

# Youth Development Foundation, Inc. SPONSORS THE

39th annual

Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International Scholarship Program

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> > SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2009 Harlem Stage – Aaron Davis Hall New York City

> > > FOUNDER & CEO Hal Jackson

> > > > FEATURING

Talented Teen Participants Representing
2009 Talented Teens From
Around the World
and

The 2008 Talented Teen
International Winner
Amirah Garwood

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Sophia Moon Miss New York 1997

Kersten Stevens Miss Connecticut 2000

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Michael Bivins – Entertainment Guru
Kimberly Brooks – Actress Miss HJTTI 1981
Ray Chew – Producer – Bandleader
Skip Dillard Program Director WBLS
Denise DuMaine – Actress – Miss HJTTI 1974
Jamal Joseph – Producer / Director
Jason King – VP Clive Davis School of Music - NYU
Sophia Moon – Vocalist – Miss NYS 1997
Sheryl Piland – Entrepreneur – Miss HJTTI 1978
Winsome Sinclair – Casting Director
Kersten Stevens – Violinist – Miss Connecticut 2000
Dedra Tate – Unlimited Contacts Inc.
Toblas Truvillion – Actor – One Life to Live
Robin Williams – Producer / Choreographer

### Program of Events 2009

Presented by Hal Jackson Productions ICBC Broadcast Holdings, Inc.

Featuring Our 2009 Talented Teens Contestants
Parade of States & Countries
Introduction of Hal Jackson
Introduction of MC
Top 10 Finalists Announced

Judging Segment 1 Personality & Achievement
Rules & Regulations
Entertainment
Introduction of Judges

Judging Segment 2 - Talent
Performance by 2008 Winner - Miss Amirah Garwood

Intermission

I Am Change – Our Tribute to Michael Jackson Performed by 2009 Contestants

Special Presentations & Acknowledgments
Entertainment

Judging Segment 3 Appearance Entertainment Farewell Address Miss Amirah Garwood Special TTI Awards

Crowning of the 2009 HJ777 Winner







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#### Youth Development Foundation, Inc.



Promoting Culture & Education Through the Performing Arts

July 18, 2009

Dear Talented Teen International Family:

Debi and I are pleased to have the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International Scholarship Program (HJTTI) in our home town of New York City July 11 – 19, 2009. Can you believe it has been 39 years since the first winner, June Kelly-Johnson now residing in Colorado, was recognized for her poise, grace, intelligence and talent? We are so excited knowing that the theme "I Am Change" has embodied the thrust of the United States presidential campaign with our new leader President Barack Obama. We also know the young ladies representing the World's Most Talented Teens for the year 2009 will change the world in their own way in the near future because each young lady is a champion in her own right.

There have been many challenges. We know it. There are loads of individuals filing for foreclosure, losing jobs, taking loses on their retirement savings, but we are forging ahead knowing that Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International will go on empowering and giving scholarships to deserving young ladies with outstanding intelligence and talents. We know it was a struggle for you to do a competition in your location. Times are hard everywhere in the world but with determination, strength and perseverance you came through and brought us the best talent from your location – thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We wish to thank all of the parents and companies that have assisted in making the HJTTI program a success this year. Without you we would not exist.

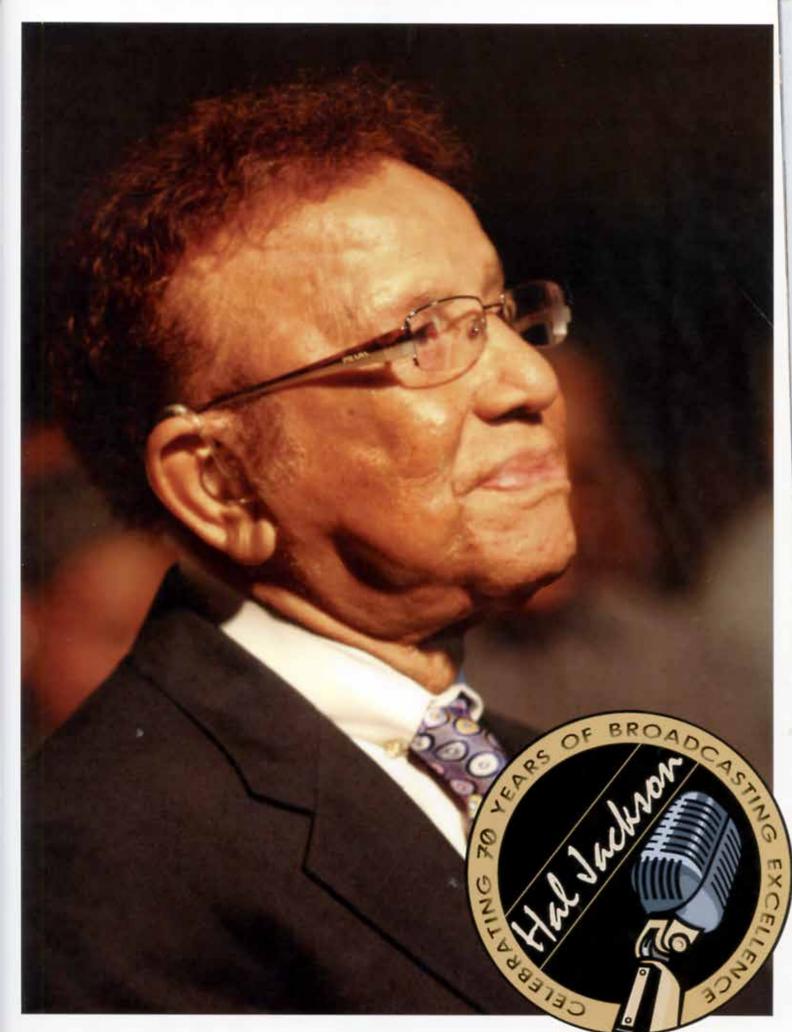
The week of activities has included the Broadway play Mary Poppins, a meeting with Mayor Bloomberg at Gracie Mansion, an outdoor concert in Brooklyn, two very special luncheons, a tour of radio station 107.5 WBLS, many rehearsals, workshops and seminars as well as the Shooting Star Awards Dinner where I celebrated 70 years in broadcasting. It has proven to be a very special week for all of us.

