

Black Scholar Awards Celebrating a Decade of the Young, Gifted, and Black 1998-2007

**University of Rhode Island
Kingston, Rhode Island**

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University of Rhode Island

Black Faculty Members

2001 Black Scholar Awards
Senator Jack Reed, Keynote Speaker



Highlights of the Black Scholar Awards

- The first Black Students Award Dinner was held 14 May 1998.
- It was organized by Dr. Donald Cunnigen and Dr. Yvette Harps-Logan, University of Rhode Island (URI) Black Faculty Association members.
- The first keynote speaker was Dr. Harold Bibb, Associate Dean of the Graduate School.
- The student activism of Brothers United for Action was recognized with the first Community Spirit Award in 1999.
- Uhuru Sasa was presented the Uhuru Sasa Anniversary Award in recognition of 30 years of service to Black students.
- The first Althea Gibson Award was presented in 1999.
- The third keynote speaker was President Robert L. Carothers.
- Senator Jack Reed was the first non-campus keynote speaker in 2001.
- The first Noreen Coachman Award was presented in 2002.
- The first St. Elmo Brady Award was presented in 2004.
- The URI Chapter of the Onyx Senior Honor Society was established in 2005.

THE AWARDS

William Gould Award for All-Around Outstanding Achievement

William Gould was a member of the University of Rhode Island Class of 1958. He was the first Black appointed to serve as the chairperson of the National Labor Relations Board. The Gould Award is presented to a senior in recognition of all-around outstanding achievement in the areas of organizational leadership, peer relationships, faculty-student relationships, general service, and academic performance.



Class
of
1958

Past Gould Awards

- 1998 *Darran Anthony Simon*
- 1999 *Danielle Leigh Hill*
- 2000 *Chantale M. Edouard*
- 2001 *Patricia Dos Santos*
- 2002 *Marvens LaPorte*
- *Monica Tavares*
- 2003 *Reza Clifton*
- *Cynthia Prudence*
- 2004 *Naomi S. Gobern*
- 2005 *Pascale Delaunay*
- 2006 *Nimota A. Solola*

THE AWARDS



Arthur L. Hardge Award for All-Around Outstanding Community Service

Arthur Hardge was a major force in the affairs of Rhode Island's Black community. As a part of his activity, he founded the Talent Development Program at the University of Rhode Island. The Talent Development Program has played an integral role in the growth of the University's Black community. The Hardge Award is presented to a senior in recognition of outstanding service to the Black community outside of the University.

Past Hardge Awards

- 1998 Solomon Comissionong
- 1999 Marc Hardge
- 2000 Azikiwe Husband
- 2001 Ana P. Semedo
- 2002 Barry O'Connor
- 2003 Alberto DaCruz
- Shaquila Hazard
- 2004 Andrea D. Hepburn
- 2005 Raydeana Roderick
- 2006 Nicole Austin

THE AWARDS



Martin Luther King, Jr. Award for Outstanding Leadership and Contribution to the University Community

Martin Luther King Jr. was a civil rights leader, scholar, and visionary who played a pivotal role in the integration of American society. The King Award is presented to a senior in recognition of outstanding service in the area of organizational leadership, volunteer service, and general service in the University of Rhode Island community.

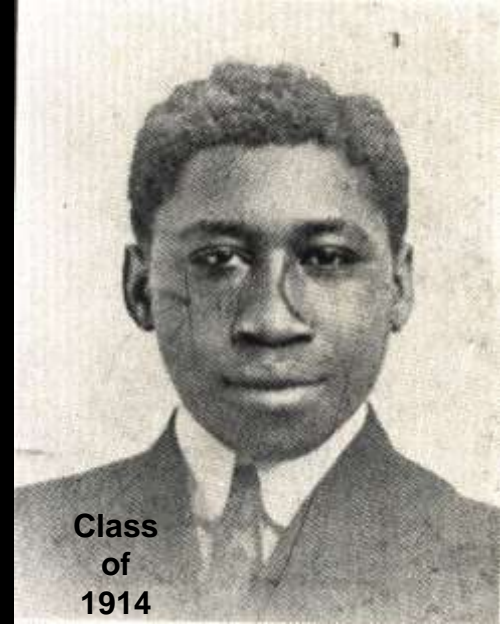
Past King Awards

- 1998 Ebony-Anne Smith
- 1999 Winston Bedell
- 2000 Alissa P. Carroccino
- 2001 Igor S. Garcia
- 2002 Laura Santos
- 2003 Shawalewa Brown
- 2004 Paulo M. Cruz
Thelma Yaniza Titus
Benjamin Wesley
- 2005 Emily M. Hall
- 2006 Brian A. Monteiro

THE AWARDS

Harvey Robert Turner Award for Outstanding Service to the University of Rhode Island Black Community

Harvey Robert Turner was a member of the University of Rhode Island Class of 1914. He was one of the earliest Black graduates of the University. The Turner Award is presented to a senior in recognition of significant contributions made to the Black community of the University through activities that demonstrated a commitment to the community's growth and recognition of others.



Class
of
1914

Past Turner Awards

- 1998 *Nepko Brown*
- 1999 *Ibrahim Abdul-Matin*
- 2000 *Jonathan L. Lewis*
- 2001 *Marlon J. Mussington*
- 2002 *John C. Cruz*
- 2003 *Dorien Agyapon*
- 2004 *Claudette M. Bannerman*
- 2005 *Candace Ranglin*
- 2006 *Aaron M. E. Gardner*

THE AWARDS

Sojourner Truth Award for Scholarly Persistence and Dedication

Sojourner Truth escaped from slavery to become a significant figure in Black history. In delivering her famous "Ain't I A Woman" speech, she made a lasting contribution to American oratory. The Truth Award is presented to a senior in recognition of success despite dire financial, physical and/or personal problems that would ordinarily impede progress.



