

# 7th Annual Vision Of Beauty Cotillion

Saturday, March 15, 2025 6:00pm-11:00pm

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## Founder Mary McLeod Bethune

Mary McLeod Bethune was an extraordinary educator, civil rights leader, and government official who founded the National Council of Negro Women and Bethune-Cookman College Mrs. Bethune's background as a teacher



inspired her to open the Daytona Educational and Industrial Training School for Negro Girls in Daytona Beach, Florida. On October 3, 1904, the Daytona Educational and Industrial Training School opened with just five students. Eventually the school blossomed to include a farm, high school, and nursing school. The school became the co educational Bethune-Cookman College in 1929 after merging with Cookman Institute and was fully accredited in 1943.

Mrs. Bethune proved her expertise not only as an educator, but also as an organizer and fundraiser through her work with Bethune-Cookman College. She employed her diverse talents when she founded the National Council of Negro Women in 1935. She envisioned NCNW to be an "organization of organizations" that would represent the national and international concerns of Black women. It would also give Black women the opportunity to realize their goals for social justice and human rights through united, constructive action.

In addition to being an educator and an organizer, Mrs. Bethune was also a political activist. She was the first African American woman to be involved in the White House, assisting four different presidents. But she had the most significant influence on Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal Government. From 1936-1945 she served as the informal "race leader at large" for the administration. Mrs. Bethune was also one of the most influential African American leaders in the Black Cabinet, which organized the Federal Council on Negro Affairs. She also served as Director of Negro Affairs for the National Youth Administration, where she tirelessly worked to help young people find jobs and to secure funds for youth.

In 1974, Mrs. Bethune became the first Black leader and the first woman to have a monument, the Bethune Memorial Statue, erected on public park land in Washington DC in honor of her remarkable contributions. She also became the only Black woman to be honored with a memorial site in the nation's capital in 1994 when National Park Service acquired the Council House, Bethune's last official residence and the original headquarters of NCNW. Today the Council House offers a variety of educational programs and exhibits.

Mary McLeod Bethune's legacy of education, civil rights, and leadership continues to endure. Since 1943, Bethune-Cookman College has graduated more than 12,900 students. In addition, the college offers bachelor's degrees in 26 major areas.

Today, NCNW consists of over 39 national affiliates and over 240 sections, connecting more than 4,000,000

# Litary MARY MCLEOD BETHUNES' LEGACY TO HER PEOPLE AND THE NATION

LEADER: Sometimes I ask myself if I have any other legacy to leave. Truly my worldly possessions are few. Yet, my experiences have been rich. From them I have distilled principles and policies in which I believe firmly, for they represent the meaning of my life's work. They are the products of much sweat and sorrow. Perhaps, in them there is something of value. So, as my life draws to a close, I will pass them on to Negroes everywhere in the hope that an old woman's philosophy may give them inspiration. Here then, is my legacy.

LEADER: I LEAVE YOU LOVE.

*RESPONSE:* Love builds. It is positive and helpful. It is more beneficial than hate.

LEADER: I LEAVE YOU HOPE.

**RESPONSE:** The Negro's growth will be great in the years to come. Yesterday, our ancestors endured the degradation of slavery, yet they retained their dignity.

**LEADER:** I LEAVE YOU THE CHALLENGE OF DEVELOPING CONFIDENCE IN ONE ANOTHER.

**RESPONSE:** As long as Negroes are hemmed into racial blocs of prejudice and pressure, it will be necessary for them to bank together for economic betterment.

LEADER: I LEAVE YOU A THIRST FOR EDUCATION.

RESPONSE: Knowledge is the prime need of the hour.

**LEADER:** I LEAVE YOU A RESPECT FOR THE USE OF POWER.

*RESPONSE:* We live in a world, which respects power above all things. Power, intelligently directed, can lead to more freedom. Unwisely directed, it can be a dreadful destructive force.

LEADER: I LEAVE YOU FAITH.

**RESPONSE:** Faith is the first factor in the life devoted to service. Without faith, nothing is possible. With it, nothing is impossible. Faith in God. is the greatest power, but great too, is faith in one's self.

LEADER: I LEAVE YOU RACIAL DIGNITY.

**RESPONSE:** I want Negroes to maintain their human dignity at all costs. We, as Negroes, must recognize that we are the custodians, as well as, the heirs of a great civilization.

LEADER: I LEAVE YOU A DESIRE TO LIVE HARMOMOUSLY WITH OUR FELLOW MAN.

*RESPONSE:* The problem of color is worldwide. It is found in Africa and Asia, Europe and South America. I appeal to American Negroes both North and South, East and West to recognize their common problems and unite to solve them.

LEADER: I LEAVE YOU, FINALLY, A RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

**RESPONSE:** The world around us really belongs to the youth for the youth will take over its future management. Our children must never lose their zeal for building a better world.

#### ALL:

If I have a legacy to leave my people, it is my philosophy of living and serving. As I face tomorrow, I am content, for I think I have spent my life well. I pray that my philosophy may be helpful to those who share my vision of a world of Peace.







## Ohio State Coalition National Council of Negro Women, Incorporated

#### **GREETINGS**

Today, it is with gratitude and excitements to honor and to support the young ladies, and young male students of the 7Th Annual Vision of Beauty, on behalf of the Lorain County Section, National Council of Negro Women Incorporate.

The Ohio State Coalition, of National Council of Negro Women Inc., we have a strong desire to continually to assist and to provide financial support, by encouraging the 7th Annual Committee members to be a beacon of greatness and hope for the young ladies and young males within the communities.

NCNW has a rich history of leadership and service of which we are all very proud. In order, to be an effective advocate for our young females and young males of African descent and their families, adapting to the social, economic, political, cultural and technological changes underway is neither a luxury nor an option for National Council of Negro Women, Inc. Rather, we must transform our thinking, our strategies, our strong leadership skills, our phenomenal structures and even our operating procedures if we are to preserve our legacy and ensure NCNW's effectiveness and viability for the future.

Each and every day, we must nurture and to provide guidance to every young student, female and/or male. Remember, we all must support our young adults, so that, one day their lives and their lights within each heart will shine bright. You are called to the 7Th Annual Vision of Beauty.

Sincerely,

Janice M. Taylor

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#### Welcome from the President

March 15, 2025

#### Greetings and welcome to the 7th Annual Vision of Beauty Cotillion.

It is with great joy and excitement that we welcome you to the 7th Annual Vision of Beauty Cotillion. We are honored to have you with us this evening as we celebrate the 2025 debutantes and their escorts.

