



The 2013-14 Jabberwock Court from Left to Right – Miss Shawnesi Russell (3rd Runner Up), Miss Taylor Owens (1st Runner Up), Miss Salita Greene (2013-14 Miss Jabberwock Queen), Miss Joia Freeman (2nd Runner Up) and Miss Ariana Johnson (4th Runner Up).



Miss Jabberwock 2013-14 Miss Salita Greene

Durham Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. Presents Miss Jabberwock 2013-14
BY Chonna Campbell

On Saturday, February 1, ten "beautiful debutantes" graced the stage of Charles E. Jordan High School Auditorium in anticipation of the Durham Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Jabberwock Scholarship Gala. The 2013-14 theme of this annual event was "RENAISSANCE: Clever & Captivating Jewels". The ten debutantes expressed their renaissance talent with a dynamic opening dance performance that revealed a modern day twist on the 20's style dance along to 'Show Me How You Burlesque' by Christina Aguilera. The event continued with many memorable moments. The moment many awaited came with the crowning of Miss Jabberwock 2013-14 Salita Greene. The Jabberwock Court consisted of 1st Runner-up: Taylor Owens, 2nd Runner-up: Joia Freeman, 3rd Runner-up: Shawnesi Russell and 4th Runner-up: Ariana Johnson. Other superlative awards presented were Most Unique Style – Taylor Owens & Trae'ranz White, Most Sincere – Victoria Jackson & P. Benjamin Shaw, III, Deepest Thinker – Kayla Tate & Marvin Tillman, Jr., Best Smile – Kayla Daniels & Travis Miller, Life of the Party – Kayla Tate & Kelly Moore; Most Persistent – Salita Greene & Zairee Parker, Rare Jewel – Brandi Arledge & Oreyane Tate, Dancing Machine – Taylor Owens & Jabin Bethea, Most Dedicated – Shawnesi Russell & Zairee Parker, and Mr. Personality – Kelly Moore and Miss Congeniality – Joia Freeman.

Jabberwock Debutantes

Brandi Arledge, a Josephine Dobbs Clement Early College High School junior, is the daughter of Brian Arledge and Vickie Barber Arledge. Her escort was Christian Arledge and she was mentored by Tiffany Matthews and Tara Shuler.

Kayla Daniels, a Hillside High School senior, is the daughter of Andre' and Alethia Daniels. Her escort was Trae'ranz White and she was mentored by Deloris Baker Hargow and Debra Dorsey.

Joia Freeman, a Durham Academy senior, is the daughter of Rev. Sterling Freeman and Michelle Graham-Freeman. Her escort was Kelly Moore and she was mentored by Sandra Lawson and Norma Petway.

Salita Greene, a Jordan High School senior, is the daughter of James and Kathy Greene. Her escort was Marvin Tillman, Jr and she was mentored by Bernadette Lewis-Langhorne and Bernadette Watts.

Victoria Jackson, a Josephine Dobbs Clement Early College High School senior, is the daughter of Felton and Dwanna Wiggins. Her escort was Phillip Robinson-Hayes and she was mentored by Maranda Leverette and Latisha Johnson.

Allante' Johnson, an Enloe High School senior, is the daughter of John Johnson and Anthony & LaTanya Michael. Her escort was Zairee Parker and she was mentored by Mary Young and Claretta Woody.

Ariana Johnson, a Josephine Dobbs Clement Early College High School junior, is the daughter of Glen and Grace Johnson. Her escort was Jabin Bethea and she was mentored by Harriet V. Davis and Carolyn Thornton Walker.

Taylor Owens, a Hillside High School senior, is the daughter of Lewis and Pamela Owens. Her escort was Travis Miller and she was mentored by Nina Mason and Cynthia Traynham.

Shawnesi Russell, a Riverside High School junior, is the daughter of Darryl Russell and Stephanie Williams. Her escort was P. Benjamin Shaw, III and she was mentored by Remell Clemons and Dilcy Grady Burton.

Kayla Tate, a Hillside High School senior, is the daughter of Charles Tate and Zarrida Davis. Her escort was Oreyane Tate and she was mentored by April Pyatt and Ayana Moore.

The Jabberwock was initially presented in 1925 in Boston, Massachusetts. Jabberwock, a word copyrighted by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., derives from Lewis Carroll's tale Alice in Wonderland nonsense poem "Jabberwocky," in which it was customary for creatures from throughout the kingdom to gather annually to present a gala event.

The Durham Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. has held this annual scholarship program since 1962, awarding scholarships to Durham County residents. The Jabberwock Gala is a formal event resulting from the culmination of social activities, community service, educational workshops, and scholarship fundraising opportunities. The scholarships awarded to the 2013-14 debutantes Jabberwock candidate were in excess of \$60,000.00. Ms. Asha Felder and NCCU Psychology Professor Dr. Jonathan Livingston were outstanding in their role as Mistress and Master of Ceremony. Gloria McNeil - Durham Alumnae Chapter President, Sonya Harris (2nd Vice President and Jabberwock Chair) and Chonna Campbell (Jabberwock Co-Chair) coordinated the event, along with Durham Alumnae Chapter members assisting in many roles to make the Jabberwock Gala a huge success.



Group of the 2013-14 Jabberwock Court with Escorts from Left to Right – Mr. P. Benjamin Shaw, III escorted Miss Shawnesi Russell (3rd Runner Up), Mr. Travis Miller escorted Miss Taylor Owens (1st Runner Up), Mr. Mavin Tillman, Jr escorted Miss Salita Greene (2013-14 Miss Jabberwock Queen), Miss Joia Freeman (2nd Runner Up) with escort Mr. Kelly Moore and Miss Ariana Johnson (4th Runner Up) with escort Mr. Jabin Bethea.



Another Way Ministries Youth Program met at First Chronicles Community Church recently. The program focuses on teaching youth "another way" to live life that is positive and productive. Children are taught their "real history," basic skills, i.e., how to cut grass, wash cars, dress for success and are assigned a mentor. Although the meeting venue is First Chronicles Community Church, 1306 Lincoln St., behind Lincoln Healthcare Center, this is city-wide program and anyone interested in participating as a student, volunteer, or mentor are welcome.

For more information call Pastor William Lucas at 919-688-7014 or 919-682-8880.

Shown with the program from left to right are: Rev. Pebbles Lucas, Tadavion Perdue, Kendrell Johnson, Latrell Crossley, Nashon Blount, Elizabeth Lassiter, Tamika Pinkney, Ausherria McDonald and Pastor William V. Lucas.

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