Past Truth Awards

- 1998 Shirley Consuegra
- 1999 Celise Craig
- 2000 Cal Vinson Whitfield
- 2001 Abner Correia
- 2002 Nicole Love
- 2003 Naomi Love
- 2004 Teresa B. Evans
- 2005 Alex Bien-Aime
- 2006 Caroline O. Freeman

THE AWARDS

Jackie Robinson Scholar-Athlete Award

In 1946, Jackie Robinson broke the color line in American professional baseball. As an outstanding athlete, he never let the racism of the day defeat his purpose. The Robinson Award is presented to a senior male athlete in recognition of outstanding performance in sports that highlighted skills of good sportsmanship and the best qualities of the scholar-athlete.



Past Robinson Awards

- 1998 John Bennett
LaJhon Jones
Joshua King
Cuttino Mobley
- 1999 Antonio Reynolds-Dean
Preston Murphy
- 2000 Silas Otniel Rodrigues Pinto
- 2001 Leroy Womack
Andrew Wafula
- 2002 Brackston Poitier
- 2003 Lazare Adingono
- 2005 Randy Brooks
Reuben Ray
- 2006 Terrence Mack
Robert Johnson
Tyrese Sullivan

THE AWARDS

Althea Gibson Scholar-Athlete Award

In 1957, Althea Gibson became the first African-American female tennis player to win the Wimbledon singles. As an outstanding athlete, she never let the racism of the day defeat her purpose. The Gibson Award is presented to a senior female athlete in recognition of outstanding performance in sports that highlighted skills of good sportsmanship and the best qualities of the scholar-athlete.



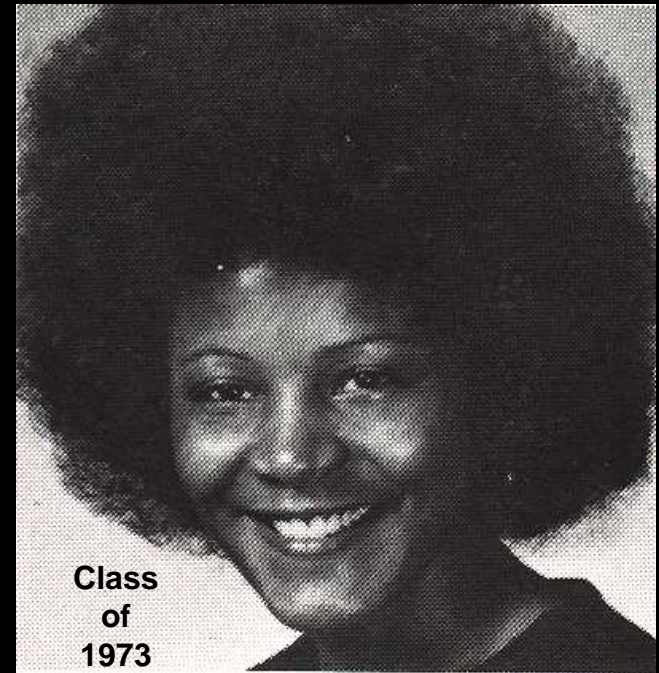
Past Gibson Awards

- 1999 Martinique Alber
- 2001 Zinobia Machanguana
- 2002 Yatar Kuyateh
- 2003 Gina Rosen
- 2004 Denise M. King
- 2005 Pascale Delaunay
- 2006 Erin Aseli Fleming

THE AWARDS

Noreen Coachman Award for Outstanding Achievement by an Older Student

Noreen Coachman was a member of the University of Rhode Island Class of 1973. She exemplified the best characteristics of an older student by obtaining an M.D. after pursuing a secretarial career. The Coachman Award is presented to an older graduating senior who has achieved excellence in academic and extracurricular life while maintaining family and work responsibilities.



Past Coachman Awards

- 2002 Maria L. Sampson
- 2003 Bryan Barros
- 2004 Barbara J. Ellis
- 2006 Brandy O'Donnell

THE AWARDS

Saint Elmo Brady Award for Outstanding Achievement in Science

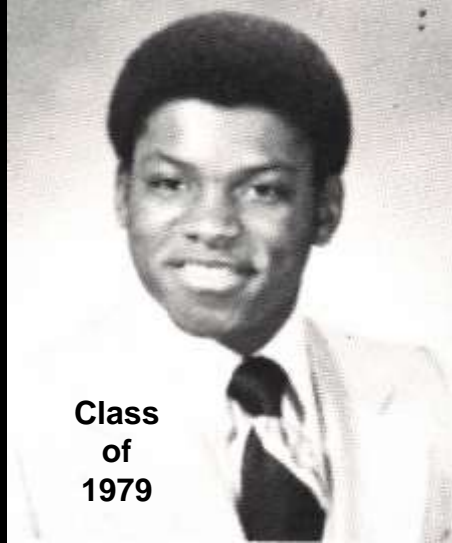
In 1916, Saint Elmo Brady became the first person of African descent to receive a Doctor of Philosophy degree in chemistry. He had a distinguished research and teaching career, including appointments at Fisk University, Howard University, Tuskegee Institute, and Tougaloo College. The Brady Award is presented to the graduating senior with the highest academic average in the sciences among Black students.



Past Brady Awards

2004	Demond M. Boseman
2006	Destiny Woodbury

THE AWARDS



Class
of
1979

Estes Benson Award for Academic Achievement

Estes Benson was a member of the University of Rhode Island Class of 1979. As a student, he was a star athlete, fraternity man, and participant in a variety of campus activities. The Benson Award is presented to a male and a female student with the highest overall academic grade point average among Black seniors.

