

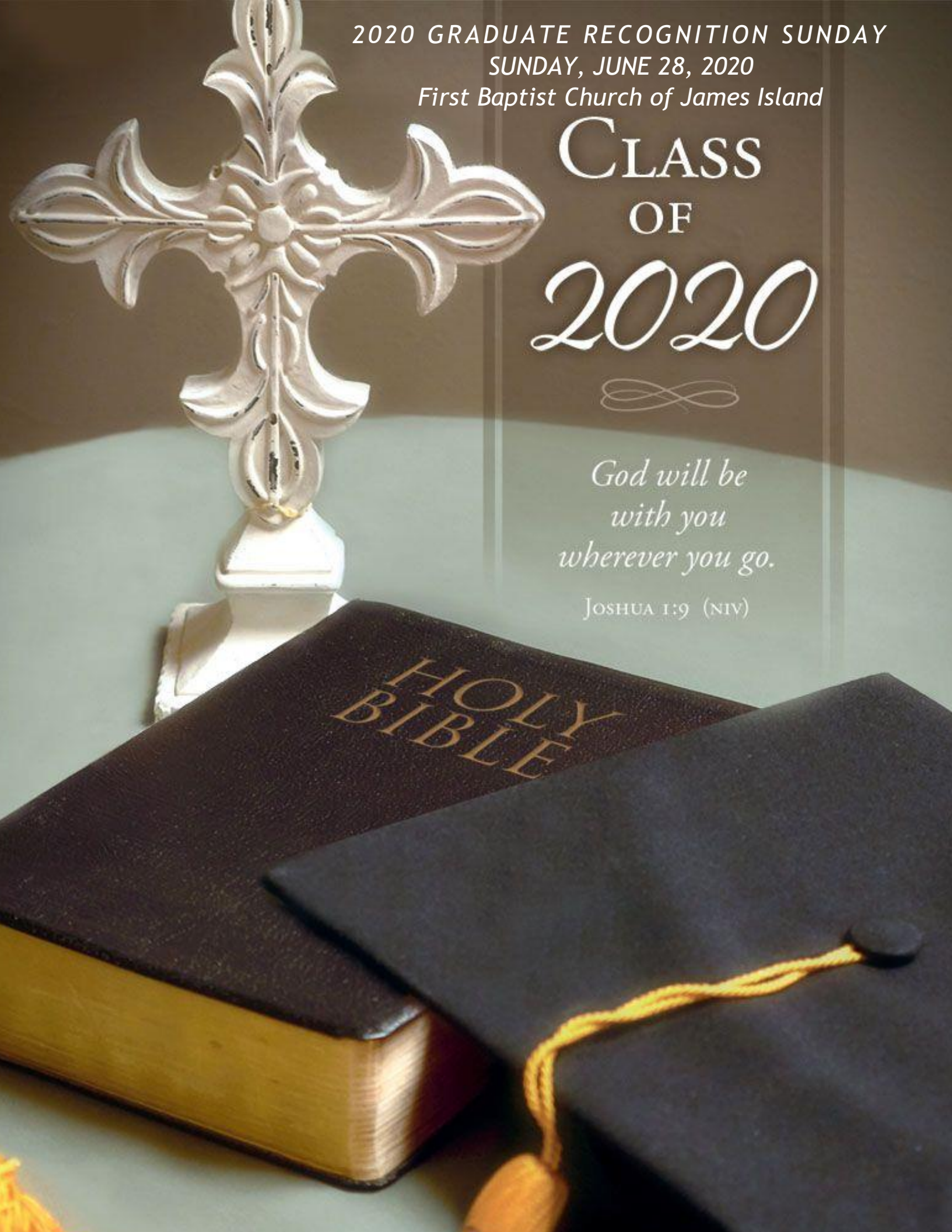
2020 GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY
SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020
First Baptist Church of James Island

CLASS
OF
2020



*God will be
with you
wherever you go.*

JOSHUA 1:9 (NIV)



To Graduates:

Graduation marks the end of one chapter and the start of an exciting new one! You have memories of your recent graduation ceremony: walking across a stage, hearing your alma mater and YOUR first, middle, and last name called as you crossed the stage as a 2020 Graduate. That will be a joyous occasion for you and your family for many years to come, and we celebrate with you in heart. You have done very well to reach this milestone in your life. These exemplary life changing milestones that you have achieved are certainly worthy of praise. First Baptist Church is immensely proud of you and your accomplishment. Job well done!

