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# PROGRAM MENU

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## INTRODUCTION

Mrs. Gretta Burroughs,  
SIS Public Relations & Mistress of Ceremony

## OCCASION IMPROMPTU ADDRESS

The Honorable Michael B Hancock, Mayor of Denver

## SPONSOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Derrick Fuller, SIS Compliance Contributor

## NEGRO NATION ANTHEM

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## INVOCATION

Mr. Gerald H. Hitch, SIS Senior Liaison

~~BREAKFAST~~

## ARTISTIC EXPRESSION

The Final Four, Liturgical Dance Ministry

## SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

Mrs. Ednavilene M. Marcanno,  
SIS Scholarship Coordinator

## MUSICAL SELECTION

## BEACON OF LIGHT & COMMUNITY PRESENTATION

Mrs. Ednavilene M. Marcanno,  
SIS Scholarship Coordinator

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Ms. Gretta Burroughs, SIS Public Relations & MC

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Minister Javon Bracy

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Jerilyn Hitch-Fuller, SIS Chief Executive Officer



# A Few Words from the Chief...

Good Morning, Beloved!!

Today, we are celebrating our 20th year of scholarship and service to our community and others!! Gods Is Good!! Our theme today is "Be Empowered and dream your biggest dream..." , Sisters In Service was a dream for me. What is a dream? According to Webster's "a succession of images, ideas, emotions, and sensations that usually occur involuntarily in the mind during certain stages of sleep. The content and purpose of dreams are not fully understood, although they have been a topic of scientific, philosophical and religious interest throughout recorded history. The research states that dreams happen more often when we are sick, full of food, weighed down with anxiety, or in a real deep sleep. Sometimes there is no explanation of our dreams, even as many seek to find psychological reasons. Dreams are vivid and seem to not follow the standard linear sequence that we have in normal life. Dreams carry unforgettable images and events. Yet, as soon as we have a dream, we forget about it. We wake up, and it is gone. But if you are the architect of your dream you design it and build it to your own specifications.

*"Dare to Dream big dreams; only big dreams have the power to move men's souls" .-Marcus Aurelius*

To stand in your dream you must first empower yourself to allow yourself to dream. Allow yourself to imagine and fantasize that you have all the time, all the money, all the education, all the experience, all the friends, all the contacts, all the resources, and everything else you need to achieve anything you want in life. If your potential were completely unlimited, what kind of a life would you want to create for yourself and your family? Create a vision for yourself for the long-term future. Create a clear mental picture of where you are going in life and set clear career goals, you become more positive, more motivated, and more determined to make it a reality. You trigger your natural creativity and come up with idea after idea to help make your vision come true. The very act of allowing yourself to dream, big dreams actually raises your self-esteem and causes you to like and respect yourself more. It improves your self-concept and increases your level of self-confidence. It increases your personal level of self-respect and happiness.

What if you fail? You will, nothing is guaranteed BUT you have to try. It is a practice that then becomes a habit. Once a habit it will become your way of life and once a way of life you have attain freedom. Once you are free you have empowered yourself to do whatever it is in your heart. Press forward and create your own dreams. "Follow through" is the key, persistence, tenacity and growth are the necessary elements to securing your dream. SIS was my dream I had no idea I would be standing here in front of you 20 hence. But, I know I wanted to do something to fulfill my promise to God! Thank you so much for being a critical part of that dream to help just one to build to 143 youth attain their higher educational goals. The No's suck BUT when you get a Yes, a check, a wad of cash from a sponsor that gets it. I can't express the feeling of satisfaction, pride and confidence that I get time after time. God is Good! In His time He will reveal your purpose. He did that for me! I was bargaining with God... if you do this for me, I will promise to do this for you. At the time I didn't understand that wasn't what GOD requires of me. I needed something, I found myself in a pickle and felt I had to offer up this promise to do the right thing. The Right Thing, that should be obvious BUT I didn't know. I pleaded for His De-vine assistance in making this thing happen. He made a way and I had to follow-through.

I graduated from college and had a great job, got a promotion and was living my life like it was golden. Then one day it dawned on me I had something I had to get done. I remembered my promise that I conveniently, tucked away. How can you duck out on God? You can unless you are morally messed up. Thinking, I was between a rock and a hot place, I know I had to get it done and again respond to this nagging feeling in my mind. I know what I wanted to do, I thought about it and some sort of plan I thought and it was going to be easy...to give away money, how hard is that? What would be the issue? I will tell you, the IRS is the issue. Rule and Regulation are the issue...doing the right thing the right way... is the issue. I worked on it a bit on my own became frustrate and put it down. A bit later, picked it up again and again became frustrated but thought I would run it by a few people. Fire-fighters!! Those type of people that worked to put out my fire. So irritated but I held to my promise I work further and as a last resort, I thought I would share it with my Sorority Sisters.

