

*75th
Owl Club of Denver
Debutante
Cotillion
Diamond Jubilee*



*Honoring Our Past...Inspiring Our Future
June 6, 2026*



HISTORY OF THE OWL CLUB OF DENVER

- On March 24, 1949, The Owl Club of Denver was chartered in the state of Colorado. The Club colors were established as Brown and White and an Owl as the emblem.
- In 1951, the group selected its first ten young ladies from Manual and East High Schools based on scholastic performance and community service rather than socioeconomic status for a debutante ball.
- The Owl Club Debutante Ball was the first such presentation in the City and County of Denver. The first cotillion was held at the Park Hill Country Club.
- In 1952, Mrs. Ernestine Smith, wife of Owl Club member George W. Smith Jr., choreograph the dance – Waltz of the Bells which continues as part of the debutante cotillion tradition.
- On May 15, 1960, the Owls dedicated their new club house.
- When the Air Force Academy moved from Lowry Air Force Base to Colorado Springs, the Academy's Director of Social Affairs called Owl Club member, Colonel Hubert 'Hooks' Jones, about the lack of social affairs for Black Cadets. As a result, the Club made the cadets 'Junior Owls' and for several years thereafter, the cadets assisted with the Debutante Cotillions.
- In 1964 and 1965, the Club formed the Owl Club Youth Incentive, Athletic & Scholarship Association under the direction of Omar Blair to help youngsters in East Denver acquire football skills for high school. Mr. Blair convinced the NBA to play two pre-season games in Denver and the proceeds financed the Owls little league football team.
- Owl member Omar Blair was a former Tuskegee Airman and the first Black president of the Denver School Board. He held the position from 1972 to 1984.
- Owl member Charles R. Cousins was an Entrepreneur and Real Estate Investor who owned several properties throughout the Denver area. He was most recognized for developing thirty properties in Five Points. Charles was appointed to the Denver City Zoning Board for twenty-three years.
- Owl member William Kirk established the first Owl Club Scholarship Fund. In 1979, Owl member, Wilbur Hardy chaired the first 'Afternoon with the Owls' at the Country Dinner Playhouse, the proceeds from which went to increase the Owl Club Scholarship Fund.
- In 1999, the Blair-Caldwell African American Library was envisioned and named after Owl members Omar Blair, and Elvin Caldwell who was the first Black City Council member.
- June 2010, the Lindsey-Flanigan Denver Justice Center was dedicated. James C. Flanigan, an Owl member, was the grandson of a slave. He was the first to graduate from college in his family, first to become a lawyer, first to join the Colorado Bar Association, was Denver's first Deputy District Attorney, the first Municipal Court Judge, and first to be appointed to the Denver District Court bench.
- Dr. Bernard Gibson was an Owl Member for over forty years and the first African American Board-Certified Surgeon in the State of Colorado. Dr. Gibson became Chief of Surgery in 1954 at Lowry Air Force Base and was a member of the faculty of the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in the Department of Surgery for over twenty-five years.
- Owl member Robert Shoates was the first African American Postmaster between Chicago and the West Coast. He was later appointed to the position of Deputy Manager of Revenue for the Motor Vehicle Division, was one of the founders of the Greater Park Hill Sertoma and served as Chairperson of the Owl Club Scholarship Fund. In 2012, Bob received the Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award presented by the Colorado Civil Rights Commission.
- Owl member Charles "C.T." Smith was recognized by the City and County of Denver, Denver Police Museum, Black Officers Association, and the Denver Police Department for his many years of service. "C.T." was responsible for the creation of the very successful Crime Stoppers program which partnered with the community in establishing safe neighborhood practices.
- Owl member Judge Wiley Y. Daniel was the first Black judge appointed to the federal bench in Colorado over 30 years ago.
- Owl member Penfield Tate is a practicing Civil Rights Attorney in Denver and held positions in the 33rd district of the Colorado Senate from 1997 until 1999 and was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives 8th district in 2000. Penfield resigned from the Senate in 2003.
- The Owl Club was listed in the National and State Register of Historic Properties in 2024.

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Inspiring Our Future
June 6th, 2026

An Owl Club of Denver Signature Event



Introduction

Mr. Gregory Anderson, Debutante Chairman

Escort March

Invocation

Rev. Andrew Midgyett

Tribute to 75 Years of Owl Club Debutantes

Penfield W. Tate, III, Master of Ceremonies

Presentation of the 2026 Debutantes

Mrs. Nina Washington

Waltz of the Bells

Keynote Diamond Jubilee Speaker

Simone D. Ross

Debutante Alumni Tribute

Owl Club of Denver

Scholarship Fund Presentation

Marvin Pierce, Chairman

Benediction

Rev. Andrew Midgyett

Closing Remarks

*Letters of
Encouragement
and
Congratulations*



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On behalf of the city of Aurora, it is my great pleasure to congratulate you and your esteemed organization on a historic milestone, the 75th annual Debutante Ball.

The Owl Club of Denver has offered community, leadership and support to African American youth across the metro area for the better part of a century. I hope you take time during this Diamond Jubilee celebration to acknowledge and praise the community-centric work that goes into building the leaders of tomorrow.

I would also like to commend your continued dedication to granting scholarships to deserving young women, as well as providing them with mentorship and investing in their futures.