To our **high school graduates** who have arrived at an important junction in the road to success, it is our prayer that each of you will make a careful and sober decision about the direction you will take in your life. A wrong turn could spell disaster! However, we have confidence that each of you will hold true to your faith and the teachings of Jesus Christ. As you go forward, know that your First Baptist Church Family is here to support you, counsel you, and to offer you our best advice. However, it is necessary for you to make the "right" turn so your dreams and your goals will become a reality.

To our **college graduates**, we salute you for your determination and your accomplishments. You are prepared and ready to enter the workplace and be responsible, productive citizens who contribute in our society. Congratulations! Your accomplishments are awesome!

Rev. Charlie L. Murray, Jr.
Pastor

Sis. Barbara W. McDaniel
The Christian Voice Newsletter
Editor-in-chief





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Kevon Louis Campbell
Ashley Taylor Manigault
Lydia "Angel" Mitchell
Michelle Moore
Tamira Parker
Briana Roper
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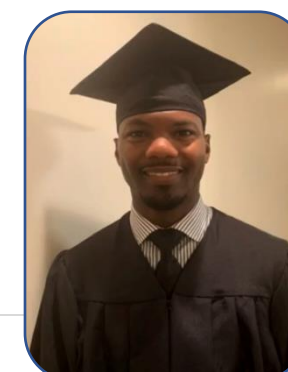
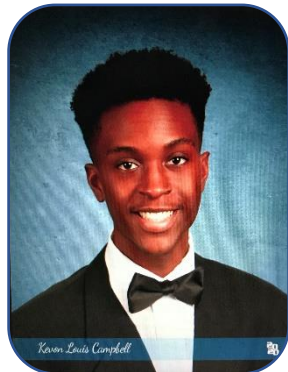
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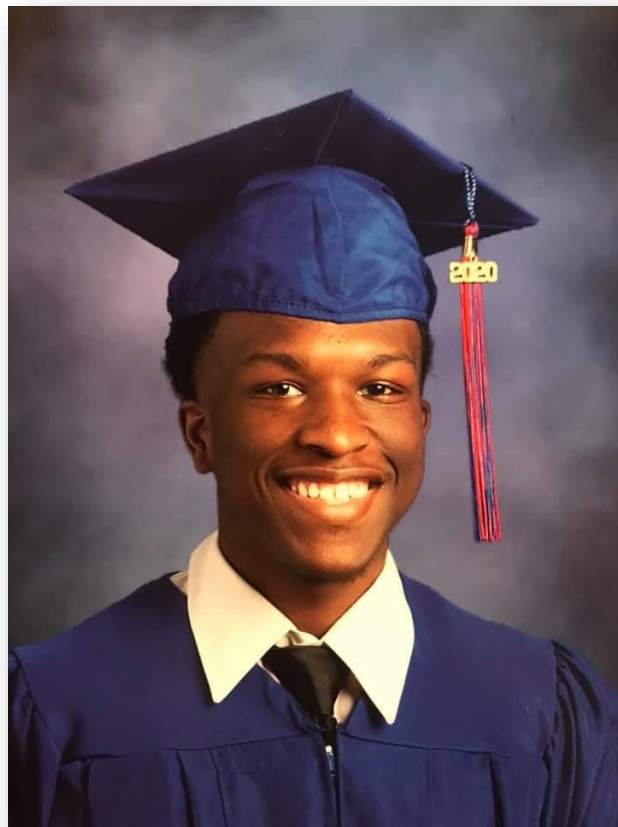
Stewart Middleton, II



Congrats!
GRADUATES

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Erick Tyriek Bennett

Erick Tyriek Bennett, son of Marlin and Latoya Bennett and brother of Malik, Zion, and Julia, graduated with honors from Fort Dorchester High School with honors: National Honor Society.

