroll in Dorton College (Albany) and complete an associates degree. She wants to become an "Information Processing Specialist."

Nekesha Myers

Nekesha Myers is the daughter of Henderson Myers, granddaughter of Arcolia "Teck" Oxford Myers, and great-granddaughter of the late "Jess" and Johnny Mae Darnes Oxford. Nekesha is a 1997 "honor graduate" of Terrell County High School, Dawson Georgia. She had a 93 average in high school. Nekesha plans to enroll in Valdosta

State University and major in accounting. Her career goal is to be a certified public accountant (CPA). She hopes one day to work in a large CPA firm.

Vontresa Oxford

Vontresa Oxford is the daughter of Terry Oxford, granddaughter of John "Jay" and Ethel Oxford, and great-granddaughter of the late "Jess" and Johnny Mae Darnes Oxford. Vontresa is a 1997 graduate of Terrell County High School, Dawson Georgia. She plans to attend Valdosta State University and major in mathematics. Vontresa's career plan is to teach math and english at the elementary school level.

Tiffany Thornton

Tiffany Thornton is the daughter of Janet Telafare Baquet, granddaughter of Curtis and Dorothy Telafare, and great-granddaughter of the late Nannie Mae Telafare. Tiffany lives with her grandparents in Atlanta, Georgia and is a 1997 graduate of Benjamin E. Mays high school. She has a 3.00 grade point average, and is in the high school marching, concert and symphonic bands. She plays clarinet and saxophone. Tiffany has been accepted at Tuskegee where she plans to attend in the fall and major in elementary education. Eventually she plans to pursue a graduate degree and become an elementary school principal.

Arvetta Washington

Arvetta Washington is the daughter of Brenda Darnes, granddaughter of Mary Ann Clay, and great-granddaughter of "Jess" and Johnny Mae Darnes Oxford. Arvetta is a 1997 graduate of Terrell County High School, Dawson, Georgia. She plans to attend Albany Technical Institute. Arvetta wants to be a dental assistant.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS, 1996

Kimmetrice Oxford

Kimmetrice is the daughter of Marilyn Oxford and the granddaughter of the late Adolphus Oxford, Sr., and Annie Lee Oxford. Kimmetrice recently graduated from Needham High School. Needham is a special "Metco" suburban school that accepts minority students from the city. Her high school counselor reported that "Kim" was enrolled in a "college preparatory program of studies." In the second part of her high school program, "50% of her classes were at the honors level." Her counselor also commented on her personal qualities: "Kim Oxford consistently demonstrates the meaning of motivation, persistence, effort, and commitment. She demands a lot of herself and is not satisfied with the mediocre. Kim wants the stamp of quality and care on what she does. Her cooperative work ethic makes Kim an ideal student." In addition to being an outstanding student academically, Kim was involved in numerous extra-curricular activities. She participated in cross-country, track, the high school gospel choir, and the black student union. She was also a volunteer tutor for inner-city elementary students. In addition to several athletic awards, Kim received an

honor roll pin and a merit award for Spanish. She has not decided which college she will attend (she has been accepted at several), but she plans to major in Pre-medicine studies or early childhood studies.

Oshey "D.D." Bradley

The second awardee was Oshey "D.D." Bradley. "D.D." graduate from Terrell Middle-High School in Dawson, Georgia. He is the son of McKinley "Brad" and Essie "Sister" Bradley, and the grandson of "Teck" Myers. Oshey is graduating as a "B" student and plans to attend Georgia State University, in Atlanta. He plans to major in sports medicine. He also plans to participate in sports at Georgia State.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS, 1995

There were no applicants for the 1995 award.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS, 1994

Katrina Carter

Katrina Carter is the daughter of Charlene Carter and Clarence Davis of College Park, Georgia. She is the granddaughter of Reggie and Naomi Carter of Butler, Georgia. Katrina will graduate from West Lake High School in June.

Katrina submitted the following as her professional goal in life; "To become a fashion model. Modeling is a highly competitive field, it seems glamorous and exciting but it is difficult and demanding. I enjoy a real challenge, having successfully completed a rigorous one-year program with the Casablanca Modeling Academy. My personal aspiration is to become a successful fashion model identified with a single company in New York City, for national advertising. Also, I see a modeling career as a stepping stone to some other interesting profession. I will do the best I can, and strive for excellence..being my own success story." Katrina plans to attend the Fort Valley State College to pursue a degree in Fashion Merchandising and Public Relations.

Shandra Bradley

Shandra Bradley is the daughter of McKinley and Essie Bradley. She is the granddaughter of Arcolia Oxford Myers (Teck) and the late Love Meyers. Shandra has maintained a "B" average through high school. She will graduate from McEachern High School in June. She submitted the following statement; "My hobbies are talking on the phone, eating, reading my favorite books, working, and most of all working on my computer. I plan to attend college in Atlanta, GA at Clark University or in Fort Valley, GA at Fort Valley State College. I have career interests in computer technology and computer science."

