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Minister Harry E. Holley, Sr.

Harry Holley, Sr. assumes Foundation Leadership Position

On August 19, 2017, at its annual meeting, the Board of Directors of the Samuel H. Johnson SSSP Foundation, Inc. elected Minister Harry E. Holley, Sr., SSSP class of 1962, as President of the Board of Directors. He previously served as the Financial Secretary.

Twenty-two years of Minister Holley’s professional career were spent at DeKalb College (now Georgia State University), starting as a counselor for the Special Services program and finishing his tenure there as the Chief Administrative Officer of one of the five campuses. He retired in 2014 after spending nine years as a Standards Administrator for the Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission, the State of Georgia agency that authorizes all nonpublic colleges and universities to operate in the State.

Minister Holley is committed to increasing the number of former SSSPers actively involved with the Foundation, the visibility of the Foundation and

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Gladys Porter Joins the Foundation Board

Ms. Gladys J. Porter has agreed to serve on the Foundation Board. Ms. Porter becomes the second non-Summer Study Skills participant to be elected to the Board of Directors.

Her professional career has been primarily in the insurance business with the ACE Westchester Insurance Company where she held several positions over a seventeen year period.

She received the Bachelor of Science in Management and Administration from Georgia Southwestern University and an Associate in Risk Management from the Insurance Institute of America. We are excited and thankful that she embraces the mission, goals and legacy that the Foundation espouses. She brings significant experience and value to the Board.



Gladys J. Porter

Contribute to the Foundation on Georgia Gives Day

By Robert Rounsaville



“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.”

Malcolm X



Saturday, February 3, 2018, 4:00 p.m.
Black History Program and Fundraiser
 Hillside Presbyterian Church
 1879 Columbia Drive
 Decatur, Georgia 30032



Webster Wallace

Donate to the Samuel H. Johnson SSSP Scholarship Fund through Georgia Gives Day or #Giving Tuesday on November 28th, 2017. The tax-exempt donation process has been simplified.

To donate,

- Google: GaGivesDay 2017
(you will see Georgia Center for Nonprofits)
- Scroll down the page to find “For Donors;” then click “Donate Now”
- At search results page,(top of screen) type in search for: Samuel H. Johnson SSSP Foundation
- Click on Donate Now – fill in your donation details, select your card for donation
- You may use: Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express
- Click “Submit”

Last year, an incentive of \$1000 was offered to the organization receiving the largest number of donations of \$25 or more during a defined giving hour. If the incentive is offered again this year, our preferred giving time is on November 28th from 2:00-3:00 pm.

By giving to the SHJ SSSP Foundation’s Scholarship Fund, you are “Buying a Future, - Sustaining the Legacy”. Thank you in advance for your support.

God’s Trombones 2017

By LaMarian Hayes-Wallace

For the seventh year, the Samuel H. Johnson SSSP Foundation, Incorporated joined in partnership with Hillside Presbyterian Church (USA) and Dr. Webster Wallace of First World (Africa) Production Enterprises to present the church’s annual Black History program. The program was held on Saturday, February 4, 2017, 4 p.m. at Hillside Presbyterian Church and once again included a stellar cast of participants. This year’s program returned to a presentation of **God’s Trombones** – An African American Celebration of Negro Sermons by James Weldon Johnson. Contributions made during the Offertory portion of the program support the Foundation’s annual scholarship awards. The Foundation owes special appreciation to the Education Ministry and members of Hillside Presbyterian Church (USA), all program participants, all contributors, and all those who attended or supported the program in any way. We are forever indebted to each of you for your generosity as we strive to assist talented, but economically challenged undergraduate students in achieving their educational and career goals.

Board Member, Dominique Holloman, Receives Prestigious UGA Honor

By LaMarian Hayes-Wallace

The Board of Directors of the Samuel H. Johnson SSSP Foundation, Inc. proudly congratulates our first millennial board member, **Ms. Dominique Holloman**, in being selected as a member of the **University of Georgia 40 Under 40 Class of 2017**. The University of Georgia (UGA) Alumni Association has celebrated the personal, professional and philanthropic achievements of UGA graduates under the age of 40 since 2011. The honorees were recognized at the seventh annual 40 Under 40 Awards Luncheon held on September 14th at the Grand Hyatt Atlanta Hotel in Buckhead. Ernie Johnson, a 1978 UGA graduate and co-host of TNT's "Inside the NBA" and announcer for the TBS Major League Baseball, was the keynote speaker.