As we gather here tonight, we are reminded of the words of our Founder, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, I leave you finally a responsibility to our young people. It truly does take a village to raise a child, and we are grateful to each of you for being part of that village. Your presence here is a testament to your commitment to our young people, showing them that they are valued, supported, and surrounded by a caring community.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all those who have made this evening possible: our Cotillion Committee, our generous ad sponsors, the printing company, our speaker, dignitaries, entertainers, Marilyn Smith and Rosalyn Holston(Seamstresses), Tuxedo Junction, Perfect Moment Designz, the staff at New Russia Township Hall, Fligner's Market, NCNW National Headquarters, our NCNW Section members from across Ohio, the NCNW Ohio State Coalition, the North Ohio Life Members Guild, and everyone who worked behind the scenes. A special thank you to every family represented here tonight. Your dedication and hard work have contributed to making this event both successful and memorable.

Once again, thank you all for your support and for being here to help celebrate and honor our youth. Your presence makes this evening truly special.

Respectfully,

Laleise D. Curtiss

Laleise D. Curtiss, President National Council of Negro Women, Inc. Lorain County Section Legacy Life Member



March 15, 2025

On behalf of the 7th Annual Vision of Beauty Cotillion Committee, it is our great honor to extend the warmest greetings to you all. This evening marks the grand conclusion of our 2024-2025 Cotillion Season. After months of dedication and preparation, we are thrilled to celebrate this special occasion with you.

We are proud to present nine exceptional Debutantes tonight, each one embodying resilience and strength. Their tenacity continues to inspire us all. Throughout the past months, they have grown, learned, and shared unforgettable experiences—from workshops and dance rehearsals to community service and the bonds of new friendships. We hope these memories will stay with them for a lifetime.

To our Debutantes, congratulations on reaching this milestone! Tonight, it's your time to shine. We wish you all the best and hope you achieve everything you dream of.

With Love,

Holly Clayton, Tamara, Jones, April Linder, Regan Phillips, Regina Shockley, and

Sha'Quanna Young

2024-2025 Cotillion Committee



#### Lorain County Section, National Council of Negro Women, Inc.

## Vision of Beauty Cotillion Program

Welcome.......Tamara Jones

Introduction of Mothers & Fathers/Father Figures......April Linder

Introduction of Escorts......Sha'Quanna Young

#### Presentation of Cotillion Court......Mistress of Ceremony

Mistress of Ceremony Miss Jada McCall (Former Debutante from 2022-2023)

Debutantes & Mothers Dance
Debutantes & Father/Father-Figure Dance
Debutantes Dance
Escorts Dance
Debutantes & Escorts Dance

**Dinner Service** 

Dancing



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# 2024-2025 Debtutantes





Brianna Benjamin is the daughter of Naisha Brown and the late Herman Benjamin. She is currently enrolled in the Early College Program at Lorain County Community College and is a varsity cheerleader at Elyria High School. Brianna plans to attend Ursuline College to further her cheerleading career, focusing on stunt, while majoring in nursing. Her goal is to become an internal medicine or intensive care nurse, and she currently maintains a 3.4 GPA. A lifelong churchgoer, Brianna is an active member of Point of Grace in Elyria, Ohio, where she regularly volunteers as a Sunday school teacher. Additionally, she has served as the vice president of the Community Foundation Youth Board for the past two years.



Alesha Brown the proud daughter of Timothy and Renisha Brown and a loving sister to Jayden and Alexis Brown. She is a dedicated senior at Saint Joseph Academy, where she has maintained an impressive 4.2 GPA. She is an active participant in the prestigious Health Science Honors Program, which has provided her with a strong foundation to pursue her dream of studying neuroscience in college.

Beyond her academic achievements, Alesha is involved in theater, where she uses her talents to perform and bring stories to life.

Alesha is thrilled to be a debutante and deeply grateful for the opportunities and experiences this journey has offered her.



Alina Deus is the youngest of three children, born to Ron Deus and Consuelo. She is a dedicated student at Elyria High School and is simultaneously working toward her Associate of Arts degree at Lorain County Community College. Alina plans to follow in her siblings' footsteps by attending The Ohio State University.

An honors student with a strong academic record, Alina serves as the Class of 2025 Senior Treasurer. She has been a varsity tennis player for all four years of high school and actively participates in various school organizations, including Student Council, Drama Club, Black Student Union, and Link Crew. In addition to her academic and extracurricular commitments, Alina balances a part-time job and regularly volunteers in her community.





Jocelyn Eldemire the daughter of Rupert and Jani Eldemire is an exceptional 18-year-old senior at Early College High School making a name for herself as a leader and high achiever with a 4.1 GPA while simultaneously earning her Associates of Arts degree. Jocelyn is THE National Honors Society president, Link Crew leader, Black student union representative and captain of the Elyria High varsity volleyball team. Born to the proud parents of Rupert and Jani Eldemire and younger sister of Jeremiah. Her commitment to serving others and her community is evident in her involvement at the Cathedral of praise worship and family center and The Lorain County Urban League. Jocelyn enjoys indulging in her hobbies, which include jazz and ballet dance, where she has honed her skills over the past 15 years at the YWCA where she is also on the YWCA board. Jocelyn's strong faith in God is a significant part of her life. You can only expect great things from her in the future.



Desaray Ewing is a determined and hardworking young woman, daughter of Jamie Milton and William Ewing. She prides herself on being inclusive, accepting others as they are, and understanding different perspectives with empathy and insight.

For the past three years, Desaray has been self-taught in hairstyling, specializing in techniques like knotless braids and feed-ins. She balances this passion with a part-time job while attending Lorain County JVS, where she is pursuing her cosmetology license. Her talent was recognized when she earned second place in the school's finger wave competition.

Desaray's journey is filled with life lessons and diverse experiences, from dancing and singing to baking and creating art. She approaches life with resilience, creativity, and a positive spirit.



Nevaeh Jackson is the daughter of Latoya Adams and John Jackson, a dedicated straight-A student at Amherst Steele High School. Passionate about giving back to those who have inspired her, Nevaeh actively participates in community leadership activities. This past summer, she proudly represented her African American heritage as the Lorain County International Festival Princess. With a love for learning and exploring new cultures, Nevaeh plans to pursue a college degree in Political Science and International Affairs. She is also honored to be part of the debutante tradition, a longstanding celebration within the African American community, this season.





Aleyah Smith, a senior at Lorain High School, is the proud daughter of Cherelle Brown and cherishes the loving support of her grandfather, James Wesson. After graduation, she plans to pursue a college degree in Business and Diagnostic Medical Sonography. A dedicated sports enthusiast, Aleyah enjoys staying active and takes great pride in being a devoted aunt to four and a caring big cousin to two.