Thank you so much to our Directors and corporate sponsors for supporting HJTTI. We know it has been a challenge. We truly thank you for your dedication to this program. I know our young ladies will achieve all their dreams and sculpt their lives into the masterpieces they were meant to be.

Sincerely,

CEO & Founder

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PIERRE M. SUTTON CHAIRMAN & CEO

Congratulations to the great Hal Jackson with another successful year. You are simply fantastic. Hal Jackson, a man that is very instrumental in the process of change that we as a people witness each and everyday. Some people wait for things to happen, while others like yourself, make them happen.

The Hal Jackson, proven to be a man of inspiration. It is through your vision that we are shown your commitment to these young talented ladies from all across the country and the world. Hal Jackson you are doing it... one talented individual at a time.

You provide great opportunity for each young lady to showcase her talent in front of a distinguished panel of judges. Additionally, you have an invaluable team of directors that assist, enrich and provide the necessary support for these young ladies:throughout the competition.

Since your beginning, I congratulate you, I salute you and I commend you for your success in creating an extraordinary Competition. It is with this training, education and growth that these young ladies can and will represent CHANGE, much like you Mr. Hal Jackson.

With warmest regards,

Pierre M. Sutton Chairman and CEO



DAVID A. PATERSON

July 11-19, 2009

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send greetings to all gathered for the 39th Annual Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International Scholarship Competition.

For nearly four decades, this competition has provided a venue through which youth from around the world can enjoy a new cultural experience and, at the same time, enhance their potential in various areas of endeavor. The Empire State is proud to once again host this wonderful program which highlights the creative and artistic talents of young ladies, offering them opportunities through education and other means of positive development.

As women and future leaders of the world, you can find success by pursuing an education, which is the certain path to an interesting and fulfilling career. I encourage you to consider the many choices that await you. Above all, you should follow your dreams and strive to achieve your best in every way a person can - both personal and professional - so that you can enjoy the benefits of a truly rewarding life.

In sponsoring this event, Hal Jackson continues to inspire young ladies through his longstanding commitment to a valuable program that builds self-esteem among deserving young ladies with a great deal of talent and promise. I congratulate all of the participants and this year's scholarship recipients as you work toward realizing your vision for the future.

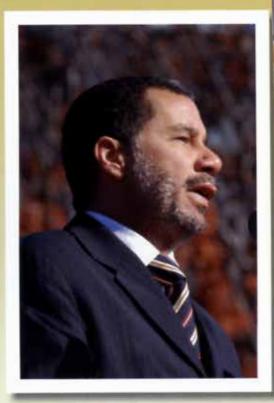
Best wishes for a highly memorable and successful event.

Warmest regards.

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN

July 18, 2009

Dear Friends.

Congratulations to the participants in the 39th annual Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International Scholarship Program! The young women participating in this worldwide talent search are gifted performers and future leaders of our community.

Since launching more than 35 years ago, this program has supported the academic and artistic success of more 25,000 underserved women and girls. Over 90% of your participants earn both high school and college degrees, a testament to the work ethic and breadth of excellence that the Youth Development Foundation fosters in these remarkable individu-

Best of luck to all of the young women celebrating today, and here's to another year of success and service for the Talented Teens Program and the Youth Development Foundation.

Sincerely

Scott M. Stringer

Manhattan Borough President



# The Scene

# NEW YORK BEACON, Navel Hal Jackson, 93, honored by music legends At Landmark Apollo Theater

The prestigious landmark Apollo Theater, located on West 125° Street in the Village of Harlem served as the perfect venue to celebrate the living leg-end Hal Jackson's 93<sup>st</sup> birthday.

Prior the a spectacular starstudded concert performed on the world famous stage, a VIP reception took place on the huge yet floor soundstage, where "Mr. J," was greeted by a host of devoted admirets, family, friends and all the professors who would and all the performers who would later sing their hit songs that Hal plays on his popular "Sunday Classics" radio show aired on UTL 6 107 CPM WBLS 107.5 FM.

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Aside from his birthday "Mr.
J" also celebrated 25 years of
hosting the "Sunday Classics" in
New York City and 69 years in
Broadcasting. Hosting the con-Broadcasting. Hosting the con-cert was WHLS' Morning Show

host and philanthropist Steve Harvey, who was joined by the off-stage announcing by

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The all-star concert featured,
The Manhattans, Maysa, Phil
Perry, Ted Mills of Blue Magic, Regina Belle, GQ, Black Ivory, Kenny Lattimore, Alyson Williams, Michael Henderson, Sherry Winston, Ray, Goodman and Brown, Freddie Jackson, Chuck Jackson, and many others

There was also special video appearances by the Temptations.
Lionel Richie, Patti LaBelle, Nona Hendryx, Sarah Dush, Alicia Keys and others who mighed "Me." and others who wished "Mr. J." happy birthday. He also received a huge plaque, presented by Dr. Bob Lee. The tribute to Hal Jackson was produced by award win-ning composer handlender Ray Chew, who also backed up all the performers during the more than 2 hour concert.



"MR. J." HONORED - WBLS' Dr. Bob Lee presents Hal "Mr. J" Jackson with special award celebrating his 69 years in broadcasting. Sharing in the honor with proud applause is Debbi B., (Mrs. Jackson).









Host Steve Harvey



Chuck Jackson, Freddie Jackson, Hal Jackson



HAL AND THE GANG - Hal Jackson (center) is surrounded by Norman Connors, B.K. Kirkland, Sherry Winston, egant pose during VIP recep-HAL AND THE GANG - Hal Jackson (center) is surrounded by Norman Connors, B.K. Kirkianu, Sherry Winston, egant Freddie Jackson, Vaughn Harper, Ted Mills, G. Keith Alexander, Phil Perry, Ray Chew and others at VIP reception.