Building cultural foundations takes time and steadfastness, attributes the Owl Club and its members possess in abundance.

The 2026 Debutantes should be proud of their achievements and contributions to the community, as Aurora is proud of them. We wish them continued success in their next chapters.

With warmest regards and best wishes for a delightful presentation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mike Coffman".

Michael Coffman, Mayor
Aurora, Colorado

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DARRELL WATSON
DISTRICT 9 COUNCIL MEMBER



June 6, 2026

Dear Members of the Owl Club of Denver and Debutantes,

On behalf of Denver City Council District 9, it is my distinct pleasure to extend my congratulations to the Owl Club of Denver as you celebrate your 75th Annual Debutante Ball, your Diamond Jubilee, on Saturday, June 6, 2026.

For 75 years, the Owl Club of Denver has stood as a beacon of grace, purpose, and enduring legacy within our community. Since that first elegant evening in 1951 at the Park Hill Country Club and the first cotillion of its kind in Denver, you have carried forward a tradition that honors not only achievement but promise. Each debutante presented is more than a moment in time, she is a reflection of heritage, resilience, and the bright horizon of what is yet to come.

Through your steadfast commitment, more than 1,000 young African American women have stepped into the world uplifted by mentorship, guided by culture, and strengthened by opportunity. Your work plants seeds that continue to blossom across generations, shaping leaders, visionaries, and changemakers whose influence reaches far beyond the ballroom.

Education remains the heartbeat of your mission. From the vision of William Kirk in establishing the Owl Club Scholarship Fund to the ongoing dedication of the Owl Club of Denver Scholarship Foundation, you have ensured that ambition is met with opportunity and dreams are given the foundation to rise.

As you mark this Diamond Jubilee, may you take pride in a legacy not only measured in years, but in lives touched, paths illuminated, and futures transformed. Your story is woven into the fabric of Denver itself, a testament to what can be achieved when community, purpose, and vision move as one.

May this celebration be as radiant as the legacy you have built and may the years ahead continue to shine just as brightly.

With great respect and admiration,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Darrell B. Watson".

Darrell B. Watson

Denver City Council District 9

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Jena Griswold
Secretary of State
Andrew J. Kline
Deputy Secretary of State

May 8, 2026

To The Owl Club of Denver and all the remarkable young women being honored tonight at your Diamond Jubilee:

Congratulations on 75 years of extraordinary service and impact in Denver.

For three-quarters of a century, The Owl Club of Denver has helped uplift, empower, and celebrate the next generation of young African American women, creating pathways of opportunity, cultivating confidence, and strengthening the fabric of our community. This milestone is a testament to the vision of your founders and the continued dedication of everyone who has carried your mission forward.

As Colorado's Secretary of State, I am keenly aware of how meaningful access to resources and a supportive community can be — whether that's access to the ballot box to make your voice heard or a supportive business environment so Colorado's next generation of leaders can help our state thrive. Spaces like this — rooted in legacy, excellence, and cultural pride are equally vital in shaping confident, capable leaders prepared to make lasting impact.

To tonight's Debutantes: as you celebrate your achievements and The Owl Club's remarkable anniversary, please know that you are not only inspirational, but are the latest examples of a powerful legacy in your community, your city, and your state. You stand on the shoulders of generations who have paved the way, and now you carry that legacy forward in your own unique voice and purpose. I look forward to seeing where the future takes you, and to many more years of The Owl Club of Denver empowering the next generation of leaders. I'm proud to honor you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jena Griswold". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold



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June 6, 2026

Dear Members of The Owl Club of Denver, 2026 Debutantes, families, and friends,

I am honored to congratulate The Owl Club of Denver on its 75th Annual Debutante Ball, a remarkable Diamond Jubilee celebration of scholarship, service, leadership, and Black excellence.

For 75 years, The Owl Club has recognized and uplifted exceptional young African American women whose academic achievement, character, leadership, and service reflect the very best of Denver. This tradition has helped build a lasting legacy of representation, civic leadership, and community pride.

The reach of that legacy is perhaps nowhere more visible than in Denver's own government. Three former Presidents of Denver City Council, Elvin R. Caldwell, Allegra "Happy" Haynes, and Elbra M. Wedgeworth, were part of the Owl Club community, and each helped shape the office I now hold. That history is part of what makes this milestone so meaningful to me personally.

Their stories remind us why representation matters. When diverse voices are present in positions of power, our decisions are better, our institutions are more accountable, and more people can see themselves reflected in the future of our city. Representation is not symbolic. It shapes policy, opens doors, challenges inequities, and helps ensure that communities historically left out of decision-making are not only heard, but are leading.

To the 2026 Debutantes, congratulations on this well-earned honor. You stand in a proud lineage of women who have led with excellence, dignity, and purpose. May you carry the confidence of knowing that your voice matters, your leadership is needed, and your future is full of possibility. The work ahead is not only for yourselves. It is for your families, your neighborhoods, and the next seven generations who will inherit the communities you help build, the stories you help preserve, and the opportunities you help create.