Cherish Tillman is the first African-American female senior class president at Elyria High School the daughter of Jevae Johnson and Dante Tillman, Cherish is an outstanding student recognized for her leadership and active participation in various student organizations. She is a member of the Presidents Club, Student Council, Choir, Drama Club, Black Student Union, Link Crew, and Lorain County Project Ready. Additionally, Cherish leads the Prom Committee at Elyria High School. She loves spending time with friends and family, enjoys planning events, and is actively involved in sideline and competition cheer. Cherish is deeply grateful to her friends, family and parents for their unwavering support and guidance in helping her reach this significant milestone.



Omaryanna Ward, daughter of Melissa Gusky and Bernard Ward is a senior at Early College High School. A dedicated varsity squad and competition cheerleader, she also competes as a long jumper during the track and field season. As a cheerleading conference champion, Omaryanna takes great pride in her athletic achievements. In May, she will graduate with both her Associate of Arts degree from Lorain County Community College and her high school diploma from Elyria High School. Omaryanna plans to attend college, majoring in Forensic Psychology, and hopes to continue her cheerleading journey.







Annas Bolarinwa son of Taiwo and Candace Bolarinwa is a senior at Elyria High School, maintaining a 3.8 GPA. A dedicated churchgoer, he enjoys playing soccer, football, and bowling. While still exploring his post-high school plans, Annas is committed to attending college. He is passionate about helping others and strives to make a positive impact in his community.



Christian Ensley is a junior at North Ridgeville High School, maintaining a 3.5 GPA. He is the son of Gregory A. Ensley, Pamela Michelle, and Rochelle Ensley. A dedicated athlete, Christian plays football for North Ridgeville and has earned two varsity letters. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with friends, gaming, and helping his father clean. Faith plays a major role in Christian's life, guiding him through school, football, and his relationships.



Eli L. Henry, the son of Shajuan Henry and Derrick Dorsey is a senior at Elyria High School. He is actively involved in after-school activities, including Choir, Band, Black Student Union, Marvel Club, ETAS, and the Urban League. A passionate athlete, Eli enjoys playing basketball and football. He has a strong interest in aviation and aspires to become a pilot. Eli also enjoys listening to deep conversations, finding value in hearing different perspectives. After high school, he plans to attend an HBCU to further his education.





Isaiah Hill, son of Marcus and Leslie Evans is a junior at Elyria High School, maintaining an impressive 4.7 GPA. He is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars, Bridging the Gap, the Leadership Council, and the Elyria High basketball team. Passionate about technology, Isaiah plans to pursue a career in the field after college. In his free time, he enjoys playing video games and basketball. With a bright future ahead, Isaiah remains hopeful and driven to achieve his goals.



Gabe Piroch, a senior at Early College High School, with aspirations to become an engineer after graduation. He is also on track to earn his Associate of Arts degree. Outside of school, Gabe works at Sorentos Ristorante in Sheffield, Ohio. Born to proud parents Jacob Piroch and Monica Pryor, he is the older brother to Leila and Brooke. Gabe enjoys spending his free time pursuing hobbies like playing video games and joining pick-up basketball games in local parks and courts. Family is an essential part of his life, and with his strong work ethic and ambition, Gabe has a bright future ahead.



Aamir Johnson Smith, the son of Laura and Jarvis Perkins, as well as Brock Arnold, is a senior at Lorain High School and a multi-sport athlete. He has a passion for writing poetry as a way to express his feelings. This marks Aamir's second annual cotillion, an event he enjoys for the opportunity to be around his peers and create lasting memories. As the third oldest of seven siblings, he is proud to be the third in his family to pursue higher education. After high school, Aamir plans to attend college, majoring in psychology with a minor in criminology.





Zavier Stephens, the son of Raylette Stephens and Danny Stephens, was born and raised in Elyria, Ohio. He is a senior at LCCC Early College and will graduate in May with his associate degree and with his high school degree from Elyria High. A dedicated athlete, Zavier plays football and wrestles. Academically, he maintains a 3.375 GPA and performs well in school. After high school, he plans to pursue a degree in construction engineering. Outside of academics and sports, he enjoys working out, spending time with friends, wrestling, fishing, and exploring new places. One day, he hopes to travel the world.

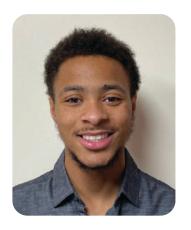


Tavion Swain, the son of Porscha Pitts and Deshawn Jones, is a dedicated and well-mannered student guided by his faith. A senior at North Ridgeville High School, he is a multi-sport athlete, excelling in football and track. As a four-year letter winner, he has played multiple positions throughout his high school career. Tavion is also a member of the Varsity R program, where he is recognized for his strong leadership skills. After high school, he plans to attend college to earn a degree in business while continuing his athletic career. He also aspires to attend barber school and obtain his barber license. He gives all praise to God for his journey and success.



Kaleb Washington, a junior at Elyria High School, is the son of Lawrence Washington and the nephew of Keandra Shores. Kaleb is deeply involved in both after-school and in-school activities, including Project Ready, the A Cappella Choir, and ETAS (Elyria Teens Achieving Success). He has a strong passion for giving back, regularly participating in community service. Kaleb is also dedicated to his love for cutting hair, and one day he hopes to own his own barbershop. Known for his caring nature and enthusiasm, Kaleb approaches everything he does with passion and commitment, whether it's his studies, hobbies, or community involvement.





Dekarion Wimberly, the son of Rahkeebia Cook, is a junior at Elyria High School. He is a dedicated athlete, competing as a wrestler and being part of the varsity track team. Dekarion also excels in leadership, serving as the president of the Black Student Union, and is a member of the school's top vocal ensembles, A Cappella and Madrigals. Additionally, he participates in the Project Ready and ETAS programs.

After high school, Dekarion plans to attend an HBCU to pursue degrees in political science and education, with a minor in philosophy. His goal is to become either an elected official or a teacher, so he can help underserved communities and empower youth to grow and succeed.

Special thank you to our wonderful debutantes, escorts and parents from the Lorain County Section of ACNDS), Inc. Your grace, dedication, and commitment to our Cotillion program makes this event truly special.

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# Vision of Beauty 2025 Junior Debutantes

Andrea Cheers
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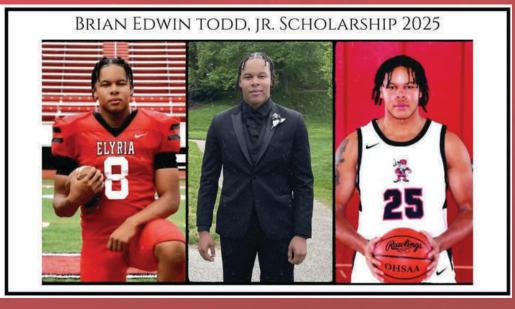


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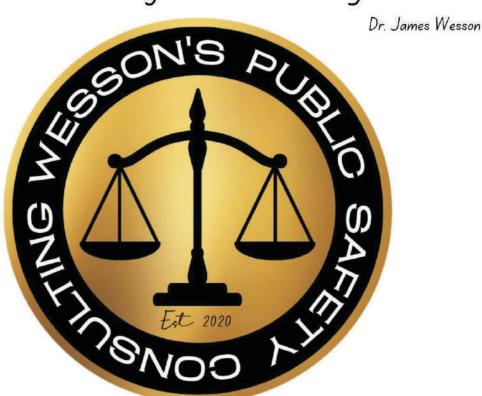
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Aleyah, Keep being true to yourself and your heart's desires. Congratulations on your debut!