"Sunday Classics" hosts Mr. and Mrs. Hal Jackson and cohost Clay Berry strike an el-

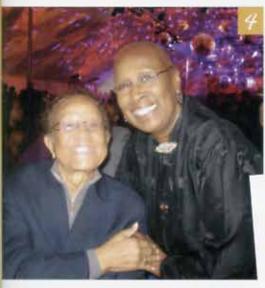
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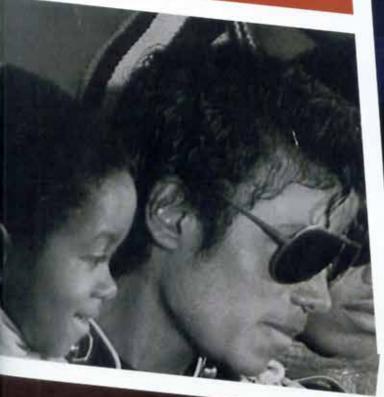
Jack the Rapper, Michael and Hal in the 1990,

Michael was a surprise guest at Hall's birthday party in the 1970's



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Michael and Emanuel Lewir at Tavern on the Green prior to announcing the Jackron 5 Tour in 1980's



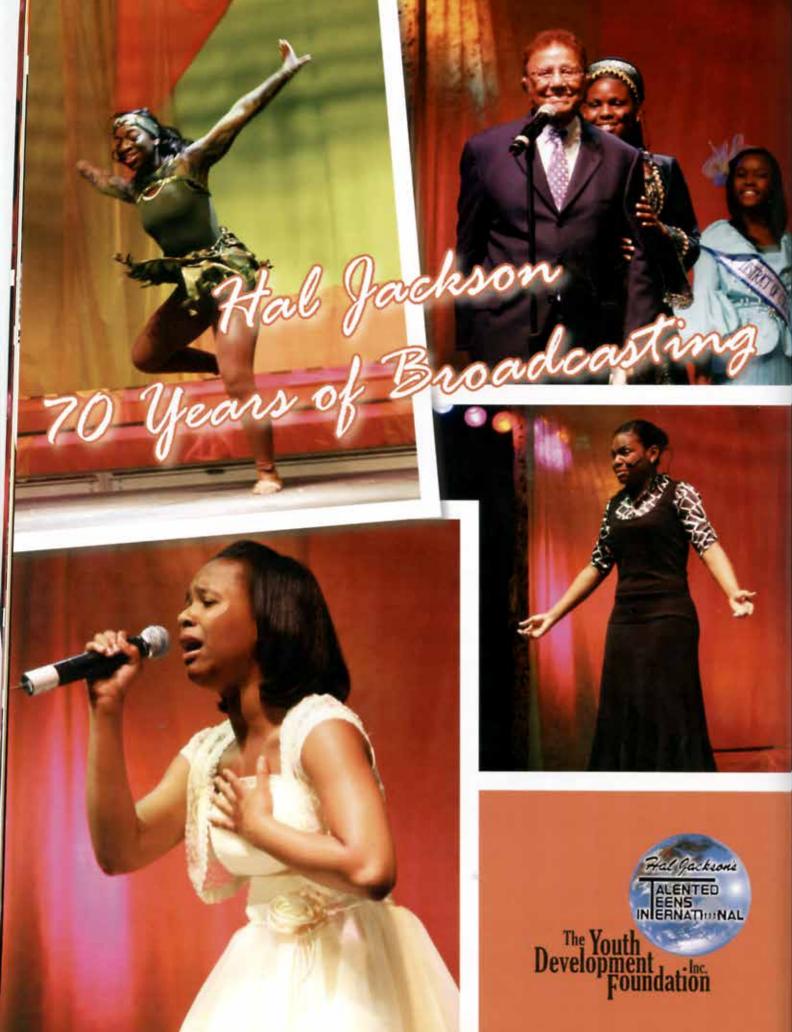


Tonya Gray, Debi Jackton, Michael, Angela Netron and Hal Jackton before a concert at Madiron Square Garden in NYC in 1990s

I have known Michael Jackson since he burst on the entertainment scene in the 1960s. Berry Gordy called and told me about a fantastic group of brothers that he wanted me to see. I immediately confirmed to have them as a guest on the Miss Black America television show making that appearance their first time on television. Over the years Michael and I became close. When he was filming The Wiz in New York City, he would come by my office and sit with me. Michael loved to draw and write. He also said that he hated the idea of having to put on all of the makeup needed for the shooting of the movie. Michael, Jermaine, Janet and Randy have been a part of Talented Teens shows. As a matter of fact Michael Jackson was on hand the night Sheryl Piland won the program in 1978.

Michael Jackson through the years has been a friend of Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International. He will be truly missed!

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#### Youth Development Foundation, Inc. Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International®

### "Promoting Culture & Education through the Performing acts

Youth Development Foundation, Inc. (YDF) is a non-profit tax-exempt organization that promotes culture and education through the performing arts. Founded in 1971 by Hal Jackson, legendary radio personality, who has been named a "National Treasure" by the Smithsonian Institution, is a Broadcasting and Cable Hall of Fame inductee, a National Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame inductee, a Radio Hall of Fame inductee, and a Black Radio Hall of Fame inductee; provides a support system for girls which offers exposure, encourages cross-culture exchange and nurtures emerging talent from around the world while providing training, educational scholarships and travel opportunities for young women.

YDF showcases the intelligence and talents of girls 13 to 17 years of age from the United States and abroad. The program is open to all ethnic groups with an emphasis on diversity and intercultural awareness. Program participants typically are average or above academically and have performing talents. These young ladies want to use their gifts as a platform for attaining their secondary educational goals.

State and country programs are held from January through June in approximately 30 states and 10 countries. Area programs provide activities dedicated to youth, education and community involvement. Additionally as a part of each program, girls participate in a series of training sessions and local competitions where they are judged in categories demonstrating academic abilities, talent and stage presence. State and country winners move on to the international event—Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International (HJTTI) to compete to become Miss Talented Teen International.

The young ladies are brought together during International Week. They tour the competition city – visit radio and/or television stations to learn about operations behind the scenes in the media industry – visit restaurants to taste foods of different cultures attend Broadway shows and ultimately rehearse for their appearance on stage. Winners have received over \$1,000,000 in scholarships, prizes and inter-cultural trips abroad.

The Youth Development Foundation, Inc. via Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International assists in preventing drug abuse and pregnancy among youth by developing self-esteem and confidence, which is essential for the positive development of young ladies and success in all aspects of their lives.