Past Benson Awards

- 1998 *Katrina Douglas*
- *Troy Robinson*
- 1999 *Cheryl Anne Connor*
- *Jose Barbosa*
- 2000 *Angelica Gomes*
- *Wennzdehl Powell*
- *John Harris*
- 2001 *Michael Lyle*
- *Kimberly Anderson*
- 2002 *Babatunde Ologun*
- *Joyll Smith*
- 2003 *Claudio Rodrigues*
- *Cynthia Prudence*
- *Kimberly Starks*
- 2004 *Sharina Niera Savage*
- *Freddie Skipworth*
- 2005 *Millie N. White*
- *Adilson M. Ribeiro*
- 2006 *Kevin Delle Femine*
- *Natasha L. Soares*

THE AWARDS

Tossie E. Taylor Jr. Community Spirit Award ***(formerly Community Spirit Award)***

Tossie E. Taylor Jr. was a University of Rhode Island Ph.D. recipient in cell biology. He served in administrative positions at Delaware State University, Cheyney State University, and the Massachusetts Higher Education Coordinating Council. He was active in numerous community service groups, including Big Brothers, NAACP, Boy Scouts of America, and Rotary. The Taylor Community Spirit Award is presented to an individual or group in recognition of outstanding service that reflects the dynamic spirit of the New England minority community.

Past Taylor Community Spirit Awards

- 1999 Brothers United for Action
- 2001 Senator Jack Reed
- 2002 Dr. Ambrose Jearld
- 2003 Dr. Jimmie L. Davis, Jr.
- 2004 Peter F. Hurst Jr., Esq.
- 2005 Honorable Geraldine S. Hines
- 2006 Ms. Lisa Churchville

THE AWARDS

Lumas D. Hamilton Sr. Scholarship

The Lumas D. Hamilton Sr. Scholarship Award has been established by members of the Hamilton family to encourage and support students who have a serious interest in African and African American Studies. Often this interest must be maintained along with the student's major and work commitments so financial assistance and intellectual encouragement is important. Lumas Hamilton Sr. was the father of Dr. Cynthia Hamilton, Afro-American and African Studies Program chairperson. He was an individual whose commitment to serious study never ceased although that was not his profession. He was an example of a true "organic intellectual" and he would be pleased to know we are encouraging youth to follow his example.



Past Hamilton Scholars

- 2005 Moses Siums
- 2006 Jacqueline Moreino
Shantae Bagwell Moreino

THE AWARDS

“NEW”

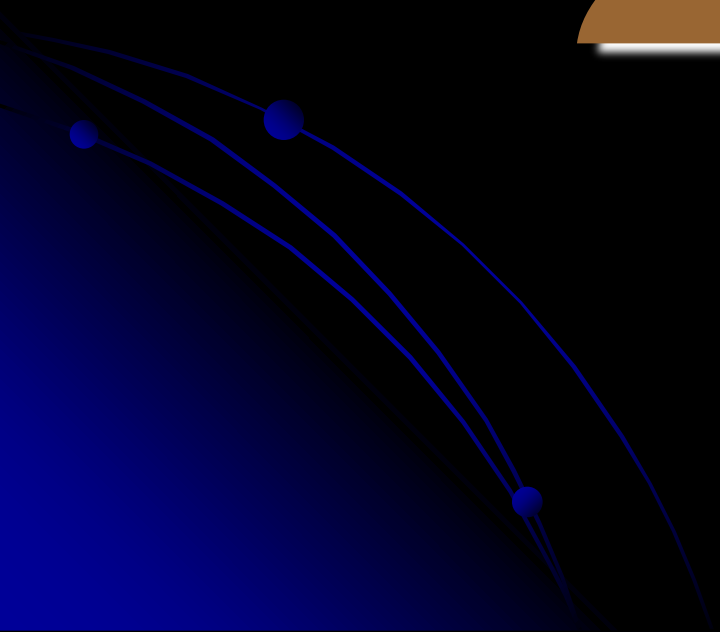
David Edmonds Award for Outstanding Artistic and Creative Expression

David Edmonds was a member of the University of Rhode Island Class of 1964. He had an outstanding career as an administrator at the University of Massachusetts--Boston. The Edmonds Award is presented to a student who has demonstrated excellence as well as originality and creativity in the arts.



