

LAABP

# Scholarship Luncheon

Black Personnel Assn. awards scholarships to deserving youths.



The LAABP Executive Board includes (from left) Shelia Brooks-LeFridge, Corresponding Secretary; Cora Jackson-Fossett, President; Adriene Murphy, Director-at-Large.



The LAABP Executive Board includes (from left) Terrence Montgomery, First Vice President; Sharon Loudd, Treasurer, and DeMarlo Sims, Second Vice President.

Photos by David A. Fossett

Eleven college-bound students were honored recently by the Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel (LAABP) with \$20,000 in scholarship funds.

The gala reception, co-sponsored by the Oscar Joel Bryant Foundation, was held at the City Club in downtown Los Angeles and attended by more than 100 people.

"The LAABP is extremely proud of these outstanding young people and we are pleased to contribute to their education," said Cora Jackson-Fossett, LAABP President. "Each student expressed complete confidence and dedication to achieving their future plans, and I am certain we will hear of their accomplishments in the years to come."

"Also, I want to acknowledge our Scholarship Committee, who did an outstanding job in coordinating the entire application process," she added. Susan Huntley served as chair of Scholarship Committee and was assisted by Isophine Atkinson, Lance Bailey, Anthony Brown, Amber Johnson, Jo Ann Moss, Angela Sherick and Jackie Staten.

The scholarship recipients were rated in five categories: academic honors, community involvement, extracurricular activities, essay response, and grades (G.P.A. and S.A.T. scores).

**The following youths received awards:**

- **Cristen Brown** is a culinary arts student at El Camino Community College. He will attend California School of Culinary Arts this fall.
- **Ciara Dowdy** is a student at Bethune

Cookman University where she is majoring in Criminal Justice.

- **Erin Ford** graduated from John Muir High School and will attend Tuskegee University this fall. Her major will be psychology/pre-med.
- **LaToya Greene** graduated from Crenshaw Arts Technical Charter High School. She will attend Paine College and major in psychology.
- **Spenser Melendez** is a graduate of Quartz Hill High School. This fall, she plans to attend Antelope Valley College and will major in nursing.
- **Jasmeen Sims** is a student at Cal State/Dominguez Hills majoring in sociology.
- **Jasmine Sims** is a student at Cal State/Dominguez Hills majoring in sociology.
- **Nicole Sims** is enrolled at Cal State Los Angeles. Her major is education/English.
- **Brittany Usher** is a graduate of St. Mary's Academy. She will attend Cal Poly/San Luis Obispo and major in biomedical engineering.

■ **Monet Williams** is a student at Cal State/Long Beach, where she is pursuing a Master's degree in criminal justice.

■ **Tiara Wilson** graduated from King/Drew Medical Magnet High School. She will attend Loyola Marymount University this fall and major in creative writing.

In addition, the LAABP presented \$400 book awards to seven young people. They were Derl Howard, Leticia Love, Denise McGee, Jeania Moore, Haileigh Nelson, Travis Roberts and Jules Sharp.

The LAABP is the official representative for City of Los Angeles employees of African American heritage. Incorporated in 1972, the LAABP advocates equal employment within the City's workforce and increased opportunities for people of color to attain management and executive positions. Among the services the organization provides are career development seminars, mock interview program and networking forum.



Students receiving scholarships and book stipends included (seated, from left) Jeania Moore, Monet Williams, Brittany Usher; and, standing, Derl Howard, Spenser Melendez, Cristen Brown, Tiara Wilson, LaToya Greene, Jasmeen Sims, Nicole Sims, Ciara Dowdy, Jasmine Sims, Erin Ford and Haileigh Nelson.



The Scholarship Committee consists of (from left): Lance Bailey, Susan Huntley, Jackie Staten, Isophine Atkinson, Amber Johnson, Jo Ann Moss and Anthony Brown. Not pictured: Angela Sherick.



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