

# Kappa League to honor exceptional students

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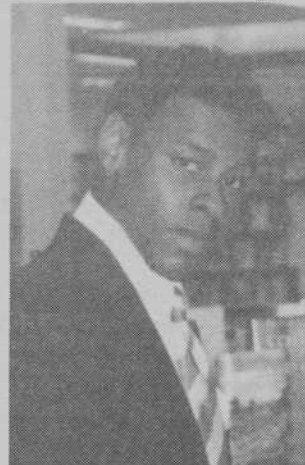
The Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Las Vegas alumni are pleased to announce "Beautillion '98", a salute to graduating high school seniors in the Kappa League's Guide Right program. The scholarship awards ceremony will take place at the Nellis Air Force Base NCO Club on Friday, June 5, at 7 pm.

Guide Right participants are young men ages 14 to 18 residing in the Las Vegas area who are actively involved in community service and extracurricular school-related activities. Designed to promote academic achievement, positive self-image and spiritual uplift, the program boasts a near one hundred percent success rate in seeing its participants graduate high school and go on to college.

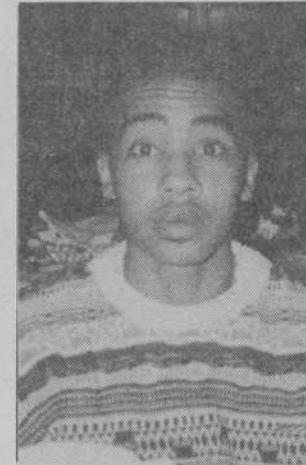
"I think one of the most rewarding parts of this program is to watch the young men grow to be productive young respected  
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## Black Baccalaureate open to all seniors

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Continuing a decades-long tradition in which African-American students graduating from high school had a spiritual graduation ceremony in addition to the secular one, the Black Community Organizations Network (B-CON) announces Las Vegas' twentieth annual African-American baccalaureate ceremony, to be held at Second Baptist Church, 500 Madison Avenue, on Sunday, June 7, at 3 pm.

The ceremony will begin with a processional of the graduates into the church, followed by an invocation, a song of unity and a song of tribute. Dr. Esther Langston, Dean of the School of Social Work at UNLV, will address the students with a speech titled, "Rise into the Next Level."

After the presentation of B-CON medallions to the graduates, the ceremony will end with a benediction and recessional.

All African-American graduating seniors are invited to attend, along with their friends and family members.

Participants are encouraged to attend rehearsals at the church on Tuesday, June 2, Thursday, June 4 and Friday, June 5 at 5 pm., but the only absolute requirement for participating in the Sunday event is a cap and gown.

According to Janice Barkley, B-CON co-chair, this is the only time of year when all African-American seniors gather together in one place, giving the community an opportunity to say, "Congratulations; we're proud of you." B-CON is an affiliation whose sole purpose is to coordinate this annual baccalaureate event. Sponsoring organizations, businesses, and individuals include Second Baptist Church, the Las Vegas Alliance of Black Educators, Cheyenne High School, the Las Vegas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, Coca Cola Bottling Co. of Las Vegas, Omega Psi Phi fraternity, Sigma Gamma Rho sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Les Femmes Douze, St. James The Apostle Catholic Church Youth Group, Otistine Brown, John Bass, and Bill Evans.

## College scholarships available

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Students at UNLV and CCSN are invited to apply for scholarships from the Leadership Las Vegas Foundation.

The foundation's members, who are graduates of the Leadership Las Vegas program, have set aside money to fund four scholarships: two to UNLV students for a maximum amount of \$1,050 each, and two to CCSN students for a maximum of \$500 each. The money, intended to help cover the cost of tuition and books, will be paid directly to the respective institutions.

Applicants must have completed at least 12 semester hours at either UNLV or CCSN with a grade point average of 3.0 or above, and maintain full-time status at UNLV (graduate students excepted) or carry at least 6 credits at CCSN.

The criteria for selection of recipients will include financial need, academic achievement and commitment to community service. Finalists will be invited to a personal interview with members of the LLVF scholarship committee.

Interested students may pick up an application from the Office of Student Financial Services at UNLV and CCSN, or call Richard Winget at 229-3438. The deadline to apply for scholarships for the Fall '98 semester is Wednesday, July 1.

## Tyrone Roach named outstanding science student

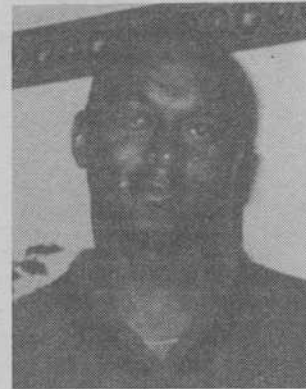
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"When I graduated from high school, looking toward the future wasn't really my concern. Just getting out was enough for me," Tyrone Roach says of his past attitude toward being in school. But life in the "real world" gave him a different perspective and he has since turned himself around.

Roach has been named this year's Outstanding Science Student by the faculty of CCSN. He was nominated by Carolyn Collins (Chemistry), Qi-Lin Wu (Physics) and Gale Martin (Geology), who wrote in their recommendation, "Tyrone Roach is unquestionably an extraordinarily intelligent, highly disciplined and exceptionally hard-working young man."

Roach always made the honor roll in both middle school and high school, but says he didn't take a real interest in his studies and didn't develop his full potential. After graduation, he took a job as a kitchen runner in a casino-hotel buffet. That's when his eyes began to open. According to Roach, the management personnel didn't care about the employees, and their attitudes were "very unprofessional." "I soon realized that I don't want to do this for the rest of my life," Roach said.

So he enrolled at the community college and began taking courses toward fulfilling his goal of a degree in Civil Engineering. So far he has completed about 60 credits (the equivalent of two years' full-time coursework) with a perfect



TYRONE ROACH

4.0 average.

He has done this while continuing to work full-time. Unfortunately, says the student, when he graduated from high school and got a job, he began to receive offers of credit from various financial institutions and got caught in the credit card trap, purchasing fine possessions and accumulating serious debts. By the time he realized he was mortgaging his future, he was in pretty deep. Now older and wiser, he has been paying off his creditors while attending college part-time.

By August of this year, he will be both debt-free and finished with his general education requirements; he hopes to attend UNLV full-time this fall, has applied for financial aid, and will be looking around this summer for a part-time job in his field.

Debt and work woes are not the only reasons for Roach's change of attitude toward his studies. A developing fascination with science provided further impetus for his exceptional scholastic performance. When he first enrolled at CCSN, he took courses like "The History of Rock and Roll" and other freshman level courses that are considered "fluff". He did take math, but it wasn't until his second year there, when he took his first science course, that a fire was lit under his desire for knowledge.

According to Collins, Roach has been taking science classes that are so difficult, drop rates typically fall around  
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