*Class
of
1964*

2006



2006 Black Scholar Awards

Keynote Speaker
Lisa Churchville
CEO and General
Manager
NBC10—WJAR
● Providence



2006 Black Scholar Award Recipients



2006 Black Scholar Awards Hardge Award & Gould Award

**2006 Arthur L. Hardge Award
Nicole Austin**



**2006
William
Gould Award
Nimota A.
Solola**



2006 Black Scholar Awards Turner Award & King Award

*2006 Harvey Robert Turner Award
Aaron Marquis Easter Gardner*



*2006 Martin Luther King Jr. Award
Brian A. Monteiro*



2006 Black Scholar Awards Coachman Award & Truth Award

**2006 Noreen Coachman Award
Brandy O'Donnell**



**2006
Sojourner
Truth Award
Caroline O.
Freeman**



2006 Black Scholar Awards Gibson Award & Robinson Award



2006 Black Scholar Awards Robinson Awards



2006 Black Scholar Awards Benson Award & Brady Award

*2006 Estes Benson Award
Natasha L. Soares*



*2006 St. Elmo Brady Award
Destiny Woodbury*

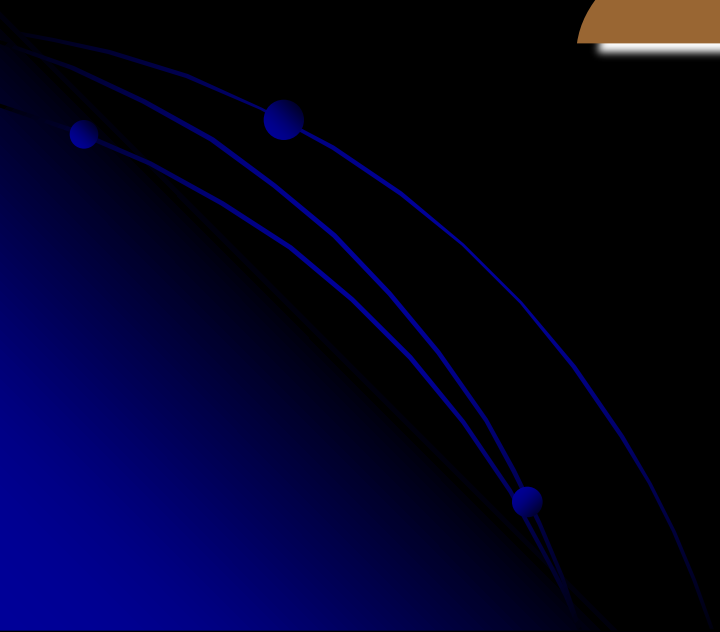


2006 Black Scholar Awards Hamilton Scholars

*2006 Lumas D. Hamilton Scholars
Jacqueline Moreino
Shantae Bagwell Moreino*



2005



2005 Black Scholar Award Recipients



2005 Black Scholar Awards



Keynote Speaker
The Honorable
Geraldine Hines
Associate Justice
Massachusetts
Superior Court