He plans to attend Savannah State University in Savannah, GA in the fall of 2020 where he will major in Civil Engineering. His career plan is to enter the Navy ROTC Program as well. He has received the following scholarships: Honor Program Scholarship and Minority Science and Engineering Scholarship.

He has received honors and recognition for his achievements which include a 3.5 GPA, Honor Society, A/B Honor Roll his entire senior year, Perfect Attendance, member of the National Honor Societies, Sports, and Art clubs.

He is an avid sports player. His extracurricular activities include playing basketball and baseball at the Rec. Center, track and field at school, and track meet with the FBC Brotherhood.

Eric enjoys MIME dancing, Hip Hop dancing, solving riddles/puzzles, and playing games as his interests/hobbies.

He is involved in his church/community by attending Morning Worship, Bible Study, Vacation Bible School, member of MIMES Ministry, Brotherhood Ministry, Youth Ministry, helping build houses for the Habitat for Humanity, and visiting the nursing homes, as well as tutoring other students.



Azaria Bradley-Barron

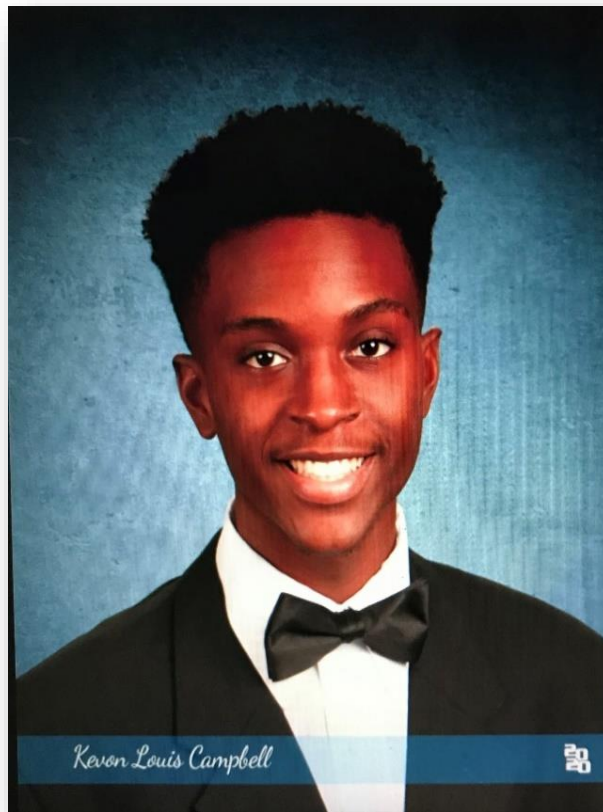
Azaria Bradley-Barron, daughter of Kandiss Smith and the granddaughter of Erma Smith, graduated from James Island Charter High School.

She plans to attend USC-Beaufort in Beaufort, SC in the fall of 2020 where she will major in Nursing. Her career plans are to become a traveling nurse and enlist in the Navy. She received the Hope Scholarship.

She has received honors and recognition for her achievements which include a 3.7 GPA, A/B Honor Roll, Dean's List at Trident Tech, member of UBASA Club, and Cheerleading.

Azaria enjoys drawing, singing, dancing, going out of town, and hanging out with friends and family as her interests.

She is involved in her church/community by attending Sunday School, Morning Worship, member of Adult Inspirational Choir and Mass, and visiting nursing home with the UBASA Club.



Kevon Louis Campbell

Kevon Louis Campbell, son of Jacqueline Little and brother of Kaila and Julian, graduated with honors from St. John's High School with honors: National Honor Society and additional honors.

He plans to attend Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC in the fall of 2020 where he will major in Mass Communications. His career plans include Graphic Designing. He has received the following scholarships: Kiawah Island Exchange Award and Scholarship, Close Scholarship - Winthrop University, St. John's Alumni Scholarship, and Brownlee Scholarship.