#### Congratulations to Christine Ensley and all the Lorain County Debutantes

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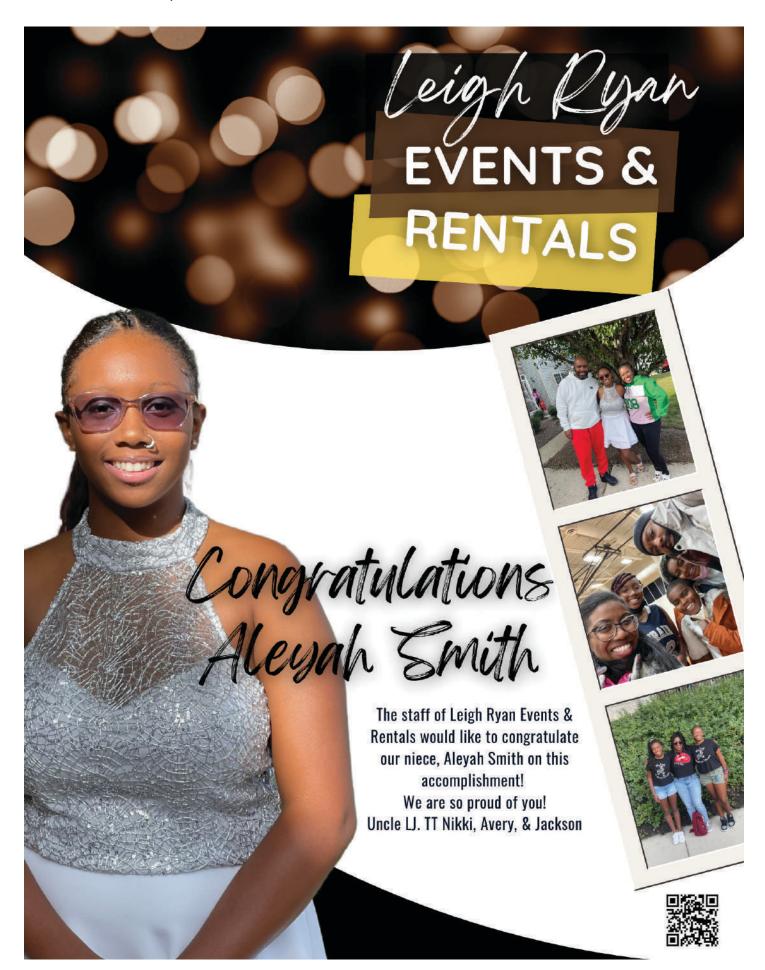
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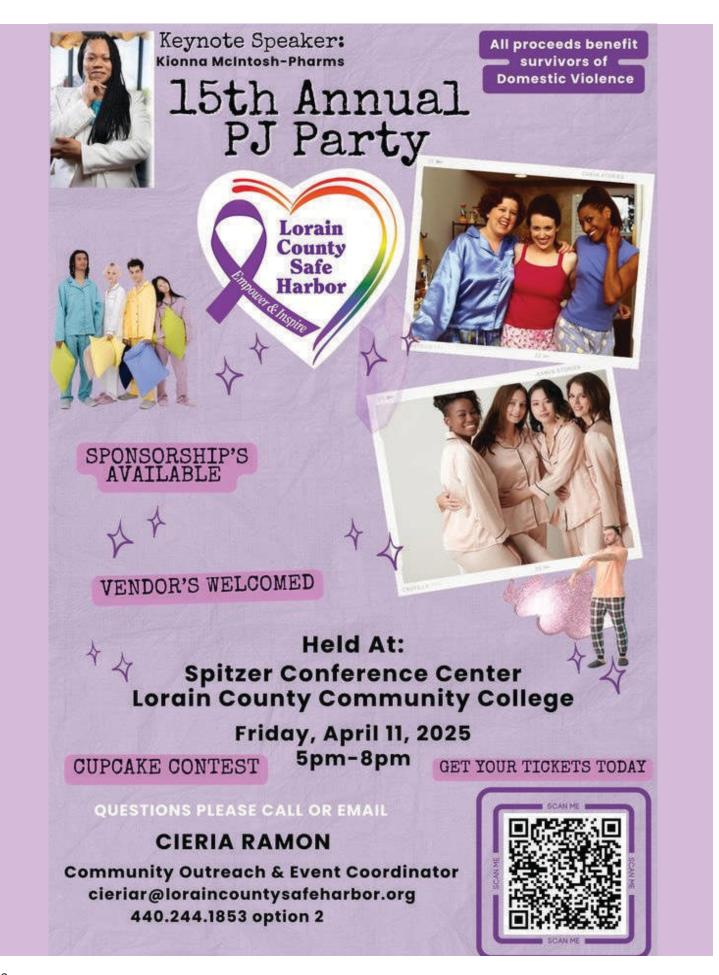
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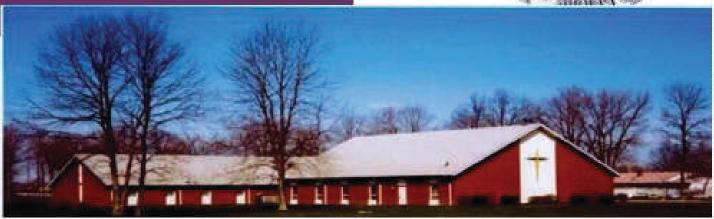
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# Congratulations Miss Nevaeh JoLee Jackson Your 2025 Debutante Debut





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## From your Friendship Church Family

No one's ever seen or heard anything like this, never so much as imagined anything quite like it—What God has arranged for those who love him.



1 Corinthian 2:9 Message Bible



## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Debutante Nevaeh Jo Lee Jackson







Becoming a debutante is a momentous occasion that marks the beginning of a new and exciting chapter in your life. It marks your coming of age and introduction to the world. Your grace, poise, and elegance have always shone through to your family and friends, and now everyone will see this too as you step into womanhood.