2005 Black Scholar Awards Hardge Award & Gould Award



2005 Black Scholar Awards King Award & Turner Award

2005 Martin Luther King Jr Award
Emily M. Hall



2005 Harvey Robert Turner Award
Candace Ranglin



2005 Black Scholar Awards

Gibson Award & Robinson Award

*2005 Althea Gibson Award
Pascale Delaunay*



*2005 Jackie Robinson Award
Randy Brooks*



2005 Black Scholar Awards Benson Awards

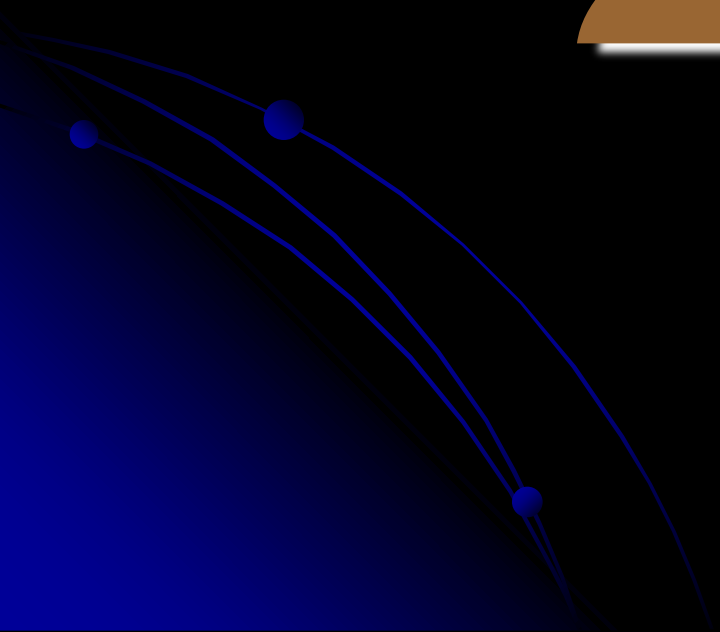


2005 Black Scholar Awards

Hamilton Scholar & Truth Award



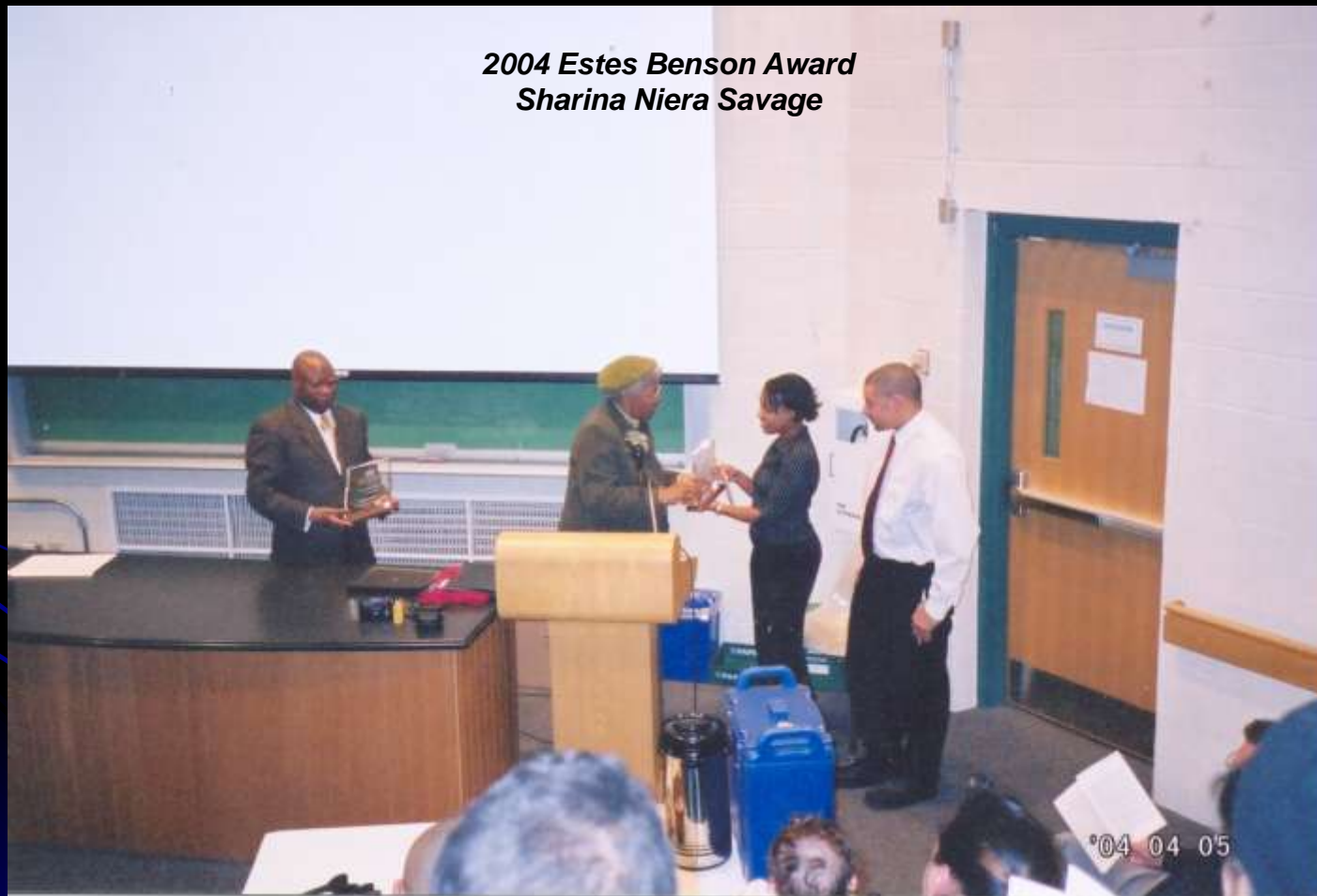
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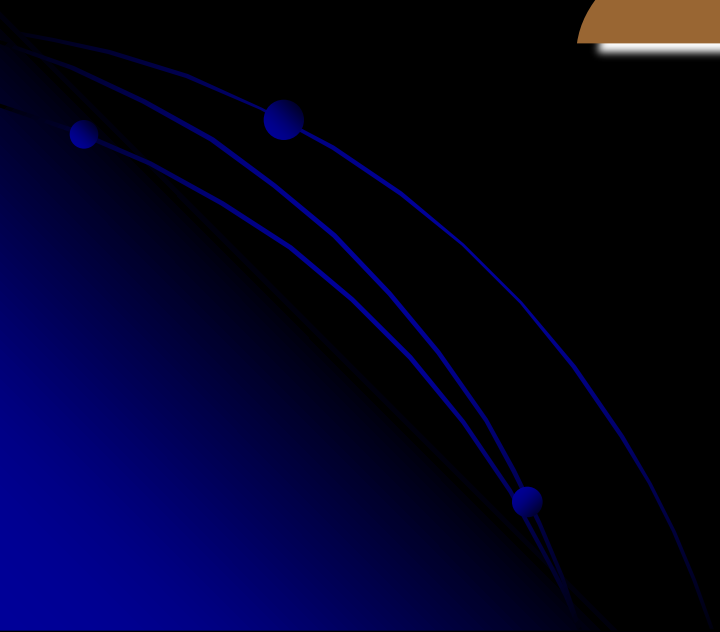
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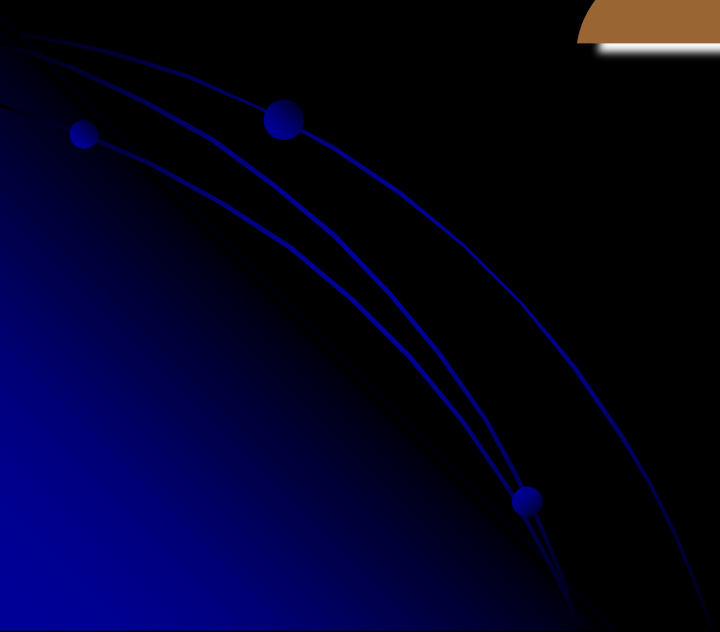
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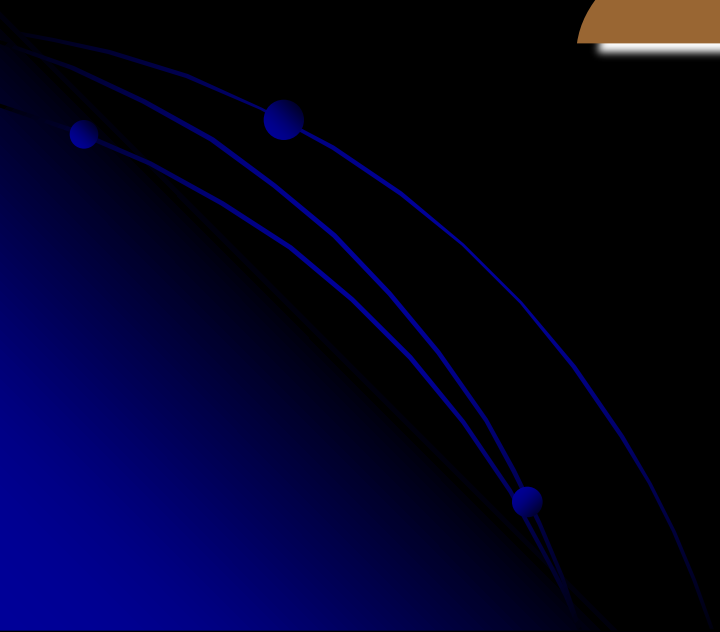
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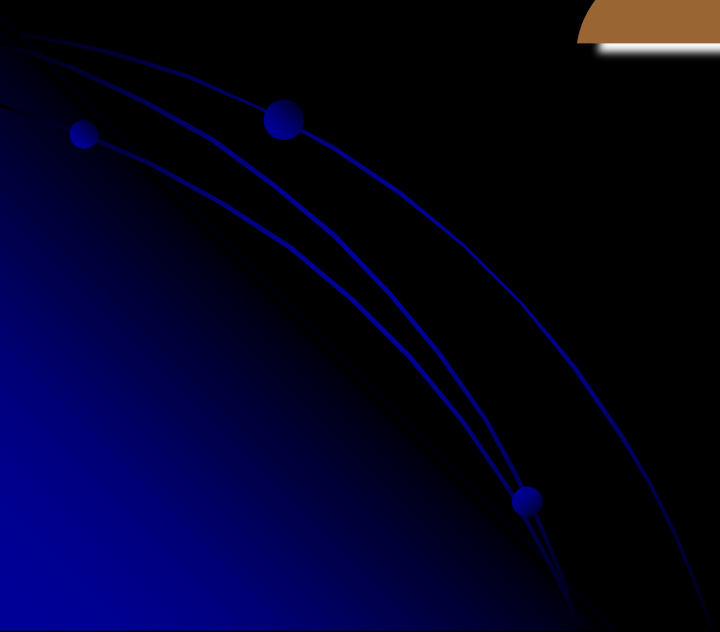
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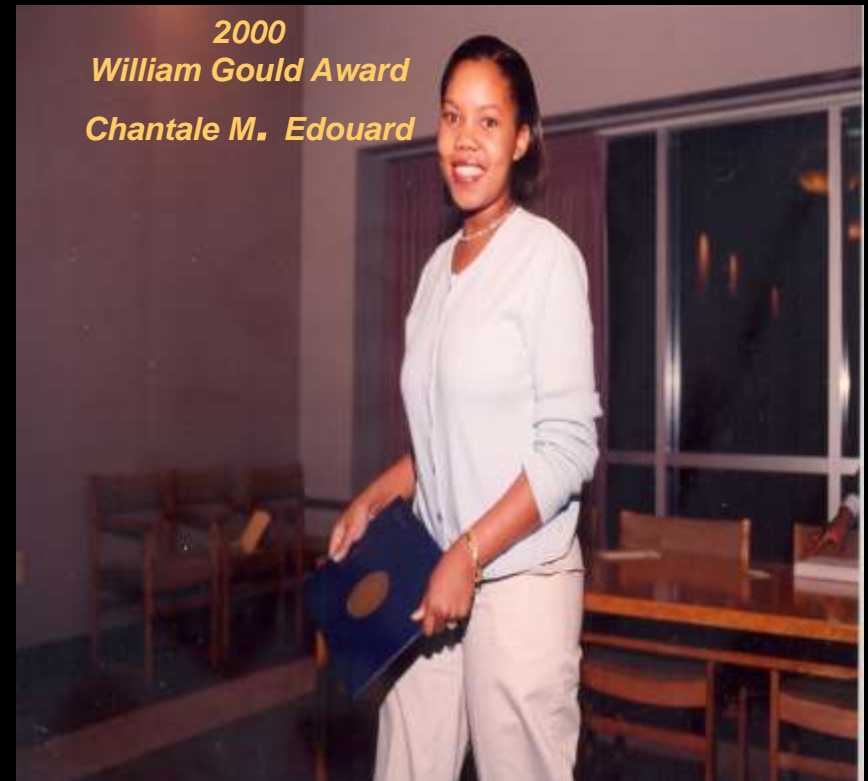
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2000