HJTTI/YDF winners and/or contestants who have become success stories, include, but not limited to civil court judge Tanya R. Kennedy, principal Delise Jones, Jada Pinkett Smith, Ce Ce Peniston, the late Michelle Thomas, Vanessa Williams, and Sheryl Lee Ralph.

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### Cynthia Foreman

Hal Jackson's Miss. Black Teenage America 1972

Cynthia Lewis Foreman started a pie company in 2006 in Oakland, California. There she and her staff manufactures and distributes her signature line 2-inch Sweet Potato pies and Pecan pies. The Sweetie Pies are sold in local California based stores and across the country through her website. Recently, the pies were a hit for the VIP's at Tavis Smiley's State of The Union in Los Angeles, The NAACP pre-party for Tisha Campbell (star of Chris), Bill Russell's Fantasy Basketball Camp at the Wynn Hotel in Las Vegas, The NFL Retired Players Convention and The Joe Morgan Golf Tournament for Inner City Youth Programs. Hopefully, after August you will be able to enjoy Sweetie Pies on a major airline carrier.

Ms. Foreman often refers to herself as the "new" Aunt Jemima in a male dominated industry. Sweetie Pies is 100% woman owned and operated. Being an entrepreneur does have its challenges but there are also pluses as well like being able to give back to the community whether it's through fundraising efforts or being an advocate for batter women. This year, we were able to employ more teens part-time and one full-time. And this fall, we will be offering Self Esteem Workshops to young ladies 13 to 17; you don't have to guess where that inspiration came from. Congratulations, Miss Talented Teen International Family for 39 years! I can truly say that being a contestant and a winner was an experience of a lifetime and I will cherish the memories forever. I thank God for giving Hal Jackson the vision to create Miss Talented Teen International. THANK YOU, Hal and Debi! Love You, Cynthia Lewis Foreman, President, Sweetie Pies

Cynthia Foreman's

#### Denise Du Maine

Miss U.S. Talented Teen Pageant & Revue 1974

Denise Du'Maine, is the first from the "show-me" state of Missouri to be crowned winner of Hal Jackson Talented Teens International. Denise's talent was a self-choreographed Dance--a combination of Modern, Jazz & Ballet set to Donald Byrd's "Flyte Time. Denise went on to receive a full dance scholarship to college and graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. After graduation, she began touring both domestically and internationally, and made her living as a Singer

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and Dancer. After touring with Paul Robi's World Famous PLATTERS (Los Angeles). Denise returned to New York (her roots) and resumed her acting on Stage, Film and TV. Her numerous professional credits include "Dorothy" THE WIZ and "Angel Allen" BLUES FOR AN ALABAMA SKY along with Under Five & Featured work on Law & Order (the mother ship). Special Victims Unit & Criminal Intent; OZ, UGLY BETTY AMERICAN GANGSTA & the principal role of "Aunt Patty" in the upcoming Indy Feature; "HAPPY HOLIDAZE" by Filmmaker/Director Derrell Lawrence of Headliner Entertainment in Philadelphia. Denise can be seen NOW and for at least the next 10 years as the 1800's Opera Diva, former slave, "Elizabeth Taylor Greenfield" (known as THE BLACK SWAN) at the African American Museum of Philadelphia. The exhibit, entitled "AUDACIOUS FREEDOM" openned to a gala ribbon cutting event on Friday, June 19th (Juneteenth) 2009 at the museum located on 7th & Arch in the heart of downtown Philly. Please visit www.aampmuseum. org for more details. Denise is also experiencing financial growth & success in a number of other related entrepreneurial ventures.



### Sheryl Piland

#### Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International 1978

Actress turned CEO of Kemi Enterprises. I owned a successful health store on Martha's Vineyard for seven years named The Vineyard Sanctum. I am currently importing and distributing hair and hair products around the world. The hair company is named Extendtech and the line of hair products is named Sheryl's Thairp'y. We have an online presence at www.extendtechhair.com My latest adventure is building leaders to achieve their personal and financial goals through the eFusjon energy club. You can go to www.icoach2winnow.com to find out more. Through my experiences of being a Talented Teen I've been afforded the opportunities to meet some of the world's finest individuals. I've gained the confidence to face many challenges and to never give up on my dreams and goals. Some I've achieved, some have changed but through it all I've



remained thankful for all God has blessed me with. Hal Jackson is one of the most gracious men and I thank him for his vision in giving young ladies like myself the chance to display their talents when there was no other forum for us to do that. His pioneering spirit has touched so many lives and I just hope he knows how much he means to me. Because of him I know the world is a much better place. Hal, I love you. Love Sheryl

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### Kimberly Brooks

Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International 1981

Kimberly Brooks is versatile and devoted to performing nothing but the best for her audiences. She recently had her dream come true by landing a series regular role on the hit SHOWTIME series HUFF. Working alongside an all star cast, Kimberly played Paula Dellahouse, a hilarious assistant to Hank Azaria.

Kimberly has become a familiar face to television audiences
with guest appearances on such shows as "Judging Amy,
"The Parkers, "The Bernie Mac Show, "Even Sevens, "The
Hugley's, "Martin, and "NYPD Blue. She also had a recurring
role as Chante' on "The Jamie Foxx Show. Her first television credit was a
role on the PBS series "Getting To Know Me, but she credits her starring role in "The Bad
Seed" at nine years old as the beginning of her career. Instilled with the acting bug, she studied her
craft very closely and at fourteen was crowned Miss Talented Teen of Baltimore and the, Miss Talented
Teen International. After graduating from college, she moved to Los Angeles and toured the United
States with hit off-Broadway shows such as Shelly Garrett's "Beauty Shop, and David E. Talbert's "Tellin'
It Like It Tiz.

Kimberly hails from Baltimore, Maryland and holds a degree in Television/Communications, from Villa Julie College. She currently resides in Sherman Oaks, California with her daughter and continues to encourage people to strive to make their dreams come true; because "If you can imagine it, you can achieve it, if you can dream it, you can become it...