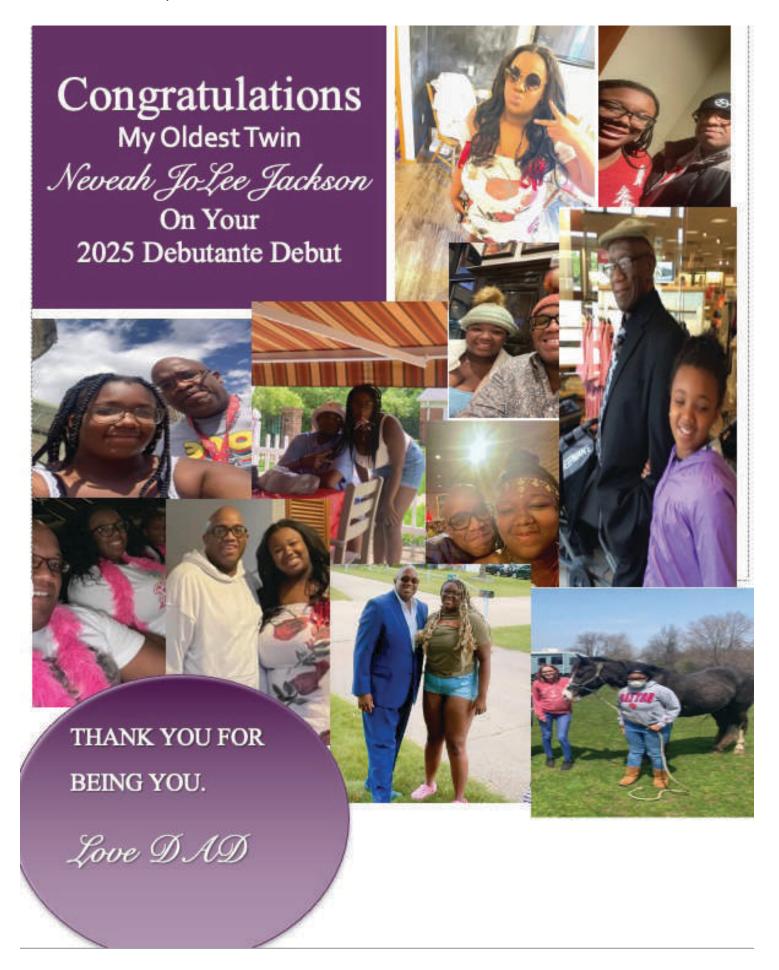
You have worked hard to reach this point, and your dedication and resolve are truly commendable. Embrace this new phase in your life with honor, confidence and joy, knowing that you have the support and admiration of all who love you.

#### HERE'S TO MANY MORE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND MILESTONES IN THE FUTURE!

Love,

Grandmother Denise J. Jackson









## **CONGRATULATIONS!**



#### BRIANNA BENJAMIN

For your commitment, diligence and perseverance. Continue to aim higher and press forward because the best is yet to come!
Remember, God is your ever present help.

Pastor Darrell and Prophet VaNessa Young 6892 Lake Ave Elyria OH 44035 ww.pogminc.com



Cherish, my dear, brilliant, and beautiful daughter, Today marks a profound milestone in your life, as you near High school graduation and now becoming a debutante. I couldn't be prouder of the incredible person you've grown into. Your achievements are a testament to your perseverance, resilience, and determination. As the first Black class president of Elyria High School, you've broken barriers and paved the way for others to follow in your footsteps. Your leadership, compassion, and commitment to excellence have inspired countless individuals. Since the day you were born, We've distilled in you the values of love, courage, and strength. We've always believed in your potential and encouraged you to push beyond boundaries. Your success is not just a reflection of your hard work, but also of the unconditional love and support that our family has provided. As you embark on this next chapter, remember that life's journey will present its challenges. But know that you have the will to persevere, to adapt, and to overcome any obstacle. Your foundation is strong, and your spirit is unbreakable. Cherish, we will always be here for you, cheering you on, offering guidance, and providing unwavering support. As you spread your wings and soar, remember that your roots remain with us, and you can always come back home as you know you will be missed. I wish you continued success, happiness, and fulfillment on your journey ahead. May your dreams be big, your heart remain open, and your spirit continue to shine brightly. Congratulations, my dear daughter, on your graduation and debutante celebration! We love you more than words can express.

With all my love and pride, Your Mother and Father

## CONGRATULATIONS

You are cherished, celebrated and loved! We are so proud of you and know you are destined for greatness!











"I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: Marvellous are thy works; And that my soul knoweth right well." Psalm 139:14 KJV

# BEST WISHES Lorain County Section NCNW on your 7th Annual 2025 Vision of Beauty Cotillion

Metro Central Ohio Unit of the NAACP #3183 Ms. Ardelia R. (Dee) Tolbert, President

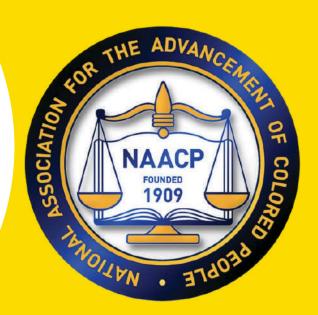
## Join Us

March 30 - Women of Passion in Purple - Original Glorious Apostolic Church, 995 Foster Avenue, Elyria at 4 pm.

**April 12** - Annual Membership Breakfast - Second Baptist Church, 427 Chapman Lane, Elyria at 9 am.

**May 10** - Annual Mother's Day Brunch - LCCC Spitzer Conference Center at 2 pm.

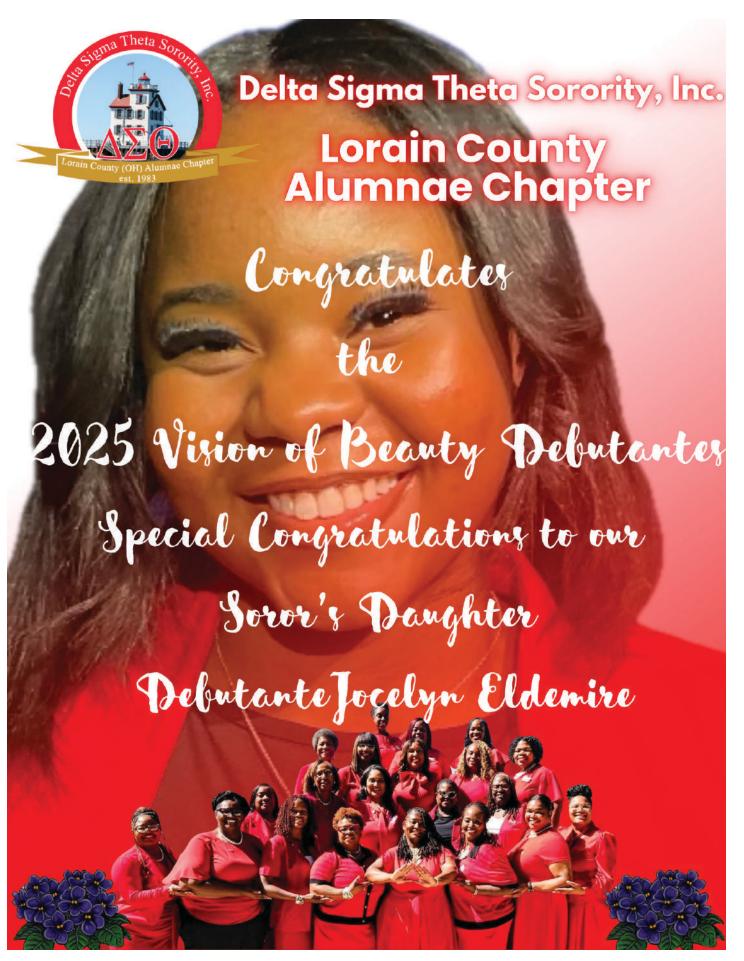
Oct. 4 - Annual Freedom Fund & Scholarship Banquet - LCCC at 5 pm.