2000 Black Scholar Awards Hardge Award & Gould Award



2000 Black Scholar Awards Benson Awards



2000 Black Scholar Awards Benson Award & Turner Award



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Angelica
Gomes*



*2000 Harvey Robert Turner Award
Jonathan Lewis*

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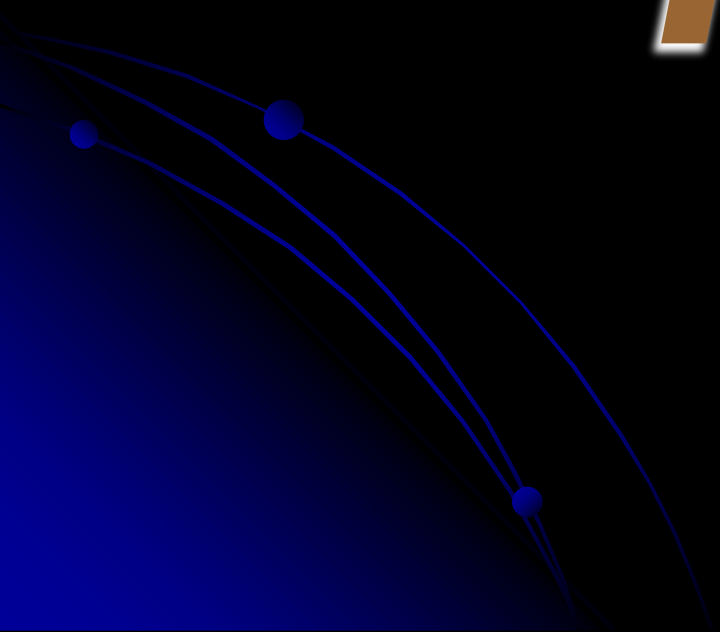


2000 Black Scholar Awards King Award



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Martin Luther King
Award
Alissa P. Carroccino