### Myisha Richmond

Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International 1991

Myisha Richmond 1991 HJTTI winner has been dancing professionally for 22 years. She has toured with the late Gerald Levert, Ginuwine. Marques Houston to name a few. Myisha has worked with Legendary Choreographers. Tony Basil, Hinton Battle, Dave Scott and Fatima Robinson. You may recognize her from the Outkast Movie. "Idlewild" and many dance music videos. Myisha is a proud parent of two boys Dana Jr. & Danny. She currently is the Adult Program Director & Choreograher, at PISE (Postive Images of Self Expression). Performing Arts Center located in Carson, California.



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### Elony Mack

#### Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International 1995

Ebony Mack has been apart of the Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International family for over 14 amazing years! At the tender age of 13, Ebony is known in history as the youngest International queen to ever be crowned. She holds the titles of Hal Jackson's Talented Teen of Essex County, New Jersey and Miss International 1995. This experience was extremely rewarding and life changing for her and her entire family. This prompted her to give back to her community and volunteer her services to Hal Jackson's Talented Teens for over 8 years as a talent and speech coordinator, while helping other promising young ladies to develop their individual talents.



Since her winnings, Ebony has been successful in both her artistic and academic careers. She continues to pursue her music and broadcasting career and was selected as a Correspondent for 98.7 Kiss FM. She was named the "IMTA"-New York Female Model/Vocal Winner and was featured as a guest actress on the final season of "The Sopranos" Ebony is extremely honored to have been a featured background vocalist and writer on Luther Vandross' "Dance with My Father" album.

Ebony values education as well as the performing arts and is presently an enthusiastic, highly qualified third grade teacher in Hillside, NJ. She continues to make a deeply positive impact upon her many students, while educating them to be their best selves through education, character development and building self-esteem. She graduated with a 4.0 GPA, as valedictorian from Saint Peter's College with her Master's Degree in Educational Administration. She was awarded the "Buciarelli Award" honoring the top graduate student and is presently pursuing her Doctoral degree in Educational Policy and

Urban Studies. As a licensed Public School Administrator, she has also served as the Educational Director of the JL Watson After School Tutorial Program in Newark, NJ for over 4 years.

Helping our youth reach their next level of success is what Ebony strives to do in all of the many facets of her life. She is now honored on the 39th anniversary to share the role of Director of Hal Jackson's Talented Teens of New Jersey and Pennsylvania Competition, with her mother Angela L. Mack under their foundation, A NU DAY Youth Foundation; which stands for Advocating and Nurturing Unity while Developing Artistic Youth.

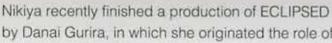
Ebony's love for the youth is a direct influence from her mother who has instilled in her the precious values of giving back. And now together as co-directors, educators and a dynamic mother and daughter team, it is such a delight to bridge the gap and pass on the rich legacy that all started from one innovative dream of the great Mr. Hal Jackson himself!

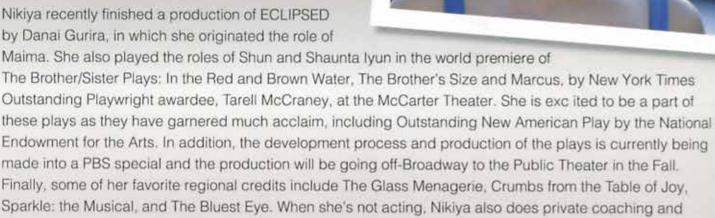
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### Nikiya Mathis

#### Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International 1998

Nikiya Mathis is Miss HJTTI 1998. She holds a BA in theater from Temple University and graduated in May of 2008 with an MFA from New York University's Graduate Acting Program. Always a lover of Shakespeare, she played the roles of Juliet and Tybalt in the Continuum Company's Romeo and Juliet in Florence, Italy. She has also performed off-Broadway at Classic Stage Company in the re-mounting of Romeo and Juliet and New York Theater Workshop in Sliding Into the Beast.







#### Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International 2001

works as a teaching artist with the New Jersey Performing Arts Center.

Della Hamby, also known as "Dellalicious" of A.S.I.I.D Dance Company is the youngest of two older brothers and shares the same name as her mother. Growing up Della was an honor student, varsity cheer captain, record setting hurdler, mega champion volleyball player, drumline "band geek" homecoming queen and international pageant title holder inspiring young ladies all over the world. As a teen, Della experimented with dance training at a local dance studio but ultimately devoted her high school years to pageants, sports and positive peer mediation. She was extremely dedicated to improving teen esteem and showcasing her talents to the world then and now. Although she loved keeping busy with extra curricular activities, she was inspired by movement and soon realized that there was nothing she would rather do than dance!

# Where Are They Now!

In 2003 Della was accepted into Wayne State University's dance department with a talent scholarship and graduated with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Fine Arts with a concentration in Dance in May of 2007

Since graduation Della has been featured on MTV's Randy Jackson Presents: America's Best Dance Crew, The America's Best Dance Crew Live Tour, has performed at Walt Disney World, World of Dance, The Northwest International Auto Show, Canobie Lake Park, with the WNBA Shock and several mainstream artists including Mariah Carey, Travis Barker, Slum Village, Katherine McPhee, and Donnie Klang to name a few.

As Della's career breaks through she continues to train and build a strong relationship with God. Now she is living in LA and dancing with with ASIID Dance Company, The Asylum Dance Company and The Far East Movement and loving it!

#### Tatiana Mc Connico

#### Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International 2003

Tatiana McConnico 19 years old, 2009 graduate of American Musical and Dramatic Academy, Los Angeles, Ca. Tatiana is currently Lead Vocalist for Royal Caribbean Production Company Miami, FL. Her travels will consist of Russia, Egypt, Jerusalem, Greece, Spain and France. Credits include: "American Idol" top 40; Rejoice, directed by Kenny Leon; Bagdad Café, European tour, directed by Percy Adlon; The Color Purple, directed by Gary Griffin; The Wiz, 2004, 2005 and 2007 directed by Kenny Leon; A Tribute to August Wilson, directed by Charles S. Dutton and that's just to name a few. She has appeared on Showtime at the Apollo, Star Search, Madison Square Garden with the likes of Alicia Keys and Frankie Beverly and Maze.





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### Nicola Dalrymple

#### Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International 2004

It has been five years since I was crowned Miss Hal Jackson's Talented Teen International 2004. These years though hectic have been tremendously rewarding. I have learnt to live life without fear of failure and without hesitation to achieve my goals. I have adopted the principle that I am the one who can make it happen and have translated this credo into every aspect of my life.