He has received honors and recognition for his achievements which include a 4.548 GPA, A Honor Roll, Honor Society, Student Body President, Upward Bounder of the Year-College of Charleston, Island Ambassador, CTE completer, Highest Average in Geometry Honors, highest average in Professional Development, highest average in Dual Enrollment Biology I and II, highest average in Marine Science, Consistent Honor Roll, member of the National Honor Society, Sports, Art, FBLA, and Student Council clubs.

Kevon enjoys Graphic Design, Nature Conservation, and Art as his interests/hobbies. His extracurricular activity includes track and field - received Most Improved in Varsity Track.

He is involved in his church/community by attending Morning Worship, Bible Study, Youth Choir member, former church keyboardist, participated in Day of Caring-St. John's Hugh, maintenance at the Wadmalaw Community Center, read to children at Lambs Elementary and math at Frierson Elementary, prepared food baskets for senior citizens -Blessing Basket, maintenance at the Shepherd's Table in Conway, SC, St. John's freshman orientation, and planner for "Honor Island". Kevon also won 1st place in 2018 and 2019 Gullah Art competition for the Kiawah Island Gullah Festival.



Ashley Taylor Manigault

Ashley Taylor Manigault, daughter of Deacon Stacey and Deaconess Victoria Manigault and sister of Ryan and Ava, graduated from James Island Charter High with honors: National Honor Society and additional honors.

She plans to attend Wofford College in Spartanburg, SC in the fall of 2020 where she will major in Pre-Law. Her career plans are to study law and foreign policy and either become a defense attorney or a US Ambassador. She received the Wofford Scholarship, Wofford Multicultural Scholarship, Hope Scholarship, Exchange Club Youth of the Year 2nd runner up Award and Scholarship (\$3,500), and the 20 Pearls Foundation Melanie Williams Scholarship (\$1,000), and many more.

She has received honors and recognition for her achievements which include a 4.4 GPA, A/B Honor Roll, Honor Society, full diploma candidate for International Baccalaureate Program, member of several clubs: National Honor Societies, Spirit Teams, Foreign Language, Sports, FBLA, Student Council, UBASA, Co-founder and vice chairman of High School Democrats of America, Student Ambassadors (chairman), selected for Charleston Mayor's Youth Commission, 12th grade class Vice President, and JICH Senior All Star.

She enjoys reading, gardening, cooking, painting, and social activism as her interests/hobbies.

Her extracurricular activities include: James Island Varsity Softball (2018-2020), SC Riptide Travel Softball Team (2017-2018), Varsity Softball 10-12, Charleston Shockers Travel Softball 9-12, Future Business Leaders of America (2017-2020), FBLA National Competition Competitor (2018-2020), National Honor Societies (2018-2020), National French Honor Societies (2018-2020), French Club (2018-2020), Science Club (2016-2020), Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated Prospective Debutante, and Charleston Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Finer Womanhood Program.

She is involved in her church/community by attending Sunday School, Morning Worship, member of Youth and Hospitality Ministry, tutored students who needed extra assistance, performed beach sweeps w/Science Club, community cleanup with Town of JI, and voter registration drive. Her artwork (painting) was chosen by Gamma Xi Omega Chapter of AKA for 2020 Debutante Souvenir Booklet cover.



Lydia "Angel" Mitchell

Lydia "Angel" Mitchell, daughter of the late Lana Young, granddaughter of Lydia Young, and sister of Jarrel, Raza, and Ashanti, graduated from Berkeley High School.

She plans to attend Norfolk State University in Norfolk, Virginia in the fall of 2020 where she will major in Biology because she plans to pursue a career as a pharmacist. She received a scholarship from Norfolk State University (\$3,600).

She received honors and recognition for her achievements which include a 3.7 GPA, A/B Honor Roll, and member of FBLA.

Angel enjoys singing, dancing, and cooking as her interests/hobbies.

She is involved in her church/community by attending Sunday School, Morning Worship, Bible Study, Vacation Bible School, member of Young Adult and Mass Choir, Sister-to-Sister, Youth Ministry, and Hospitality Ministry. She assisted the elderly at The Somerby Nursing Home in Mt. Pleasant.



