

*A Mother's Love
Determines How*

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*A mother's love
determines how*

*We love ourselves
and others.*

*There is no sky
we'll ever see*

*Not lit by that
first love.*

*Stripped of love,
the universe*

*Would drive us
mad with pain;*

*But we are born
into a world*

*That greets our
cries with joy.*

*How much I owe
you for the kiss*

*That told me
who I was!*

*The greatest gift--
a love of life--*

*Lay laughing
in your eyes.*

*Because of you my
world still has*

*The soft grace
of your smile;*

*And every wind
of fortune bears*

*The scent of
your caress.*

Notre Dame's First Black Valedictorian



THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN PLASTERED ALL OVER THE EVENING NEWS AND YET IT WAS NOT! Think about it! The white owned press that forms public opinion enthusiastically blurts out negative images of our young men with trousers hanging off their rumps, braided heads, tattooed bodies and mouths bedecked with gold. Fox news Inc. lives on that kind of fare. Along comes a sweet success story and you don't hear or see anything from the major news networks. This upsets me to no end. Please send this around to any and everyone you can think of that will promulgate this bit of good news.

This is definitely worth sharing with our youth as we remind them that they can do ALL things through Christ that strengthens them. Stay Blessed I can do ALL things through CHRIST!

I WONDER why her face hasn't made the national media. This should be on all front pages, all talk shows. In the 161 years the University of Notre Dame has been awarding degrees, never had there been an African-American as valedictorian.

Until this year.

SHE'S KATIE WASHINGTON OF GARY, INDIANA. SHE CARRIES A 4.0 GPA MAJORING IN BIOLOGY AND MENTORING IN CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING.

According to the Northwest Indiana Times, Washington plans to continue her studies at Johns Hopkins University and follow in her father's footsteps into medicine. Washington says she's humbled by the honor of being named valedictorian.

More information from Notre Dame University :

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Katie Washington, a biological sciences major from Gary, Ind., has been named valedictorian of the 2010 University of Notre Dame graduating class and will present the valedictory address during Commencement exercises May 16 (Sunday) in Notre Dame stadium.

Washington, who earned a 4.0 grade point average, has a minor in Catholic Social Teaching. She has conducted research on lung cancer at the Cold Spring Harbor labs and performed genetic studies in the University's Eck Institute for Global Health on the mosquito that carries dengue and yellow fever. She is the co-author of a research paper with David Severson, professor of biological sciences.

Washington directs the Voices of Faith Gospel Choir at Notre Dame, is a mentor/tutor for the Sister-to-Sister program at South Bend's Washington High School and serves as the student coordinator of the Center for Social Concerns' "Lives in the Balance: Youth Violence and Society Seminar."

Upon graduation, Washington plans to pursue a joint M.D./Ph.D program at Johns Hopkins University. ●



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MAY 4TH



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