Within these five years, I graduated from high school after successfully completing my ordinary and advanced studies. After this it was unto pre-med in Trinidad, the Pre-Health Professions Programme, from which I graduated as the

Valedictorian. I continued my journey towards becoming

a medical doctor with the Bachelors of Medicine and Bachelors of Surgery

degree at the University of the West Indies. It is a rigorous five year program and being in it had thought me the importance of time management and consistency. I am now in my third year and anxiously looking forward to be out of the classrooms and into the work field where I could make an even greater contribution to society.

In addition to academics, I have managed to sustain a life in the arts. At university I have been involved in numerous concerts, where I perform solos, as part of choirs and the as a member of the modern, bamboo, hip hop and reggae dance groups. I also joined a band in which I'm a vocalist; we perform with various artists at numerous occasions throughout Trinidad and Tobago. Of all my music endeavors, I consider my greatest achievement to be my album "Waiting to be real" a project driven by Mr. Andy and Mrs. Bonnie Cole. Who knows, if u keep an eye out for me I may be on international music television networks soon.

I continue to enjoy every moment of my life, welcoming the ups and downs. The balancing of my cocurricular activities especially my music with medical school has not been a walk in the park. However, I have been able to do it and make it this far because of my love for them both. It is as the reggae artist Richie Spice puts it "Life is what u make it, and if u don't make who's gonna make it for you.

So I encourage you to always put your best foot forward, for it is you who holds the future in your hands, second to God of course (smile).

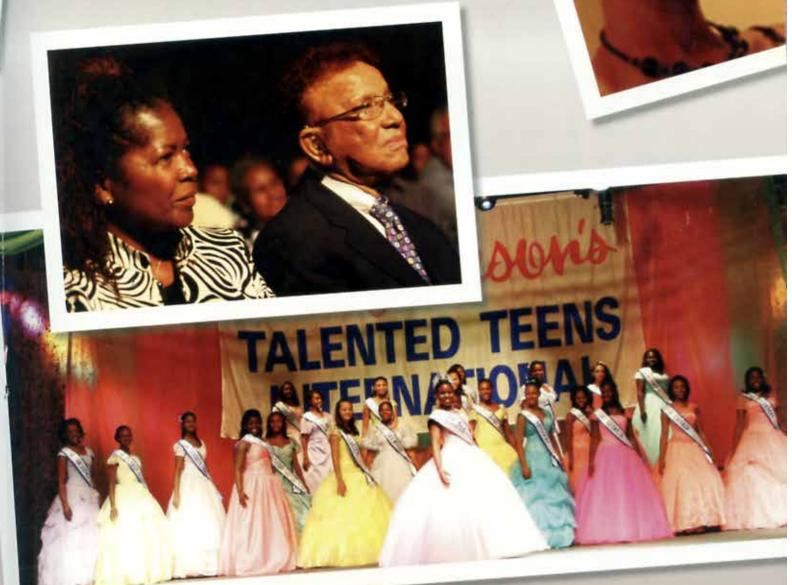


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### Raquel Winchester

#### Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International 2006

Examinations in 2008 and won a National Scholarship in the field of Visual and Performing Arts. In that year, I also competed in the Biennial National Music Festival and emerged victorious in several categories. After my graduation, I decided to take a gap year, and I returned to my high school as a Teacher's Assistant in the Art department. During this year, I also continued my study of music, and attained a merit in the Trinity School of Music's Grade Six Singing Examination. From August 2009, I will be attending American University in Washington, DC as an honors student, to pursue a degree in Graphic Design and Musical Theatre.







# 2009 Saledarship Program



Arkansas Allison Robinson, 14 Vocalist



Bahamas Ge-Ah Smith, 17 Vocalist



Canada Sabrina Lue, 15 Vocalist



Georgia Briyana Guadalupe, 14 Vocalist



Alexus Newson, 13



Louisiana Chloe' Joubert, 15 Instrumentalist Flute



New York Gianna Smith, 15 Vocalist



Nigeria
Deborah Adebayo, 14

Vocalist



North Carolina Daisha Lark, 13 Dancer

### HJTTI Partidipanter



Connecticut Najja Salmon, 17 Dancer



Delaware Nadjah Pennington, 17 Vocalist



District of Columbia Emily Kibler Vocalist



Maryland Nia Metcalf-Thomas, 16 Instrumentalist - Steel Pan



Missouri Kayla Moore, 16 Dancer



New Jersey Tiayna Cedillo, 14 Vocalist



Ohio
Gabrielle Turner, 16
Instrumentalist Violin



Pennsylvania Christina Cenexant, 15 Vocalist



St. Maarten Daneshka Sprott, 15 Praise Dancer

# 2009 Idelartip Program



South Carolina Lachune' Boyd, 17 Vocalist



Tennessee Kiana Billings,14 Vocalist



Trinidad Terneille Herbert, 17 Actress



US Virgin Islands Caprisha Richards, 14 Dancer



Virginia

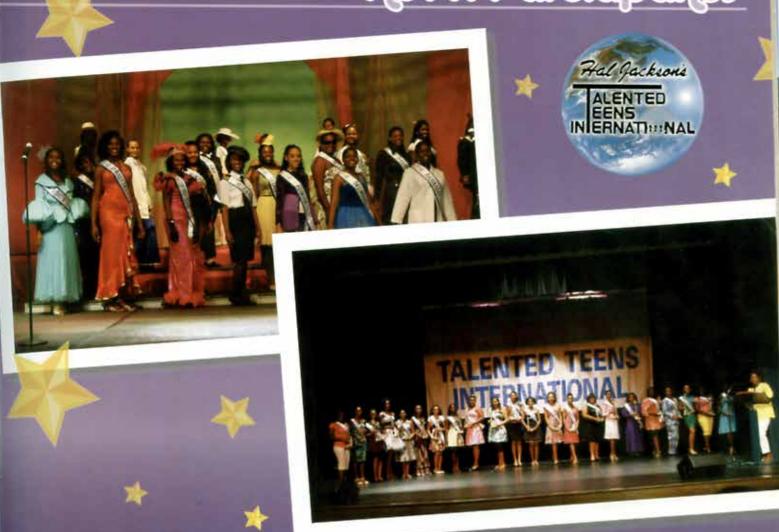
Jasmine Young, 16

Actress

good Level to all of your



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# Official Ballot Was better Judget