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS. 1993

There were no applicants for the 1993 award.

SCHOLARSHIP, RECIPIENTS, 1992

Kenyarta Tamara Asberry

Kenyarta Asberry is 18 years old and a recent graduate of Terrell Middle High School in Dawson Georgia. She is the daughter of Henderson Myers and Valeri Asberry, and the granddaughter of Arcolia "Teck" Myers.

Kenyarta graduated from high school with a "B" average. Her high school activities included the following: cheerleader from 9th-12th grades; member of the vocational club; 1st place in home economics regional competition and 3rd place in the state competition; coordinated two black history programs for her school; attended Upward Bound at Albany State College; member of "Teens In Action" (peer counseling organization); and Miss Terrell Middle High School, 1991-92.

Kenyarta is a member of the Atoc A.M.E. Church and sings with the church's "Voices of Inspiration Choir." She also serves as secretary for the Sunday School. Kenyarta will enroll in Albany Vocational Technical School in the fall. She wants to become a micro-computer specialist.

Andre LeNorris Fordham ("Tony")

Andre LeNorris Fordham ("Tony") graduated from Apopka High School, in Apopka, Florida. Andre is the son of Lawrence and Jean Fordham (grandson of the late Arie D. Fordham Jackson). He graduated with a 3.6 cumulative grade point average, and was ranked 51 in a graduating class of 450. Andre's high school activities included the following: National Honor Society; National Spanish Honor Society (Andre was president of his school's chapter); Future Business Leaders of America (president of his school's chapter); Pre-Collegiate Club; Spanish Club; attended Morehouse Summer Science Institute; attended University of Central Florida Academic Enrichment Program; participated in Central Florida Junior Achievement Youth Leadership Program; and participated in Congressional Youth Leadership Council.

Andre was vice-president of the Macedonia Free Methodist Youth Consortium, he was secretary of his Sunday School, and coach of the youth basketball team. In the fall, Andre will attend Florida A & M University where he will major in biology. His goal is to become a pediatrician.

On behalf of the entire Oxford clan, we extend our very best wishes to Kenyarta and Andre ("Tony"). We hope that their examples will inspire other youngsters in the family to work hard and do their very best in all of their pursuits. We further urge our entire family to lift up all of our young people in your prayers. God has truly blessed our entire family.

OXFORD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS, 1991

Terri Rucker

Terri is 17 years old and is the granddaughter of the late Otis Oxford and Rosetta Oxford of Orlando, Florida. She is the daughter of Reverend Harry and Rosemary Rucker. Terri was listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1989; she was the 1st Attendant to Miss Jones High School, 1990-91; and during her high school years she won numerous "superlative" ratings in the Jones High School Concert Choir.

Terri graduated from Jones High School with an academic diploma in the spring, 1991. She states that "My future goals are to attend Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Florida. There I plan to pursue a degree in Elementary Education. I want to become an educator because I feel that today's black youth are not getting their fair share in terms of a good education, and I want to be an inspiration to them."

Demetrius Smith

Demetrius Smith is 18 years old and is a 1991 graduate of the Macon County High School in Montezuma, Georgia. Demetrius is the son of Cynthia Y. Carter, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Carter, Sr. Included in a long list of high school honors are: member of the National Honor Society; Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Freshman Class President; member of the Student Council, perfect attendance for three years; and listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Demetrius states that his goals for the future are to attend Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia in the fall, 1991. He plans to pursue a Bachelors Degree in political science. After completing his B.A. Degree, Demetrius plans to attend the Howard University Law School in Washington, D.C.. Eventually, he wants to establish his own law firm in Atlanta, Georgia.

LaTrishe Walton

Latrisha Walton is an 18 year old graduate of Hall High School in West Hartford, Conn. She is the granddaughter of Thelma "Tip" Walton and the daughter of As a high school student, LaTrisha participated in many school clubs and activities including; the yearbook committee, Junior Achievement, the school choir, and the Association for Cultural Awareness. As a Junior was awarded the Dianne Price Ciacchero Award for good citizenship. During her senior year she was on the school's honor roll. She was also a volunteer in the soup kitchen sponsored by her church. LaTrisha has been accepted in the Hartford College for Women for the fall, 1991 semester. She plans to major in accounting.

OXFORD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS, 1990

Tanya Perry

The recipient of the 1990 Mance and Sarah Ann Oxford Memorial Scholarship (\$500) was **Tanya Perry**. (There were no high school seniors who applied for the scholarship). Last year Tanya was a freshman at the University of Florida. She entered the university following her graduation from Jones High School where she received academic honors. In high school Tanya was a member of the honor society and had the second highest grade point average in her graduating class. She also excelled as a member of the Jones High School girls basketball and track teams.

This fall Tanya transferred to the University of Central Florida in order to be closer to home. She is a Business major. Tanya is the daughter of Vera Mae Thomas and the granddaughter of the late Arie D. Fordham-Jackson.