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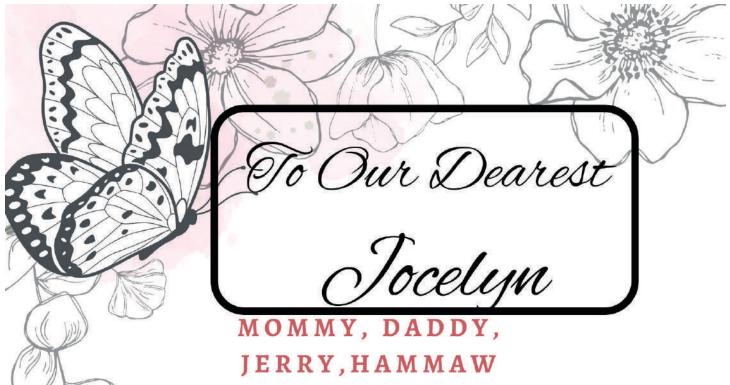
With a mission to lead, advocate, and empower girls and women of African descent in our local community, the Lorain County Section of the National Council of Negro Women is the epitome of celebrating beauty, grace, and strength. At Lorain City Schools, we support the work of this organization as they nurture today's students into becoming tomorrow's leaders.











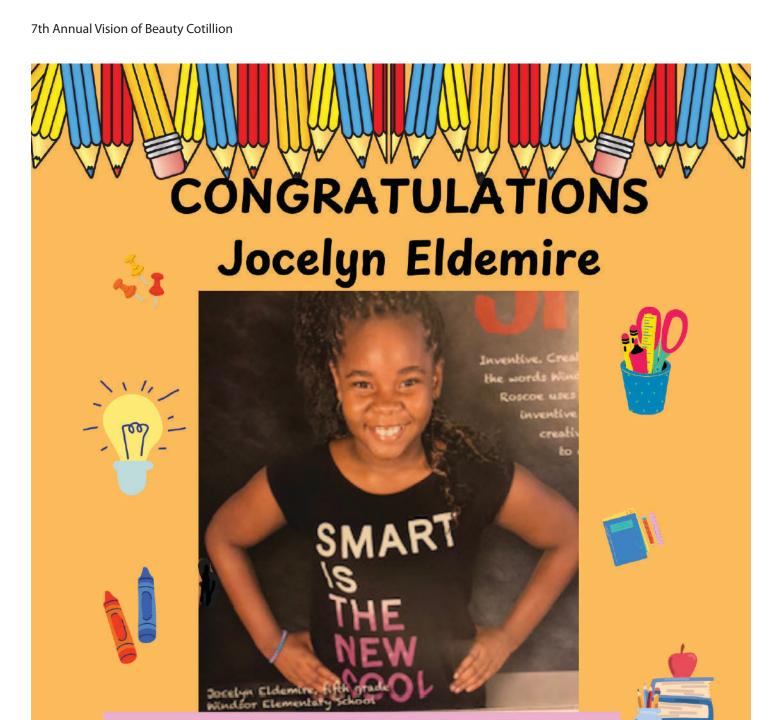
DEARLY. WE ARE GRATEFUL AND PROUD OF THE WONDERFUL YOUNG WOMAN YOU HAVE BECOME. NOW IT'S TIME TO SPREAD YOUR WINGS AND SOAR, OUR PRECIOUS "BUTTERFLY."

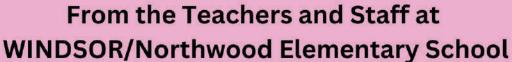
SEEK YE FIRST THE SINGS Shall be added unto you.

MATTHEW 6:33

Blessings and Love from
Uncle Billy and Aunt Betty
Auntie Ruthi
Cousin Tanya and Jermaine
Cousin Jadah and Elijah
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"You've grown so much, not just in your knowledge, but in your kindness and courage. Remember that you can achieve anything you set your mind to, and always keep that spark of curiosity alive as you embark on your next adventure."