Respectfully,

Amanda P. Sandoval

Council President Amanda P. Sandoval
City & County of Denver, District 1



The Owl Club of Denver



Greetings Debutantes, Parents, Family, and Guests:

I welcome you to the 75th annual presentation of the Owl Club of Denver Cotillion. I extend best wishes and continued success to our outstanding and awesome young ladies as they embark on their journey of college matriculation and professional aspirations. The 2026 Owl Club Debutantes were carefully chosen from a group of nearly 100 candidates for their academic merit, selfless service, and community involvement. Also, I offer sincere thanks and gratitude to the parents of our Debutantes for their love, encouragement, support, and sacrifice over the years.

The history of the Owl Club of Denver is rich and filled with men dedicated to faith, family, and community service. The Club was established in 1941 by several African-American men who spent their Saturday nights playing cards. One of the wives remarked that they were a bunch of night owls. In 1951, the first Debutante presentation occurred based on the Club's desires to acknowledge the achievements of graduating high school African-American young women.

On behalf of the esteemed members of the Owl Club of Denver (including the Owlettes), I am honored to congratulate and salute the young ladies on their exceptional accomplishments and future goals. I pray for God's grace and good providence as our Debutantes strive to create meaningful and fulfilling lives.

"I pray for God's grace and abundant blessings as our Debutantes strive to build meaningful, purposeful, and fulfilling lives."

Sincerely,

Alonzo E. Butler

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President
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The Owl Club of Denver



June 6, 2026

Greetings 2026 Debutantes:

On behalf of the Owl Club of Denver Debutante Committee, I extend my warmest congratulations to each and every one of you on the occasion of the 75th Cotillion Ball. This is a remarkable milestone, and it is an honor to witness your dedication, perseverance, and grace throughout these challenging times.

Over the last three years, we have collectively faced the trials and tribulations brought upon us by the pandemic. The world has experienced upheavals that have tested our resolve and forced us to adapt to new norms. However, it is during times of adversity that true character is revealed, and I must commend each of you for your unwavering strength and resilience. Despite the challenges, you have managed to stay focused on your goals and continue to pursue excellence.

As Debutantes of the Owl Club, you have showcased unwavering dedication, perseverance, and grace throughout these tumultuous times. The countless hours of preparation, the unwavering commitment to maintaining tradition, and the ability to adapt to virtual settings for rehearsals and meetings have not gone unnoticed. You have demonstrated an exceptional level of maturity and sophistication, which is a testament to your individual growth and personal development.

As we gather to celebrate the 75th Cotillion Ball, let us remember that this is not just a culmination of a momentous journey, but also the beginning of a new chapter filled with endless possibilities. Embrace this milestone with the knowledge that you have emerged from these challenging times stronger and better than before. The Owl Club of Denver stands united in celebrating your accomplishments, and we are excited to see the bright futures that await each and every one of you.

Once again, congratulations on this extraordinary achievement, and may the memories created during this Cotillion Ball be cherished forever. May you continue to shine brightly and inspire others with your remarkable strength and resilience.

With warmest regards,

The Owl Club of Denver
Gregory Anderson
Chairman, Debutante Committee



2026

*Owl Club of Denver
Debutantes*



High School: Mullen High School

Parents: Judith Atanga

Honors/Awards: French National Honor Society, Social Studies National Honor Society, FBLA 1st Place Districts, English Award, Social Studies Award

Organizations/Activities: Student Ambassador, Future Business Leaders of America, French Club, Book Club, Pastoral Life, Garden Club

Miss Janet Alias plans to attend University of Colorado Boulder

Escort: Master Nathan Enyasu

Miss Janet Alias

Miss Jacquelyn Alvaro



High School: Denver School of the Arts

Parents: Philippe Alvaro & Nichelle Alvaro

Honors /Awards: Academic Award for having a 4.0 GPA, Best basing for Montbello Varsity Cheer award, Best personality award, Black excellence award,

Organizations/Activities: Montbello High School Cheerleading Program, K - pop dance group, Member of Black Student Alliance Club and Sources of Strength Club, Part Time Member at Michelle Latimer Dance Company, Emmanuel Christian Center-Youth Group Member, Cleo Parker Robinson Youth Ensemble Member and Summer Teaching Assistant

Miss Jacquelyn Alvaro plans to attend Point Park University

Escort: Master Jaceson Alexander



High School: Denver East

Parents: Japera Clark

Honors/Awards:

Denver Public School Seal of Biliteracy, Senator James Coleman Black Student Excellence Award, Colorado High School Activities Association Academic All State First Team, Principal Honor Roll (4 years)

Organization/Activities:

East High School Varsity Cheer Captain, East High School Track, Ladies First Club President, Park Hill Falcons Youth Organization Volunteer

Miss Jaliyah Clark plans to attend Louisiana State University

Escort: Master Kaleb Clark

Miss Jaliyah Clark
Miss Amina Frazier



High School: Legacy High School

Parents: Henry Frazier and Summer Frazier

Honors/Awards:

National Thespian Honor Society, Award in the Performing Arts

Organizations/Activities:

Thespian Club, Northglenn Youth Technical Theater, Black Issues Forum, Volleyball, Rise 5280

Miss Frazier plans to attend Hampton University

Escort: Master Mekhi Frazier



High School: East High School

Parents: Ms. Angel D. Holt and Mr. Joshua Green

Honors/Awards:

Honored as a “Minted Fellow” for the 1st Cohort of the Hancock Foundation 2025 Scholars, Selected as one of 330 Teen Students Nationwide to lead a team of 12 to fundraise for the American Heart Association - raising over \$8500, Recipient of the Alpha Kappa Sorority “Senior Girls” Award 2026, Recognized as Key leader as “Head of Props” department for the East Theatre Company

Organization/Activities: Lead teen dancer for Emmanuel Christian Center Worship Group, Teen speaker for Porter Billups Leadership Academy Gala 2025, Founder for all-girls Bible study group called “Bloom”, Founder of club for rights of people of color (POC for Advocacy)

Miss Amari Renee Green plans to attend Clark Atlanta University

Escort: Master Jacob Fennell

Miss Amari Green

Miss Jakiyah Harper



High School: Gateway

Parents: JacQuette Harper and Freddie Harper

Honors/Awards:

Principal’s Honor Roll, Academic Honor Roll, Academic Letter 1st Year, Varsity Girls Swim and Tennis, Tuskegee Airman Inc. Certificate of Achievement.

Organization/Activities: JROTC, Tennis, Girls Swim Team, National Art Honor Society, Cross Fire Youth Ministry

Miss Jakiyah Harper plans to attend The University of Northern Colorado

Escort: Master Gavin Ross



Miss Deonna Jackson
Miss Arhianna Jateny

High School: Vista Peak Preparatory

Parents: Dallas and LaNette Jackson

Honors/Awards:

Honor Roll and High Honor Roll all four years. Selected to be a member of the **National Society of High School Scholars**

Organization/Activities:

Member of Student Council, Black Student Alliance (BSA), Health Occupations Students of America (HOS), Concert Choir and Step Team

Miss Deonna Jackson plans to attend Metro State University of Denver

Escort: Master Giancarlo Rivera



High School: Mullen High School

Parents: Ms. Angatu Jateny

Honors/Awards: Music Honor Society,

Math Honor Society, Social Studies National Honor Society, and awards in math, social studies, and physical science.

Organizations/Activities: Student ambassadors, Core, culture club, theater, sacred sounds, yearbook editor in chief, volunteering with Habitat for Humanity and the Food Bank of the Rockies, and a service trip to New York.

Plans to attend: University of Colorado Boulder (to study biology and health sciences on the pre-med track)

Escort: Mister Michael Sykes





High School: Denver East

Parents: Mrs. Chelsea Aghaji and Mr. Cameron Jones

Honors/ Awards:

CHSAA Athletic Letter Girls Wrestling (2), Cheerleading (2), CPR Certification, EMT Certification, National Honor Society

Organizations/Activities:

Determined Ambitious Women Networking D.A.W.N., People of Color for Advocacy, Bloom-Women in Christ, East High School Student Council, East High School Choir and Theatre

Miss Camiyah Jones plans to attend Xavier University - New Orleans

Escort: Master Camari Taariq Jones

Miss Camiyah Jones
Miss Nia Pollard



High School: Smoky Hill High School

Parents: Mr. Gregory Tyrone Pollard and Ms. Maisha Fields

Honors/Awards: National Honor

SocietyOrganizations/Activities: Key Club, AVID, Student Government, President of Fashion Club, fashion shows and design opportunities (including an upcoming summer show), and community service through the Dayton Street Opportunity Center and Make-A-Wish Foundation fundraising events.

Plans to attend: The New School (to study Fashion Design)

Escort: Master Maliki Gogo



High School: Prairie View High School

Parents: Jemmis Buabeng and Maruf Raji

Honors and Awards:

4 x Principal Honor Roll, 2 x Honor Roll, National Society of High School Honors, Accountability Award

Organizations/Activities:

President of the African and Black Student Union, Dual enrollment student at Front Range Community College, Phlebotomy Technician, UC Health Volunteer, St. Augustine Food Drive

Miss Sikira Raji plans to attend University of Colorado at Denver

Escort: Master Ondray Reed

Miss Sikira Raji
Miss Niyah Williams



High School: Prairie View High School

Parents: Nikki Jenkins and Christopher (Chris) Green

Honors/Awards:

First Year Academic Letter, Second Year Academic Letter, Principle's Honor Roll 2025/2026, Principle's Honor Roll 2024/2025, Principle's Honor Roll 2022/2023, Top 10% National Exam Score For The Flagship High School of Business Program in 2024

Organizations/Activities:

Member of African Black Student Union at High School, Former Member of the Brighton Youth Committee, Member of National Honor Society at High School

Miss Niyah Williams plans to attend the University of San Francisco

Escort: Master Xavier Jenkins



High School: Prairie View High School

Parents: Mrs. Mimi Kuac and Dr. Chris V Yol

Honor/Awards:

8x Principal Honor Role Recipient, Student Advisory Council Honor, Cord, Black Student Union Honor Cord, Prostart Certification Program, Top 15 Student Award, Academic Excellence Honor Award