Dominique completed all of the requirements for her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology in three years. Since she did not wish to graduate early, she continued her studies and also completed the requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology during her fourth undergraduate year. She was awarded both degrees from UGA in 2001. Dominique continued her graduate studies at UGA receiving a Juris Doctorate and Masters of Education in Sport Management in 2004. In fact, Dominique is one of approximately 194 graduates to have **FOUR** degrees from UGA. Along with a stellar academic history at UGA, Ms Holloman was the inaugural President of UGA Black Alumni Association.

In addition to serving on the SHJ/SSSP Foundation Board of Directors, Dominique is a member of the Junior League of Douglas County where she is a member of the Executive Board and also serves as Chair of the State Public Advocacy Committee. She is the Immediate Past President of the UGA Black Alumni Association, as well as a member of the Law School Association Council (UGA School of Law). With a passion for community service, Dominique is a parent volunteer for Scout Pack 631; she is a member of the Alumni Association Governing Board for The Westminister Schools, and she is a 2017 graduate of the Fulton County Citizens University. She currently serves as Chief of Staff and Legislative Director for State Representative William Boddie, District 62.

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establishing a significant endowment to fund the Foundation's scholarship program.

He is married to Karen McKinney Holley; they have five children and nine grandchildren.



Dominique Holloman.

SAVE

An Intriguing Evening of Jazz
 Sunday April, April 29, 2018
 5:00 p.m.
 Southwest Arts Center Performance Theater
 915 New Hope Road
 Atlanta, Georgia 30331

THE DATE!

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2017 “Evening of Enchantment”

By LaMarian Hayes-Wallace

On Sunday, April 30, 2017, 5:00 p.m., the Samuel H. Johnson SSSP Foundation, Incorporated presented “*An Evening of Enchantment*,” a benefit concert featuring **Ms. Bertha Hightower-Smith, flutist**. The concert also included guest appearances by **Rev. Richard Allen Farmer**, Pianist and Pastor of Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Stone Mountain, Georgia, and **Jazz Vocalist Tony Hightower** (son of Jazz Vocalist Theresa Hightower). The concert was held at the Southwest Arts Center Performance Theater in Atlanta.

In addition to the musical performances, the Foundation recognized three honorees who have distinguished themselves in promoting educational advancement for minority college students. **The 2017 Samuel H. Johnson Education Award Honorees are Dr. Dwight D. Andrews**, Pastor of First Congregational



Rear (l to r) Harry Holley Sr., Benjamin Ridgeway, Robert Rounsaville Jr.
Front (l to r) LaMarian Hayes-Wallace, Stella Murray, Bertha Hightower-Smith, Bettie Rounsaville, Dominique Holloman

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(l to r) LaMarian Hayes-Wallace, Dwight Andrews, Uzee Brown, Sharon Willis, Patsy Jo Hilliard

Church UCC Atlanta and Associate Professor of Music Theory and African American Music at Emory University; **Dr. Uzee Brown, Jr.** Chairman of the Music Department at Morehouse College; and **Dr. Sharon J. Willis**, Associate Professor of Music and former Chairman of the Music Department at Clark Atlanta University. The Concert Honorary Chairperson was **The Honorable Patsy Jo Hilliard**, former Mayor of East Point, GA. We were pleased that Mr. **Jimmi Littles, III** once again served as the Master of Ceremony.

This was the second consecutive year that the Board sponsored Ms. Bertha Hightower-Smith in concert in conjunction with our multi-year scholarship endowment campaign. The Foundation currently seeks to raise **\$500,000** for its scholarship endowment fund to ensure that the organization continues to provide college scholarships for future generations. The concert was sold out and was well received by those in attendance. If you missed it, you can still make a donation. **Donations should be made payable to Samuel H. Johnson SSSP Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 372750, Decatur, GA 30037-2750 or online at www.ssspfoundation.org.**