Michelle Day'Chaune Moore

Michelle Day'Chaune Moore, daughter of Leonard Moore and Deborah Curry, and sister of Kenaesha, Noah and Adian, graduated from James Island Charter High School.

She plans to attend South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, SC, in the fall of 2020 where she will major in Political Science because she plans to pursue a career as a Defense Attorney.

She has received honors and recognition for her achievements which include a 3.525 GPA, A/B Honor Roll, 2nd place in FBLA competition, and 2020 Coaches Award for Softball, member of Academic Teams, Music Club, Sports, Club, FBLA, and USASA.

She enjoys singing and dancing as her interests/hobbies.

She is involved in her church/community by attending Sunday School, Morning Worship, a member of Adult Inspirational and Mass Choir, Nursery Worker, member of Sister-to-Sister, Youth Ministry, Hospitality Ministry, and participated in Food Drive for the softball team.



Tamira Nicole Parker

Tamira Nicole Parker, daughter of Vertelle Gadsden-Parker and John Parker and sister of Rokasia and Johan, graduated from West Ashley High School.

She plans to attend Greenville Technical College in Greenville, SC in the fall of 2020 where she will major in Dental Hygiene because she has chosen to pursue as a Dental Hygienist. She received the SC Life Scholarship.

She has received honors and recognition for her achievements which include a 3.32 GPA, A/B Honor Roll, CTE Completer, JROTC, Band, Win Gold Certificate, Nail Technician License, member of DECA Club, and member of FLO (For Ladies Only) Group.

Tamira enjoys spending time with her family and practicing with nails (Nail tech) as her interests/hobbies.

She is involved in her church/community by attending Morning Worship and a member of the Praise Dance Team.



Briana Nicole Roper

Briana Nicole Roper, daughter of Troy, Sr. and Demetria Roper and sister of Brielle, Khalil, and Troy, Jr., graduated from James Island High School.

She plans to attend South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, SC in the fall of 2020 and major in Early Childhood Education because she has chosen to pursue a career as a Kindergarten teacher. She received the Charleston Alumni Chapter of SC State University Scholarship.

She received honors and recognition for her achievements which include a 3.482 GPA, member of Music Club, FBLA, UBASA, Prom Board, 1st place in FBLA District Competition, Captain of the JICH Dance Team, Teacher Cadet, Basketball Cheerleader, Gamma Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Prospective Debutante, and Charleston Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Finer Womanhood Program.

Briana enjoys dancing, cheering, and hanging out with friends as her interests/hobbies.

She is involved in her church/community by attending Morning Worship, Vacation Bible School, member of Adult Inspirational and Mass Choir, member of Sister-to-Sister (president -2018-2010), Youth Ministry (president -2018-2020), Praise Dance Team, cleaned historical African American Cemeteries on James Island (UBASA Club), participated in school's Little Debbie bake sale- proceeds went to March of Dimes for Premature Babies, and Toiletry Drive for My Sisters House.



Brielle Symone Roper

Brielle Symone Roper, daughter of Troy, Sr. and Demetria Roper and sister of Briana, Khalil, and Troy, Jr., graduated from James Island Charter high School.

She plans to attend South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, SC in the fall of 2020 and major in Business Administration and Management because she has chosen to pursue a career as an entrepreneur. She received Benedict College Tiger Award Scholarship and Charleston Alumnae Chapter of SC State University Scholarship.

She has received honors and recognition for her achievements which includes a 3.354 GPA, member of Music Club, FBLA, 1st place in FBLA competition, UBASA, Prom Board, Teacher Cadet, Dance Team, Basketball Cheer Team, Gamma Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Prospective Debutante, and Charleston Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Finer Womanhood Program.

Brielle enjoys cheering, dancing, cooking, and hanging out with friends as her interests/hobbies.

She is involved in her church/community by attending Morning Worship, Vacation Bible School, member of Adult Inspirational and Mass Choir, member of Sister-to-Sister (Secretary), Youth Ministry (Secretary), Praise Dance Team, cleaned historical African American Cemeteries on James Island (UBASA Club), participated in school's Little Debbie bake sale- proceeds went to March of Dimes for Premature Babies, and Toiletry Drive for My Sisters House.