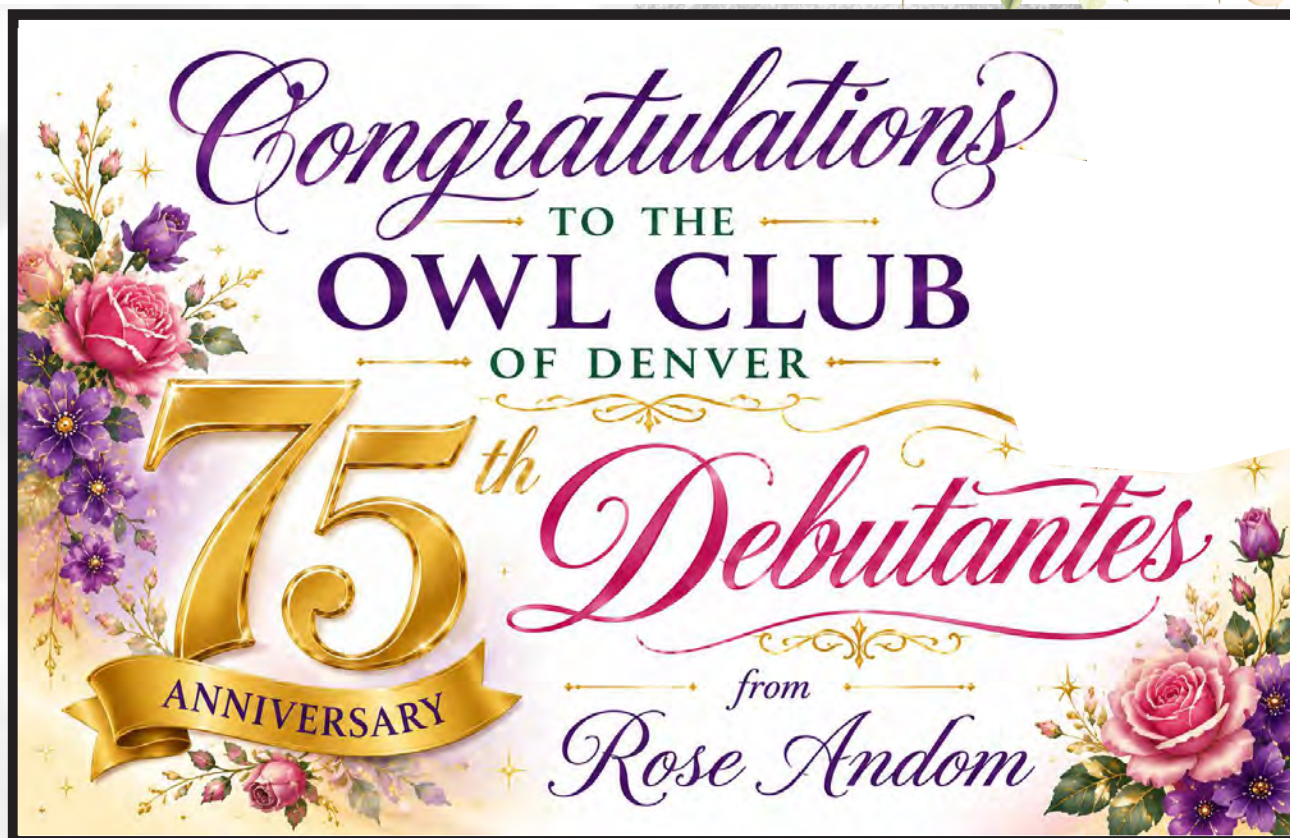
Organizations/Activities:

Student Council, 27J Student Advisory Council Co-President, National Honors Society President, Debate Club

Miss Jasmine Yol plans to attend University of California San Diego

Escort: Master Makhi Juniel

Miss Jasmine Yol



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Epsilon Nu Omega Chapter, Congratulates the Owls Club on
the Occasion of their 75th Diamond Anniversary.



To Our Beautiful Debutante

Nia A. Pollard

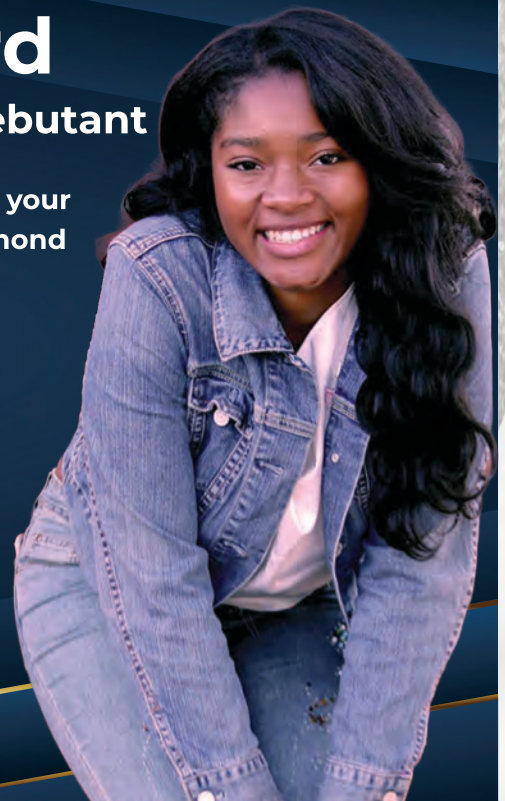
Class of 2026 | June 2026 Debutant

With love, pride, and admiration, our family proudly celebrates your selection as a Debutante in the Owl Club of Denver's 75th Diamond Jubilee Celebration. This prestigious honor reflects your grace, intellect, determination, and the bright future that lies ahead.