AV = Average	final scores in ink. I GD = Good	1,000	= Very Good		
I. Appearance (1-20 Points) A Youthful Teenage Appearance II. Personality and Achievement (1-15 Points) A Good Public Speaking Ability			AV = 1-6	GD = 7-12	VG = 13-20
			AV = 1-5	GD = 6-10	VG = 11-15
III. Performing Talent (1-40 Points)  Material with Universal Appeal			AV = 1-15	GD = 16-30	VG = 31-40
STATE/ COUNTRY	NAME	AGE	APPEARANCE 1-20	PERSONALITY 1-15	PERFORMING 1-40
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					

### Awards for Our 2009 Participants



#### Michelle Thomas Scholarships

HJTTI Winner Receives a \$5,000 Scholarship
The 1st Runner-Up Also Receives a \$2,000 Scholarship
The 2nd Runner-Up Receives a \$1,500 Scholarship
The 3rd Runner-Up Receives a \$1,000 Scholarship
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On Eye Opening Trip
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Courtesy of the BVI Tourist Board

a Trip to St. Croix, W. S. Virgin Islands Courtesy of Claire Roker, Talented Unlimited, Inc.

One Full Scholarship to Seton Hall University
Awarded to the First Entering High School Senior
Who Applies and Meets All Requirements

One Full Scholarship to William Paterson University

Awarded to the First Entering High School Senior Who Applies and Meets All Requirements

#### Each Contestant Receives

A Participation Trophy
An Official HJTTI Sash
An Official Talented Teens T-Shirt
An Official Talented Teens Tote Bag
A HJTTI Certificate of Achievement
An Intercultural Experience for a Week in New York City



## 2009 Shooting Star Awards

#### Michael Bivins

Michael Bivins first stepped on the music scene in 1983 as a member of the legendary RnB group New Edition becoming the face of bubble gum music around the world. While being the artist in the background learning and grooming his business skills he became the young inside man behind the scenes making deals and pushing the group's image and staying power to unprecedented heights throughout the 80's. When Motown records brought in music executive Jheryl Busby to succeed founding president Berry Gordy to head up chapter 2

he was granted a production company from Jheryl to go out and discover young talent that he called Biv Entertainment. The venture lead to groups such as Another Bad Creation (2 million sales) and Boyz II Men (11 million sales) off his first releases in the 90's to become the first young executive with that type of success and shot calling!

Michael has always been the man behind bringing music/sports to the masses of the world today. He hosted Running the Point on nba.com/tnt overtime's broadband channel as the voice of the world champions Boston Celtics and top players in the league giving you access and insight raising their online show up 22 percent in hits in his rookie season as a celebrity/commentator. MTV making the band 4 visionary Sean (Diddy) Combs brought him in to be his eyes and ears as he wanted to discover a reality show singing group to sign to his bad boy records. While reinventing himself to a broader and younger demo on screen he went from Artist Development executive on the show to also given credit as Creative Consultant on the most successful MTB4 show to date! He was featured in Urban Influence magazine as one of 2008's Men of Influence for his business and his many community events he does for youth in his hometown Boston, Mass. His urban lifestyle of music, entertainment & fashion will be reflected in his new company Sporty Rich Enterprises.

#### Terry L. Woodard

Terry L. Woodard is a Managing Director and Senior Banker of the J.P. Morgan Private Bank with over 20 years of industry expertise. Terry is responsible for handling the day to day wealth planning needs of wealthy entrepreneurs, families and individuals. Prior to joining the Private Bank, Terry attended the Firm's Credit Training Program and had assignments in product risk management and credit underwriting for the Firm.

Terry is the former chairman of the Private Bank's Diversity Council and most recently served as the Co-Chair of the Diversity Retention Committee. Terry chairs the Morehouse and Spelman College recruiting Team for Private Banking and is active in mentoring junior talent.

Terry joined J.P. Morgan Chase after graduating with a BA in Finance from Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA. Terry is a former board member for the Girls Scouts in Essex, Hudson and Union Counties of New Jersey. Terry lives in New Jersey with his wife and 2 children.







## Intercultural Week

### The ladies visited the city that never sleeps

#### OFFICIAL WELCOME TO NEW YORK CITY

The Contestants and State & Country Directors were given a Welcome to the New York City by Mayor Bloomberg at a City Hall Reception Sponsored by The Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce

> The Young Hopefuls went to a concert in Brooklyn Featuring Keyshia Cole and Lyfe Jennings

We cruised around the NY harbor and saw the Statute of Liberty

They had lunch at Miss Mamie's Spoonbread

We Shopped 'Til We Dropped in Times Square

#### 9711 ANNUAL SHOOTING STAR AWARDS DINNER

TThe 2009 Representatives along with the State & Country Directors Saluted
Michael Bivins & Terry Woodard

Hal Jackson Celebrated 70 Years of Broadcasting with his Talented Teens
At Tavern on the Green

Performance by 2008 Winner – Miss Amirah Garwood Lifetime Achievement Award presented to Mr. Jackson by Lionel Richie

#### PRELIMINARY NIGHT RECEPTION

HJTTI Directors, Family & Friends Partied with the 2009 Delegates
Hosted by Cynthia Horner



## Miss HJTTI 2008

## amirah & Garwood

Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International and Missouri Queen 2008

Guess what? It was the trip to New York City, Sept. 2008. That I realized this!!!

Amirah Ellesse Garwood, "You are the Hal Jackson's International Talented Teens winner!"

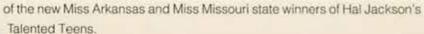
"Awesome, Yes I shouted!"

With my mother, Juliuna, sister, Khaliah, Grandmother, Judy and the State Director, Lady Merdine. We began an awesome journey to the "Big Apple" New York City. My eyes became glazed over the many historical sites such as; Camegie Hall, Holocaust Museum, Ground Zero, Radio City Music Hall, Central Park and of course BROADWAY!