Peyton Nachelle Smalls

Peyton Nachelle Smalls, daughter of Nathaniel and Sherry Smalls and sister of Pagelyn, Rolanda, Sheryce, Nathaniel, III, and Quinton, graduated from Charleston County School of the Arts with honors: Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society.

She plans to attend University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC in the fall of 2020 where she will major in Environmental Science because she has chosen to pursue a career as a Traveling Research Scientist. She received the Garnet Scholar at USC Scholarship, Life Scholarship, and USC School of Earth Ocean & environment Scholarship.

She has received honors and recognition for her achievements which include a 4.803 GPA, "A" Honor Roll, member of Honor Society and Tri-M Music Society, member of Nationally Accredited Symphony Orchestra, Region Orchestra participant, served as Black Student Union Vice President for 2 years, member of Charleston School of the Arts Orchestra, and Newspaper/Journalism/Yearbook Club, Powderpuff.

Peyton enjoys playing the violin and guitar as her interests/hobbies. Extracurricular activities include Symphony Orchestra participant and nonprofit volunteer.

She is involved in her church/community by attending Sunday School, Morning Worship, Vacation Bible School, member of Adult Inspirational and Mass Choir, Sister-to-Sister, Youth Ministry, Hospitality Ministry, Praise Dance Team, and Bible Trivia participant. She is an After-school Music Instructor, performed holiday music at Franke at Seaside Nursing Home, and Non-profit Instructor and Board Member.



Leah Snipe Elizabeth Snipe

Leah Elizabeth Snipe, niece of Vella Washington, graduated from James Island Charter High School.

She plans to attend Francis Marion University in Florence, SC in the fall of 2020 where she will major in Pre-Nursing because she has chosen to pursue a career as a Prenatal Nurse. She received the Hope Scholarship.

She has received honors and recognition for her achievements which include a 3.740 GPA, A/B Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, member of Marching Band Color Guard, member of Dance Team, FBLA, UBASA, HOSA, and track and field participant.

Leah enjoys working independently, sleeping, and eating as her interests/hobbies.

She is involved in her church/community by attending Morning Worship.



Jaelyn Brianna White-McPherson

Jaelyn Brianna White-McPherson, daughter of Deborah White and Clarence McPherson and sister of Christian, Whitney, Nikki, Ty, and Aleah, graduated from Northwood Academy with Honors: National Honor Society (since 10th grade).

She plans to attend Howard University in Washington, DC where she will major in Political Science because she chosen to pursue a career as a lawyer. She received the Howard University Opportunity Grant.

She has received honors and recognition for her achievements which include a 4.2 GPA, A/B Honor Roll (has always maintained since her childhood), National Honor Society member of Drama Club, Student Council, Senior Beta Club member, Junior Marshall, Student Government Parliamentarian, and attended Stanford University for their law program.

Jaelyn listed criminal justice system and acting and debating as her interests/hobbies. Her extracurricular activity is volunteering.

She is involved in her church/community by attending Morning Worship, helped the kids at Beyond Our Walls with new vocabulary words as well as keeping them up to date about current news, and played bingo at Pine Ridge Elderly Housing with the ladies every Tuesday night.



Milagro Carolyn Wilkins-Scott

Milagro Carolyn Wilkins-Scott, daughter of Terri Wilkins, graduated from James Island Charter High School.

She plans to attend Trident Technical College in January 2021 where she will major in Biology because she has chosen to pursue a career as an OB/GYN doctor.

She has received honors and recognition for her achievements which include a 3.6 GPA, A/B Honor Roll, Honor Stings (Orchestra 2,3,4), member of UBASA, member of Music Club, and received an UBASA award.

Milagro is involved in her church/community by attending Morning Worship and a member of Praise Dance Team.