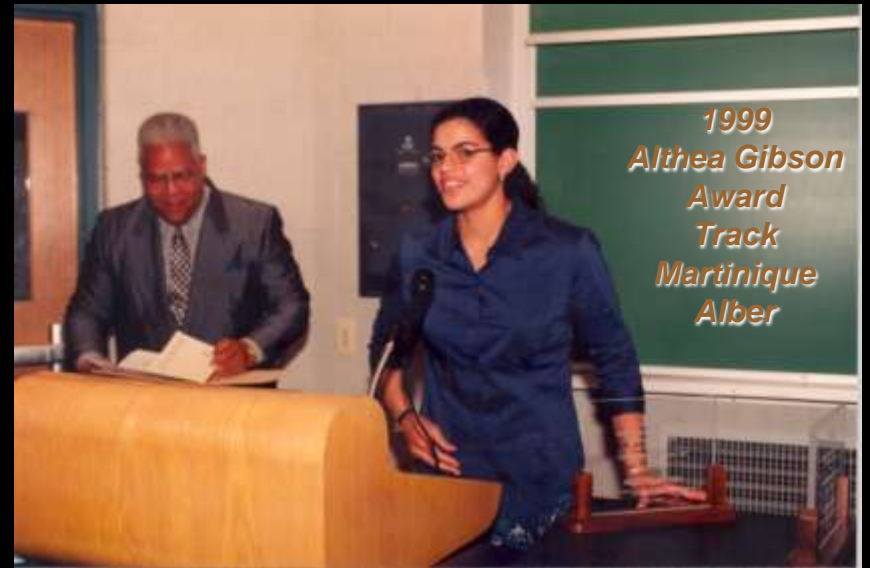
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1999 Black Scholar Awards Turner & Gibson Awards