As you prepare to begin your college journey and pursue your passion for fashion design, remember that the future holds many possibilities. Continue to trust your vision, embrace every opportunity, and walk confidently in your purpose.

Your future is bright, and our family stands behind you with endless love and pride as you leave your mark on the world of fashion.

With all our love,
Rhonda Fields & Maisha, Nyrema, Nyla, and Zion



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Honoring

Nia Amoree Pollard



Congratulations Nia, on your prestigious recognition as a Debutante in the Owl Club of Denver's 75th Diamond Jubilee Celebration. Your kind heart, intelligence, creativity, and beauty continues to inspire everyone who is blessed to know you.

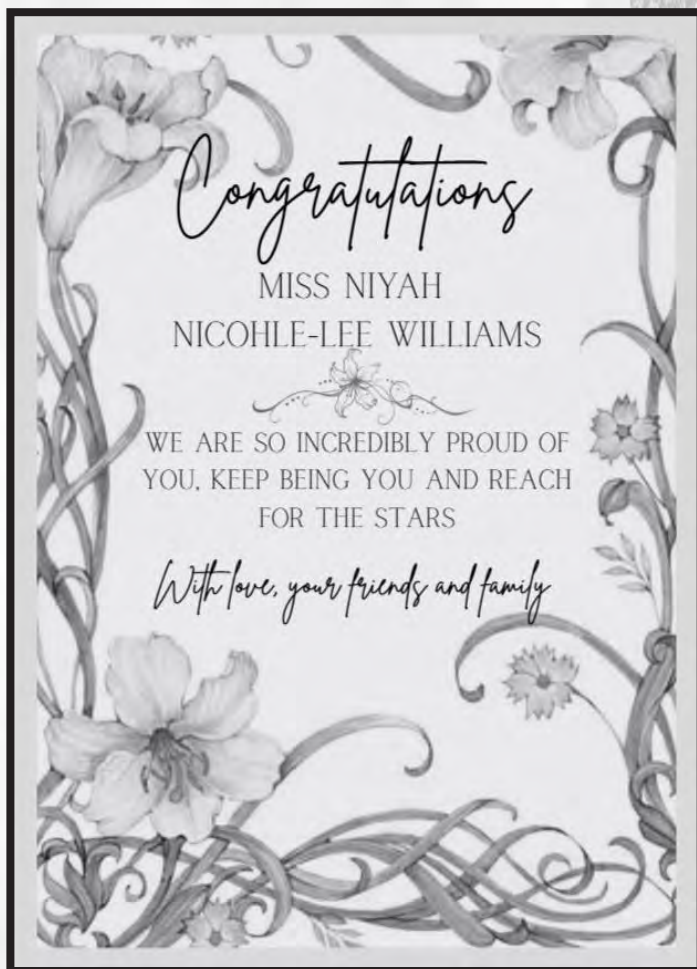
As you begin this exciting new chapter, never lose faith in God and always believe in your talents and the unique gifts you bring to the world. Your future is filled with endless possibilities, and your college journey will continue to sharpen your vision and passion for fashion design as well as your desire to succeed.

Keep dreaming boldly, walking confidently, and shining brightly. We are proud of all you have accomplished and excited for the extraordinary future ahead of you.

So proud of you!

Love and prayers,

Liesa Hackett, DeKeenan and Therese Bell



*Congratulations to the 2026 Debutants and welcome to our Debutant Alumni celebrating this historic 75th Diamond Celebration.
President Alonzo & Barbara Butler*



Jakiyah, You and MaMarie had such an amazing, beautiful bond. She would light up with Joy no matter how she was feeling that day and said the famous "Yon'Come Boo" and sung the family classic which was sung for generations to all the babies/Kids in the family "oosey Gaw" and made sure there was Pot Liquor and cornbread ready so she could feed you and watch your feet twirl with excitement, (she had this bond with all of the babies) but she said from the 1st time she held you. "This baby is going to do Great things in Life". And Honey you did not disappoint. I know she is smiling down on you and all the Great things you have, are and will be doing. Congratulations dear heart. We are all so Proud of you.





Fulfilling your dreams is one of the most satisfying experiences in life.
 Congratulations! I cannot wait to see what life has in store for you!
 -Love Auntie, Grandma, and Papa

*Jakiyah,
 You are Truly a Go Getter, Luminary,
 Amicable, Tenacious,
 POWERHOUSE PRODIGY that we
 are so proud of. Your impeccable
 achievements, unforced geniality,
 acquiescence, and exuding confidence
 radiates from you, 1st Timothy 4:12
 States : Don' let anyone look down on
 you because you are
 younger, but set an
 example for the
 believers in Speech,
 In Conduct, In Love,
 in Faith and in
 Purity. Continue to
 be Everything
 wonderful you are.
 Love,
 Aunt Tesha.*



Congratulations

Miss Jasmine Yol

Continue your studies!
 You'll Go far!

Never give up your dreams!
 From your friends
 and family

CONGRATULATIONS OWL CLUB OF DENVER DEBUTANTES 2026

*'We wish you all of lifes' best as you
 prepare to journey into your future*



Rose Marie & Skip

Congratulations

75th Owl Club of Denver Debutante Class

Today marks the beginning of a beautiful journey. Trust in yourself and never stop reaching for the stars. You're stepping into a world full of possibilities. Let your courage and kindness guide you.

