

Les Femmes Douze awards scholarships

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The ladies of Les Femmes Douze and Auxiliary presented the 1997 Alpha Kappa Debutantes at its 33rd annual cotillion, Saturday, Nov. 22, in the Savoy Room at the Flamingo Hilton in Las Vegas.

The classic theme of this year's affair was entitled, "Success is a Journey, Not a Destination." President Esther Langston said, "The Alpha Kappa Debutantes are honored because they have reached milestones on their journey to success."

"As we approach the 21st Century, the high aspirations realized by the Alpha Kappa Debutantes will successfully take them into the next millennium and beyond."

Each year debutantes selected complete community service projects, attend career and educational seminars and participate in a yearly talent show while maintaining high grade-point averages. Approximately 600 women in the Las Vegas area have been presented to society, meeting this civic organizations' high scholarship standards.

In addition, at the ball, 1996 cash scholarship awards were presented to Alpha Iota Debutantes from the previous year: Chiquita Brandon, Angelitia Black, Carrie Shorty, Kimberly Hampton, Ebonee Dumas, Kristal Waters, Holly Shelton and Danielle Williams.

Participation Awards were presented to each of the fifteen debutantes. "We are very proud of the Alpha Kappa Debs because they epitomize our hope for strong young women who will take their places among the leaders of tomorrow," said Lady Jackie Brantley, co-chair of the 176-page advertising booklet and the annual talent show. Scholarship award presentations is a priority and privilege to the LFD purpose. The Alpha Kappa Debs are a blend of beauty, intelligence, talent and team synergy. Most of the Alpha Kappa Debs have maintained a 3.5 and above GPA and will graduate with



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(Top photo) Debutante Kengel Rankin wins first place Talent Award presented by Lady Bea Soares. (Upper left photo) Winner of Solicitation, Community Service and Talent Awards, debutante Kaesha Shelton (left) and debutante Candice Bass winner of Solicitation Award presented by Gwen Amie (far left) and Lois Bolden. (Bottom photo) Voted "Miss Congeniality" radiant debutante Amelia Childs is congratulated by Lady Billie Knight-Rayford (left) and Ruth Hicks. (Bottom left photo) Les Femmes Douze president Dr. Esther Langston (left) presents Scholarship Award for Academic Achievement to debutante Kortney Zaimah while her mother Ms. Sonja E. Zaimah (right) looks on.



honors.

Other Awards presented and the Debs recipients are: The Lady Lajuana Bailey Talent Awards: Kengel Rankin (first place) and Kanesha Shelton (second place);

The Lady Jennie H. Crawford Academic Achievement: Kortney Zaimah;

Academic Achievement Honorable Mention: Tia Macklin, Christina Madison, Semilla Cooper, Chrystal Harris-Seastrunk, LaShell Harrison, Kanesha Shelton, Sherrie Smith and Allison Robinson;

The Lady Margaret Bennett

Community Service: Aithyni Rucker;
Community Service Honorable Mention: Kanesha

Shelton;
Solicitations Exemplary Achievement: Aithyni Rucker (first place), Candice Bass

(second place);
Miss Congeniality: Amelia Childs;
Miss Debutante: Allison

Robinson.
Other participants in the debut are debs Jeanteil Jackson and Christian Chanel Smith.

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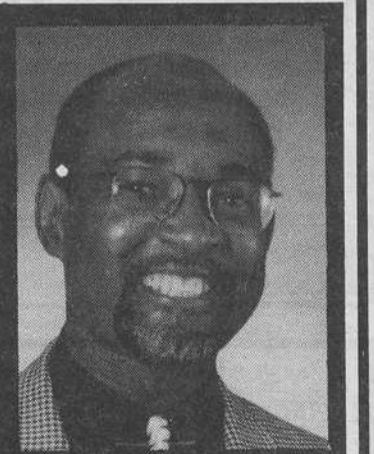
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