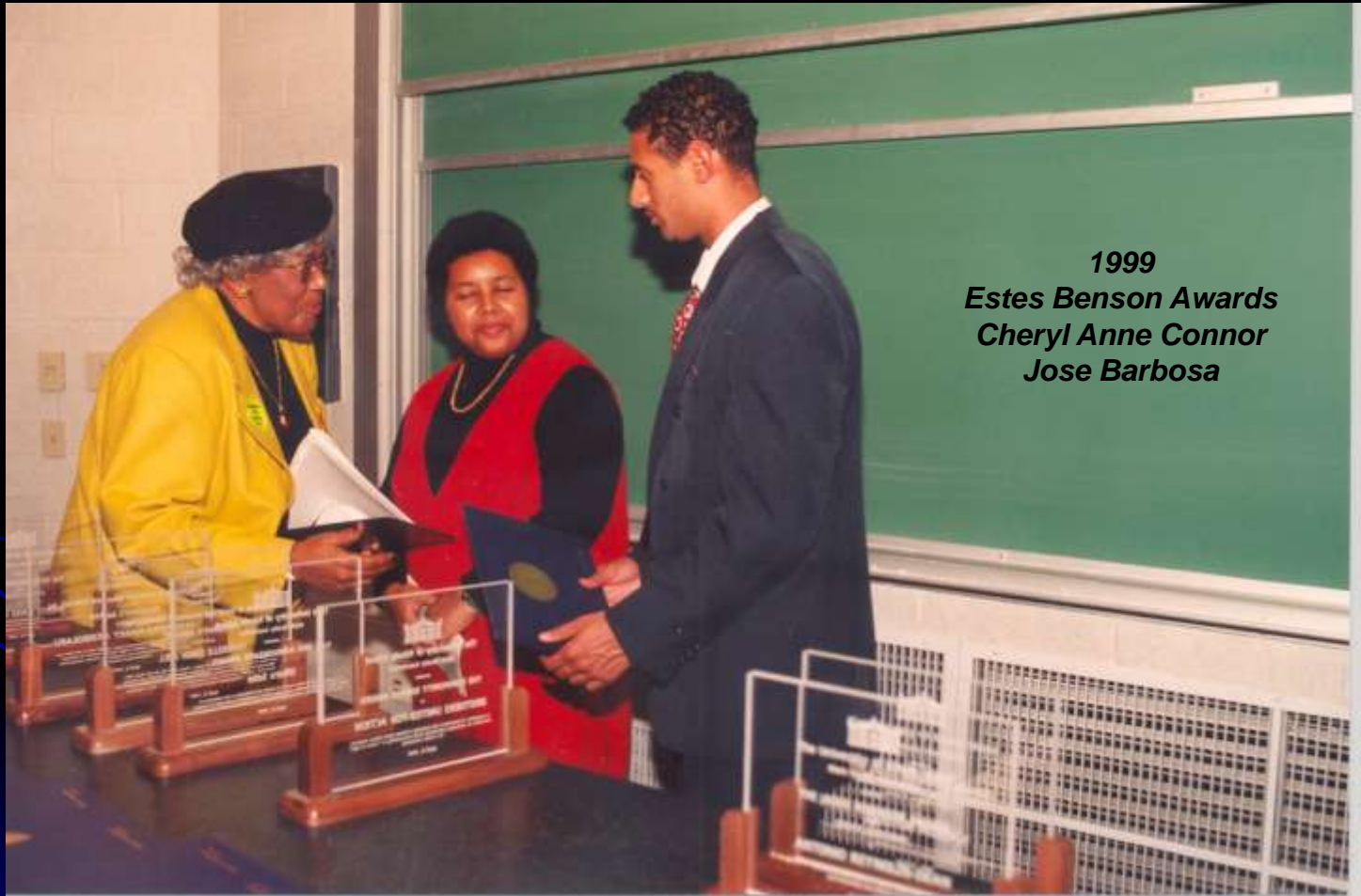


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Ibrahim Abdul-Matin*



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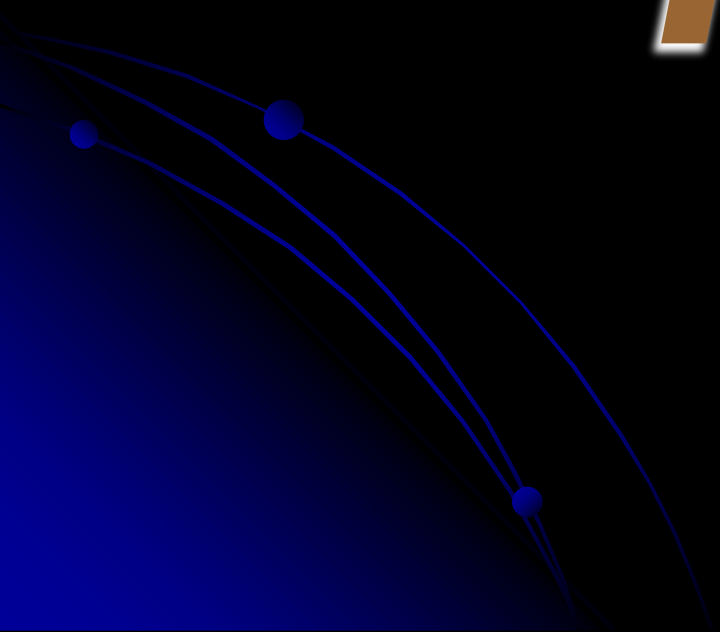
1999 Black Scholar Awards Benson Awards



1999 Black Scholar Awards Hardge Award



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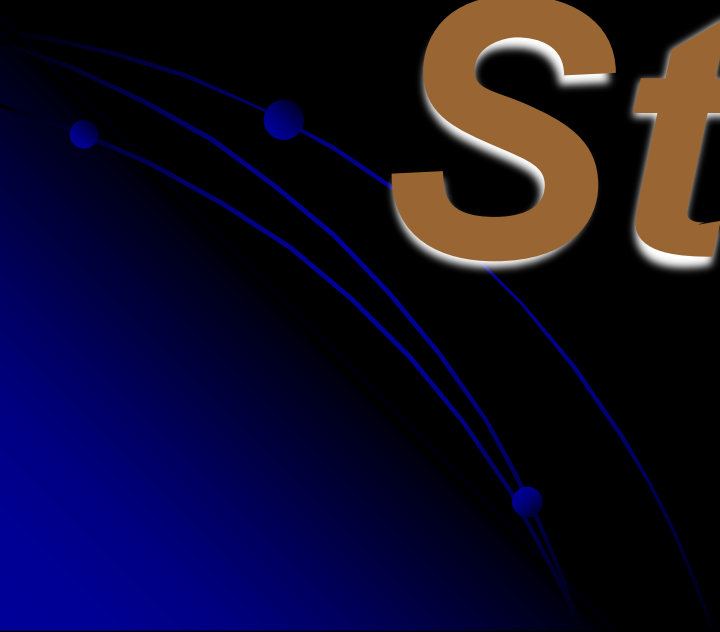
1998 & 1999 Black Scholar Awards Gould Award



*1998 William Gould Award
Darran A. Simon*

*1999 William Gould
Award
Danielle Leigh Hill*

Success Stories



Success Stories

Danielle Hill Scott

1999 Gould Award

M.S.W., University of Pennsylvania

***Gender Specific Services
Coordinator***

***Juvenile Justice Commission
Office of Program Development
and Prevention Services***

***State of New Jersey
New Bride and Mother***

Olajumoke Akinrolabu

***1999 Association of Social and
Behavioral Scientists
President's Award***

J.D., Stetson University

Attorney for the City of Providence



Success Stories

Mrs. Danielle Leigh Hill Scott



Success Stories



Darran Anthony Simon
1998 Gould Award
M.S.J., The Medill School of Journalism
Northwestern University
Reporter for The Times-Picayune
New Orleans, Louisiana



Cuttino Rashwan Mobley
1998 Robinson Award
Current Guard for Los Angeles Clippers
Traded 2004 to Orlando Magic
Drafted 42nd Overall in 1998 by Houston Rockets

Success Stories



Antonio Reynolds-Dean
1999 Robinson Award
Professional Basketball Player
Spain



Joshua King
1998 Robinson Award
Professional Basketball Player
Denmark

Success Stories



Lazare Adingono
2003 Robinson Award
Assistant Basketball Coach
Canisus College
Buffalo, New York



Preston Murphy
1999 Robinson Award
Director of Basketball Operations
Boston College
Boston, Massachusetts

Success Stories



Reza Clifton
2003 Gould Award
Freelance Writer
Vice President
Rhode Island Young Professionals
Community Development Specialist
Urban League of Rhode Island



Gina Rosen
2003 Gibson Award
M.P.P., American University
Social Science Analyst
United States Department of Agriculture

Success Stories



***Denise M. King
2004 Gibson Award
Assistant Coach
URI Women's Basketball Team***

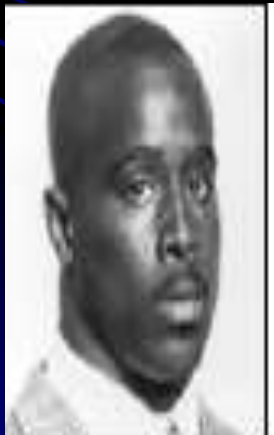


***Azikiwe Husband
2000 Hardge Award
Director of Admissions and Student Activities
Community Preparatory School
Providence, Rhode Island***

Success Stories



***Randy Brooks
2005 Robinson Award
Assistant Coach
URI Men's Basketball Team***



***LaJhon Jones
1998 Robinson Award
Varsity Football Coach
Moses Brown School
Providence, Rhode Island
Formerly of San Diego Chargers, 1998***

The End