**Celebrate YOU!
Live Love Laugh PRAY**

The Pierce's

Jaliyah, you have been such a blessing in our lives. You have encouraged us not to settle for mediocrity, but to always strive for greatness. We are so proud of all that you have accomplished in your short time on this earth, and we know your future will be filled with endless possibilities.

We love you so much- Mom and Janiyah



Deonna, I am proud of all you have done and what is still to come. Love, Degoyé

**Congratulations Jakiyah!
From Your Louisiana Family**

*I am so proud of you Jakiyah!
Love Cousin Wilma*

*Deonna, I am proud of you and your accomplishments.
Love, Granny*

CONGRATULATIONS
to the 75th Class,
the 2026 Diamond Jubilee
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Congratulations Deonna!

We are so proud of the kind of
caring young lady you have become.

You are a true blessing to us and we want
to congratulate you on your hard work
and dedication.

Keep reaching for the stars and
follow your dreams.

May God always bless you ...
Love, Mommy and Daddy



THE RETIRED ENLISTED ASSOCIATION
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TO THE

2026 OWL CLUB DEBUTANTES

***We wish you great success as you
embark on the next chapter of your
life's journey. We have every confidence
that you will achieve remarkable
accomplishments in the future.***



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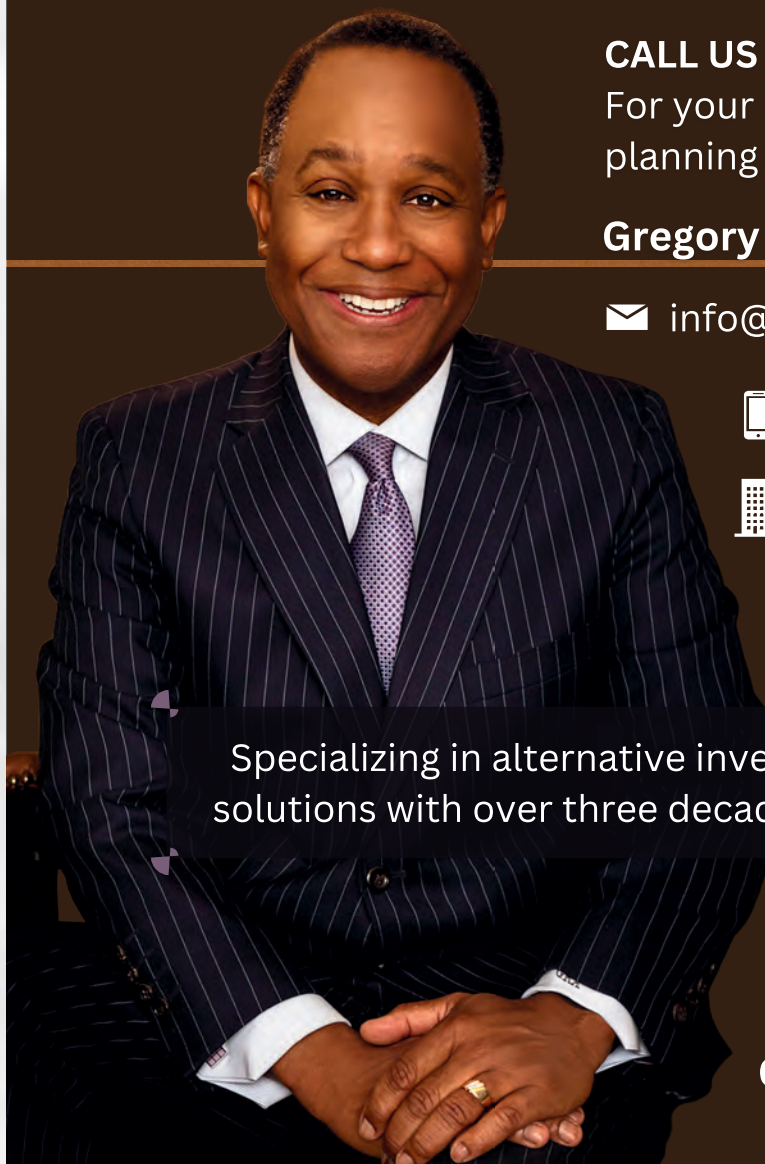
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AND SERVICE, UPLIFTING YOUNG WOMEN AND STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY.
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WE APPLAUD THE DEBUTANTES AND THEIR FAMILIES AND HONOR THE DEDICATED
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MAY THIS DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY BE FILLED WITH JOY, REFLECTION, AND SUSTAINED
SUCCESS AS YOU CELEBRATE THIS REMARKABLE MILESTONE.



*Our Dear Camiyah Jones
We are so very proud of you for who
you are and all you have accomplished
so far in your life. We know that
greatness lies ahead in your future and
can hardly wait to see what God has
planned for you*

We Love You
Nana & Grand



We Salute The Owl Club of Denver 2026 Debutantes



Delabian, Daphne, Debra & Diana Rice

Congratulations from Denver, Chicago and Washington, DC

The four D Rice's congratulate the 2026 Owl Club Debutantes.