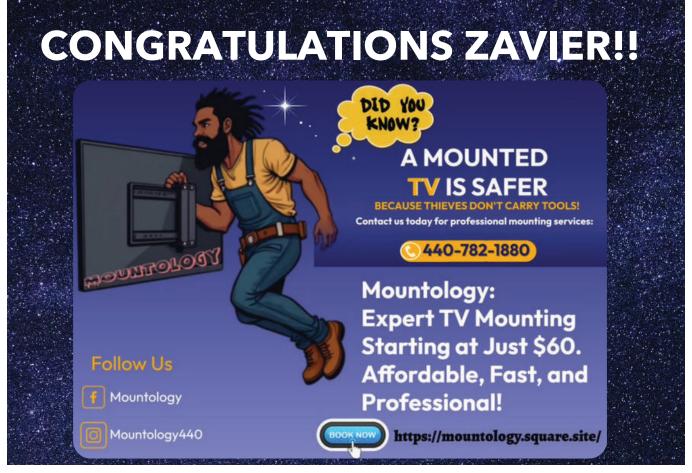
## **JOCELYN**

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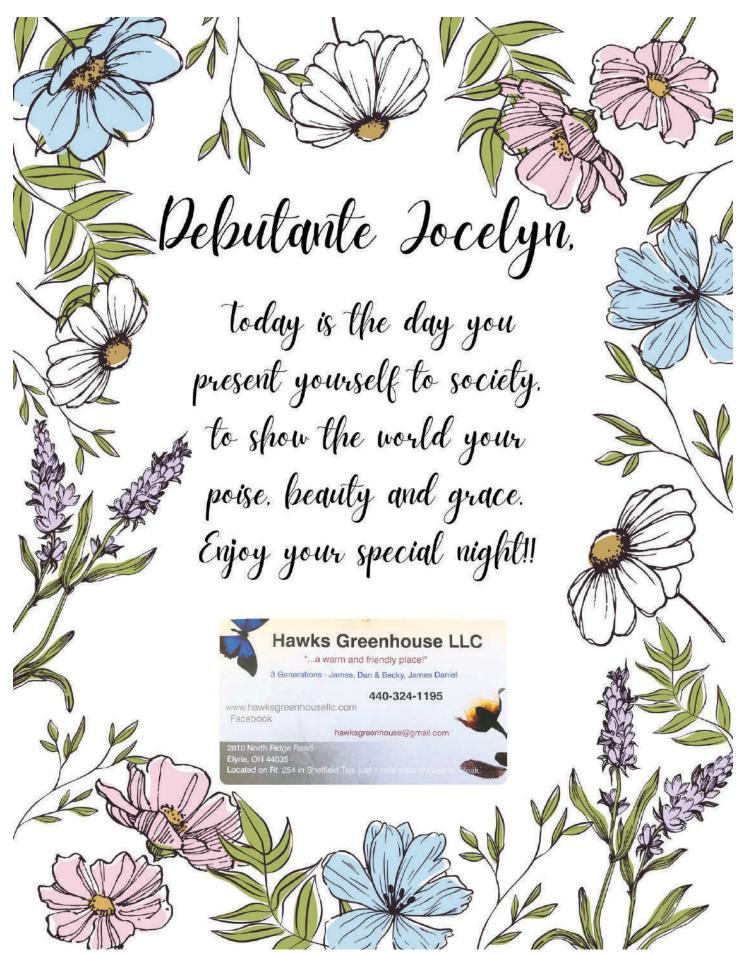
Zavier is funny, competitive, strong, caring, and loves to eat. He is the last born out of 6 children, but ironically is the tallest. We are so proud of you as a brother and a son. We love you so much Zavier, keep doing great things and stay focused on your dreams.

From The Stephens Family

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Us at Young's First Step Childcare Center have seen Zavier in every stage of his life. We are so proud of the young man he is becoming. Continue to let God lead your life, and everything will fall into place.





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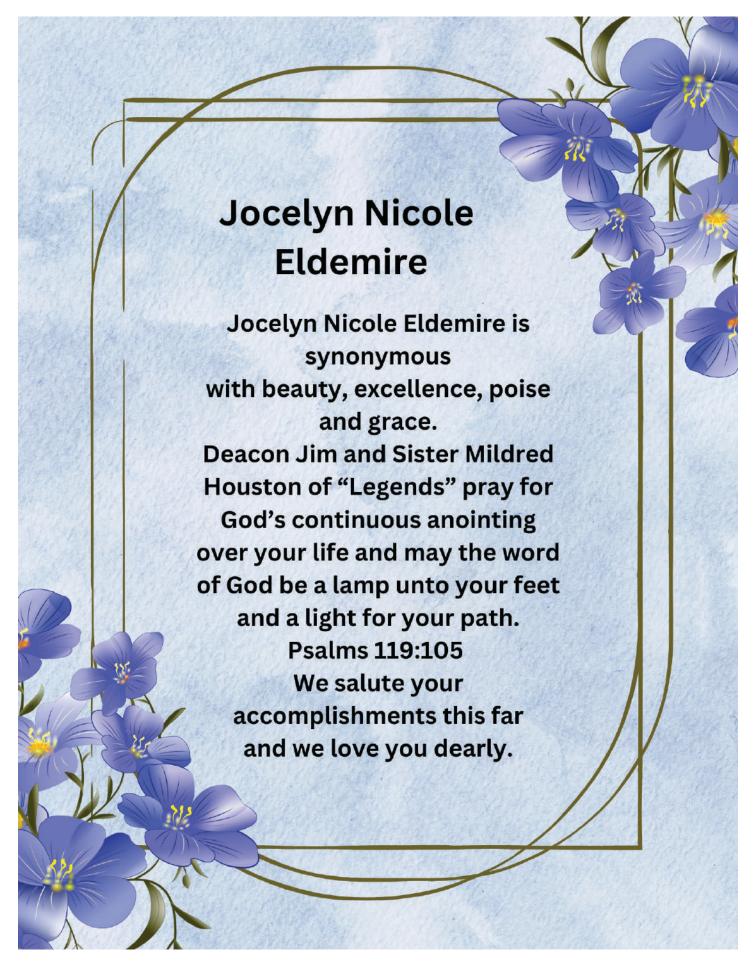
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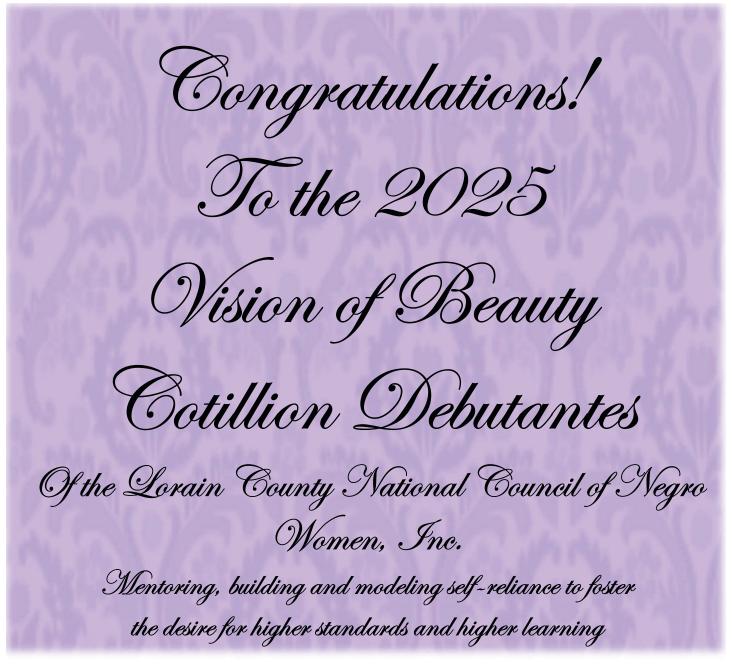
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## **CONGRATULATIONS!**



We are so very proud of all you both have accomplished. Continue to walk with grace and beauty.

**Pastor Darrell and Prophet VaNessa Young** 





6892 Lake Ave Elyria OH 44035



My daughter is a sweet and thoughtful person. I am proud of you for meeting all of your goals. You are making quite a bright future for yourself. You've always had a beautiful heart and soul.

Enjoy your night!! You deserve it!!

Love, Mom



My big sister is a good stylist and good sister because she helps me with my homework when I need it. Thank you.