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A'Mya Lanaye' Chavis

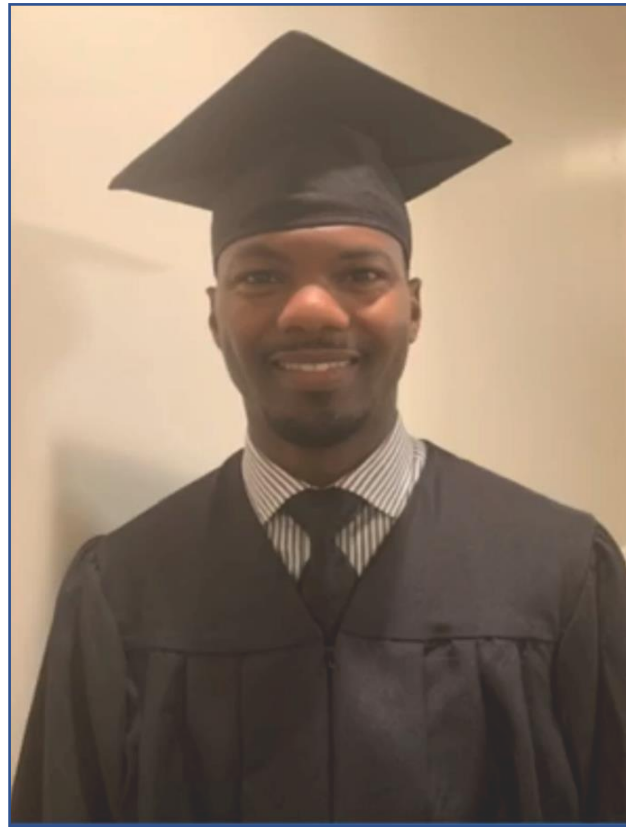
A'Mya Lanaye' Chavis, daughter of Kenya Chavis and sister of Sa'Mia, Shanee, Veidol, Marquel, and Sam, graduated from Winthrop University where she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology.

Her career plans are to attend Law School, after receiving her graduate degree.

She has achieved honors and recognition which include a 3.3 GPA, Dean's List, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Rock Hill Alumnae Chapter Miss Jabberwock and Miss Congeniality 2019, member of Academic and Educational Organization, Student Government Association, Student Diversity, Community Service Organization, member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Vice President of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International Student Alumni Council, National Society of Leadership and Success, Students Challenging Others to Pursue Excellence, and Renew Our Community/Pathways Volunteer.

A'Mya enjoys reading, writing, taking walks, and hanging with friends as her interests/hobbies.

She is active in her church/community. She attends Morning Worship, Vacation Bible School, hosted after school programs for underprivileged children to assist with academics and extracurricular activities, and assists homeless families and individuals daily by finding and providing information such as housing, education, and/or job opportunities.



Rev. Charlie L. Murray, Jr.

Rev. Charlie L. Murray, Jr., spouse of Tycely Murray and father of Anyla, Gabrielle, Ayden, and Chandler, graduated from Voorhees College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Organizational Management with Honors.

His honors and recognition include the President's List and Dean's List, graduating as Summa Cum Laude with a 4.1 GPA.

In his spare time, he enjoys boating with family and friends.

Rev. Murray is the Pastor of First Baptist Church on James Island. As a Spiritual Leader, he ministers to the needs of his church and the community.

His other church/community involvements include: National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Old Ashley Baptist Association, James Island Outreach, and James Island Interfaith Action Committee.

POSTGRADUATES
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Stewart Daniel Middleton, II

Stewart Daniel Middleton, II, son of Deacon Stewart and Deaconess Juanita Middleton, graduated from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University with a Doctorate Degree: Doctor of Philosophy. Also, his dissertation has been published. He majored in Rehabilitation Counseling and Rehabilitation Counselor Education. His career plan is to become a Professional Mental Health Counselor.

His honors, recognition and achievement include a 3.36 GPA, member of Golden Key International Honor Society, and Honor student Association.

Stewart enjoys basketball, going to movies, and playing chess as his interests/hobbies. His extracurricular activity is participating with the American Counseling Association.

He is active in his church/community. He attends Morning Worship, tutored high school students for SAT Prep, and donates blood to the American Red Cross.

Keep On
Graduation is
a successful ending
and an exciting beginning.
If you keep on learning,
keep on dreaming,
keep on doing,
you'll travel
toward your goals
until you get there.
Keep up the good work.
You can do it!

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