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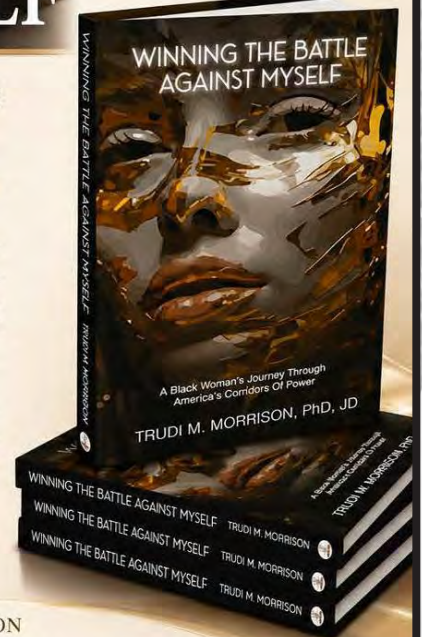
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Rocky Mountain PBS is featuring the Owl Club and the 75th Debutante Cotillion class in a new documentary part of the award-winning series, **Colorado Experience**.

A team of journalists has been following the Debutante Cotillion process for the last year while also highlighting the history and tradition of the Owl Club.



Colorado Experience: Owl Club Debutantes premieres on Rocky Mountain PBS, Channel 6, on June 25th at 7 p.m. You can also watch it same day on the new RMPBS+ app or the Rocky Mountain PBS YouTube channel.



On behalf of the family of
Thomas and Norma Hickman
Congratulations Owl Club of Denver
on your
75th Debutante Presentation



Congratulations to the Owl Club of Denver on the 75th Anniversary of the Debutante Cotillion!

Charleszine "Terry" Nelson
Debutante 1959

My fondest memory is my dad teaching me the basics of the waltz so that I could be ready for Mrs Smith when she taught us the Waltz of the Bells. May you continue to recognize and highlight the outstanding youth in our community through this fabulously prodigious event.

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To Our Dear Debutantes!

You are amazing! God has given you incredible gifts and talents; not only to advance yourself, but to help and encourage others!! Let your standards be Excellent! And as you progress along your journey, remember the song from the "Civil Rights" movement, "Aint gonna let nobody turn me around!"

So please keep moving forward: pursuing, with positivity, persistence, patience, purpose, and prayer!

Remember to not compete with anyone other than yourself! That way, you'll never lose, only keep getting better and better!

In God's Love and Care,
The Smiths



75th Owl Club of Denver Debutante Class

Today marks the beginning of a beautiful journey. Trust in yourself and never stop reaching for the stars.

You're stepping into a world full of possibilities. Let your courage and kindness guide you.

Celebrate YOH!!
Live Love Laugh PRAY
The Pierce's

Congratulations
to all of the 2026
Owl Club Debutants





CONGRATULATIONS AMARI GREEN!

You worked SO hard, You RAN the race. Our entire family is SO very proud of all you have accomplished. We can't wait to see you continue to excel in life! Remember to say 'YES' to the right things - lean on Gods' unfailing hands, and learn as much as possible. Expect greatness in your life.

YOU MAKE US PROUD EACH AND EVERY DAY!

Love - Mom Angel, Dad Josh, Jahte, GiGi, Patrick, Quinetta, Darton, Crystal, and Jourdan.



To my exceptional Granddaughter, Amari,

Your beauty shines from the inside out. Your compassion, grace, and elegance will lead you into higher heights. Your trust in GOD will sustain and keep you. Hold your head up high - lead by example; walk through life with humility and confidence. BE GREAT ON PURPOSE!

My love is with you always!
GiGi

The Lord bless, thee and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Numbers 6:24-26. KJV

Be a Lemonhead Candy; Let the flavor remind you to be tenacious, humble, and resilient. You may be small in the world among others, but your success will be great. Continue to let your color shine bright.



Love Auntie Allison, Uncle, Khalil, Ayanna, and Kaeleb

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Greetings:

Education has always been one of the major focal points for the Owl Club membership. Recognizing the financial needs of many talented Owl Club Debutantes, club member William Kirk established the first Owl Club Scholarship Fund.

On November 16, 1994 the Owl Club scholarship Fund, Inc. achieved 501c3 organizational status exclusively for educational, charitable, and scientific purposes. The Mission of the scholarship fund is to promote and sustain pride, character, leadership and excellence in young African American high school senior young ladies. Scholarships are awarded to graduating high school senior young ladies who are entering their first year of college or enrolling in institutes of higher learning and are economically disadvantaged. In the past couple of years due an increase in contributions we were able to award a few additional scholarships based on merit.

Currently we utilize the Owl Club Debutantes as our basis for selecting the scholarship recipients each year.

In the past few years the fund has proudly supported graduating seniors entering their 1st year of enrollment in institutes of higher education, with over \$120,000 in support.

The immediate future will require more than that amount to even begin to think about strengthening our traditional standard of recognizing graduating senior young ladies.

You can support our mission through donations sent to 2815 Madison Street, Denver, CO. 80205, on our website: owlclubofdenverscholarshipfund.com. or the P.O. Box below

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marvin Pierce".

Marvin Pierce, Chairman

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