Love your brother,

Major

Desaray, first lets start with how happy and proud l am to be your father. You have grown up to be a beautiful, independent, multi-tasker, good hearted, God fearing young lady. You are so smart and knowledgeable. You are the definition of one of a kind. Nothing makes a father more grateful then to have a daughter that understands life and know not to rush it. You've done and are still doing everything exactly the way you should be. You are quick to recognize any situation and figure out a way through it or around it. You always took family and learning seriously(you get that from me). You understand that staying busy and doing multiple programs, preparing yourself for your future is the top priority. You always bring smiles and joy to our family and myself! I love you the family loves you, the world loves you and if they don't they will.



To my babygirl Desi, I Love You!!

When I think of Desi I think of a young lady who's been exceeding all expectation and goals planned for herself. She's continuously managed to maintain good grades, study, work hard and give 100% in her after school programs. Desi you make us so proud and I am excited to see what goals and tasks you knock out in the future.

l Love you!!! Shanel









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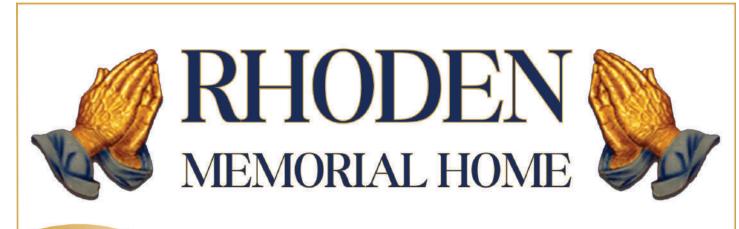


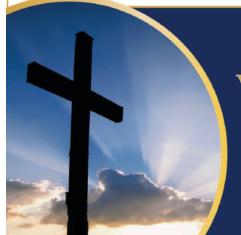


The Officers and members of NCNW-Western Reserve Section extend our best wishes for a successful 2025 Vision of Beauty Cotillion.

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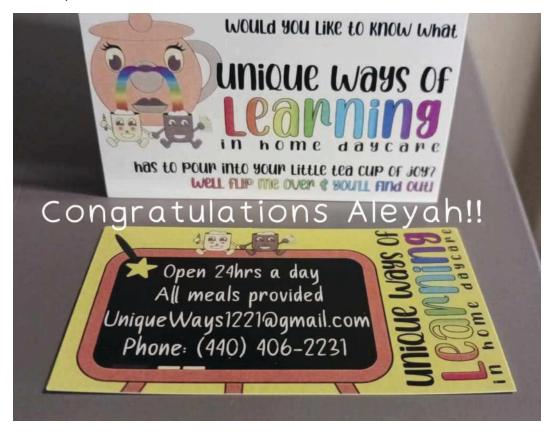


























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Congratulations on your night.
The best is yet to come!!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future".

Jeremiah 29:11



Of the NCNW 2025 Vision of Beauty Cotillion

## We're proud of you!

**Debutantes:** 

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From Elyria High School & Elyria City School District



## "It takes a village to raise a child"





## **JOCELYN**

## Your Village Aunties and Uncles are so very proud of you...

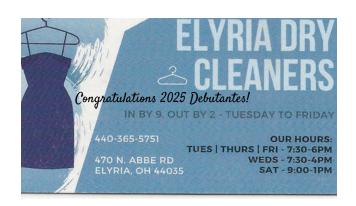
- Auntie Andrea and Uncle James
- Auntie Holly and Uncle John
- Auntie Eva and Makai
- Auntie Violet and Uncle Scott
- Auntie Tammy and Uncle Eddie
- Auntie Starr and Uncle Rod

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## Congratulations to the 2025 Debutants

Founded in 1980, the Community Foundation of Lorain County has been a trusted partner for 45 years, managing over 700 endowment funds with assets totaling \$170M. These investments generate impactful support annually, funding scholarships and grants that benefit individuals and non-profits throughout Lorain County.



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## **ABOUT THE BOOK**

This book speaks to the changing family dynamic, the staggering divorce rate in our nation, the number of children born into single parent households or because of a divorce end up in a single parent home. Further this book will discuss God's divine order for the family and the power of the Heavenly Father and the earthly father. It will highlight some of the challenges faced by children that don't have both parents actively participating in their lives.

## **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Marva has over 20 years of counseling experience and is the Founder and President of The Tree of Life Counseling and Training Center, located in Northeast, Ohio. She is a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor with Supervision Designation, a Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor, and an Ordained Minister, Marva has a M.A. in Clinical Pastoral Counseling and a Ph.D. in Biblical Counseling.



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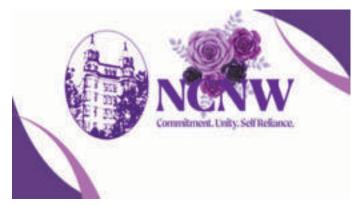


Saturday June 21, 2025

38th Annual Charter Day Luncheon Lorain County Community College, Spitzer 1005 Abbe Rd. N., Elyria, OH 44035 12:00 p.m.

Laleise Curtiss, President, Lorain County Section Aspyn Jackson, , President Lorain Youth Section

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## OHIO STATE COALITION National Council of Negro Women Incorporate

### CONGRATULATIONS

7th Annual Vision of Beauty Cotillion

Lorain County Section, NCNW Inc.

The Ohio State Coalition (OSC), National Council of Negro Women Incorporated (NCNW, Inc.) would like to extend a warm of best wishes to an outstanding local section within the state of Ohio. To the distinguish leader, Ms. Laleise D. Curtiss, NCNW section President, and the Lorain County NCNW's members. It gives us the privileged and the honor to support the youths' visions and dreams within our community areas. Essentially, for the state of Ohioans, we have encountered that our young people, females and males are very talented, and each one will strive to become phenomenally successful in their young lives.

As we pour into each one diligently to study efficiently, thus they will achieve greatness in their lives to come. Consequently, the new year of 2025 have unfolded and the OSC, NCNW Inc. continually to strive to educate and to teach the young people to stay strong, vigilant and to encourage on another.

The Good Health WINs (GHWINs), and Center for Disease (CDC), have been establishing programs and tools for "Get Your Vaccination Shot". Thus, to encourage the parents of the children and youths within the United States to take the vaccination shots. "Get Vaccinated".

The Ohio State Coalition, NCNW Inc. would like to remind everyone that attends this marvelous 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Vision of Beauty Cotillion of Lorain County Section, National Council of Negro Women Incorporated, that each of us to look around and to intently gaze over the ballroom just to imagine; that one day that the beauty of the young females, and the handsome young males will forever grow to become our extreme leaders of the world for the future.

Respectfully,

Janice W. Taylor

Janice M. Taylor, OSC, NCNW State President

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