You know it would not be New York without a fancy swank hair-do by none other than the "Hair Doctor" Ms. Anne. A perfect manicure, pedicure and crazy shopping to make a queen feel like true royalty. By this time I was marinating in my new title, "Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International Winner."

Still tender I returned to the "Show Me" state Missouri! This is where the duties of being royal began. Let me share with you some of the activities and events that I was honored to participate in. Gladys Knight and her 100 Voice Choir, wow, was that an experience. Ms. Knight loved the Talented Teens Crown. She said she could see it from 100miles away.

Then it was the Ebony Fashion Fair, Gateway Sports Annual Football Spectacular, Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday Celebration, Annie Malone Children's Home Gospelfest and countless other appearances. The latest and the greatest was the crowning







## Farewell Address

Did I mention the most memorable and endearing time for me was when the legendary, Mr. Hal Jackson and his lovely wife Debi "B" came to my city St. Louis Missouri. They met my father, Michael Garwood and other members of my St. Louis, family and my special Missouri Talented Teens friends who were contestants for the Missouri program. You can believe me the city was humming with excitement.

We had photo shoots with the Mayor and License Collector along with the Jackson's seeing the "Big" Arch. Then it was on to the Scott Joplin House, Old Court House (place where Dred Scott decision was made). This was just a glimpse of the fun, activities and excitement that came with the Jackson's presence.

Being Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International 2008 has opened many doors of opportunity for me Doors that I may never have experienced without Mr. Jackson's and Ms. Debi.

I offer you my sincerest gratitude and thanks.

Above all, I would like to thank God for placing me in a position to receive this blessing.

To my wonderful parents and sister Michael, Juliuna and Khaliah

My Grandmother, Judith

My Director, Chaperone Lady Merdine

I say it is with love, humility and grace, Thank-You

Farwell is the common term of endearment for a queen relinquishing her title

It has been a year well done and it is well with my soul.

To all of the contestants and my successor, I wish you love and luck as you embark upon this most fascinating journey.

Wear the Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International crown with respect and dignity.

Smooches and kisses

















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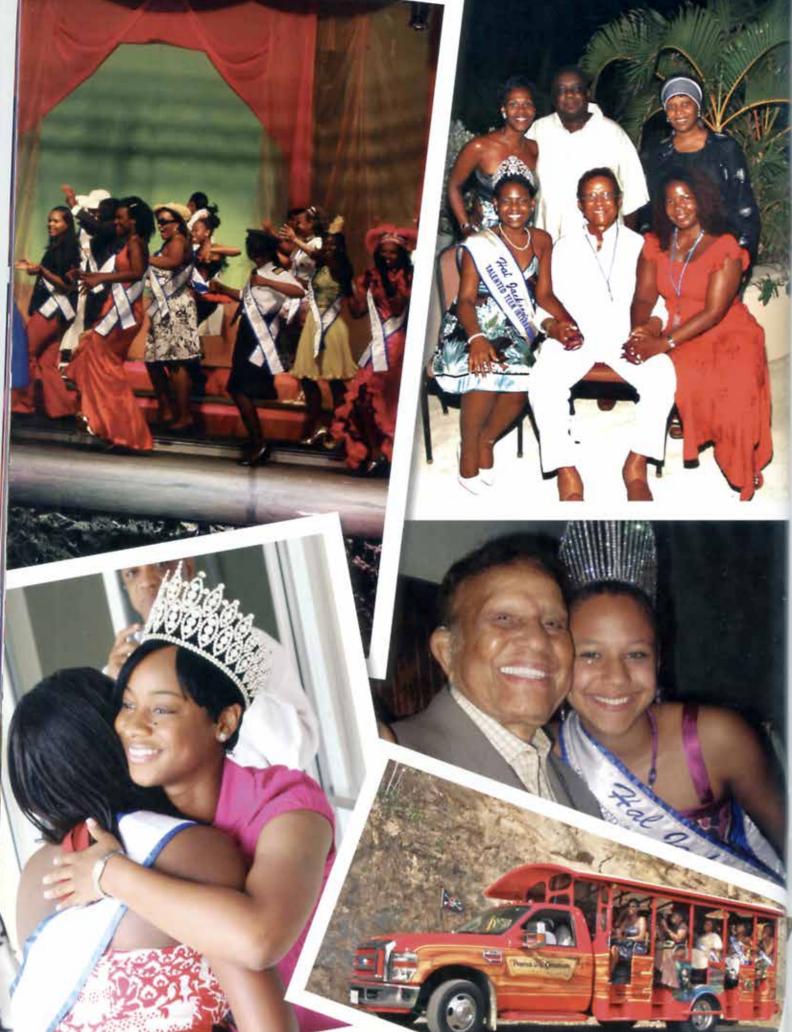
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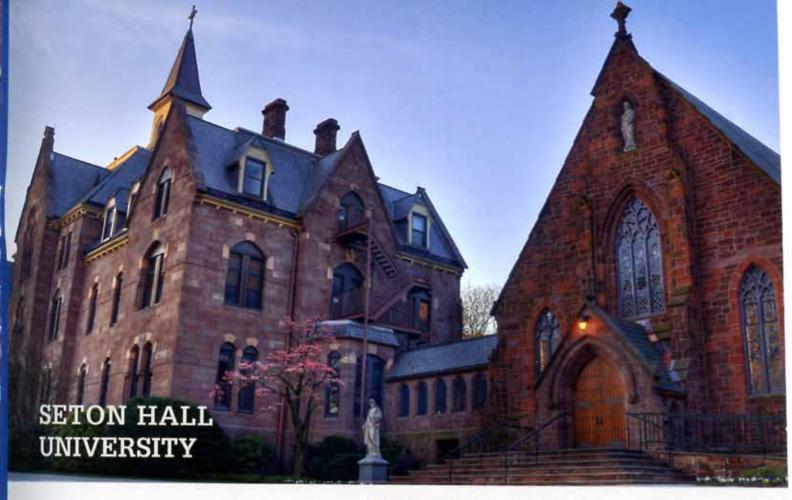
Give civilization a rest... Ti'll be our little secret.

Let's not sleep in a bed tonight mommy. I think we all should sleep right here under Mr. Sun. she said quietly.

The adventures among our natural, lush surroundings are as many as there are lish in the sea. Yet sometimes

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