They were quick to help me re-organize and took on pieces to which they had experience. After two years of preparation, submission, research, conversation, trial and much error, we were granted our 501c3 non-profit status with the help of several strategic mental genius Mr. Steve at the IRS and Mr. Gerald H. Hitch. We had to officially legitimize and separate publicly from the sorority but retaining the support. Then launched our business name, secured our license and provided the necessary documentation and the \$1,109.17 raised in that time it took to establish the foundation to start our foundation. The rest is history. In the years there has been highs and very, very lows. We had growing pains, difference of opinion and direction and course correction. But we never lose sight of the mission or who supported us or who we serve. Year 1 through 10, we were just getting started.

As of our 10th Anniversary, we had a new look, new board and new attitude. We decided to dream bigger and be more innovative and active and set bigger goals. We stepped out on faith more and became bolder. With a working board, set vision and new avenues to charter we had to push forward and as a result we have been very successful using our God given talents and creativity to not only ask for support but able to offer tangible products made specifically for the purpose of building funds for our scholars. We have be fortunate enough to serve our community and instruct our partners in how to fish and eat for more than one day! In this 20 years, SIS has been instrumental in doing some awesome things. Let me share a few; building a school library and sponsoring over 1322 books. We sponsored a community created mural and dedicated it to the Tuskegee Airmen. We have assisted several African students complete their college education on Liberia. We have purchased 8 Female Goats for women in Ethiopia. These animals were needed to start businesses in selling meat, milk and cheese. In addition we have been instrumental in assisting other organization in their efforts to create and promote youth entrepreneurial community events and funding programing for several community partners. SIS has sponsored several, Holiday/ Thanksgiving Sock drives, Meals for the Elderly, Beautiful Baby Contests, Toilettes for the Homeless Hotel, Dressing for Success and Back to School Uniform drives. Coats for Hope in addition to School Supply and Food Pantry drives in addition maintaining our own focus and mission.

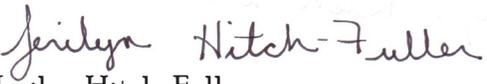
Since, 2000 with the outstanding support of our tremendous sponsors, we have been able to help 143 youth in attaining their higher educational goals. We have secured over \$164,000.00 and given 100% to our scholars in tuition assistance, stipends and book awards and third party sponsorships as listed above. God is Good!!, God is Good!! Thank you for your attendance and for your support of this mission. It hasn't been easy as a matter of fact it damn hard and I want to run away and thrown in the towel. I get in the nerves of my board with my tears and concerns why, they don't get it what wrong with what we are doing. Why them and not us...what are they doing so well? Then I remember to stay in my lane and do my best and what God has for me is for me. I think back to my promise and how that promise evolved and regardless of the hardship, failures, tears, good vs. bad money and such...I had to remember that I dream this dream, I have worked on this dream, I sell this dream and work to make this dream happen so I have been consistent and God will provide.

God has provided for us and He has delivered you our faithful, and consistent sponsors. Thank you for providing much needed help for those that are unable to help themselves. Thank you for planting that seed, because it will be gifted back to you!! Thank you for all that you have done and will do! I want to take this time to Thank, each and every one of you that has purchased ticket(s) and/or advertisements. Please know that, you're deeply appreciated and needed.

To the Community Award Winners, this event was created to recognize your outstanding contribution to your community. Your commitments have been exemplary the hard work inspirational to everyone. Well done!! May God continue to Bless you all the days of your life. To our, Scholarship winners! Continue to do your level best, in all that you do, dream your biggest dream and get out of the way. Be prepared because what you ask for may be bigger than you thought. Hear Me!! I know what I'm talking about. Inquire God in all that you do and have a plan. Keep your head on a swivel, always looking for opportunities to learn, grow and help where needed.

To the faithful members of SIS...a working community of giving souls, able to stand and fill the need!!  
May God continue to Bless you in a special way!

Sisterly,

  
Jerilyn Hitch-Fuller  
Sisters In Service, Chief Executive Officer



*Michael B. Hancock*  
Mayor



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Greetings:

It is my pleasure to send this letter of congratulations to each of the 2020 Hearts of Gold Awardees. Each of you have used your unique gifts, talents, and resources to make an impact on the lives of others.

This year we celebrate Ms. Cheryl Williams-Carter for her dedication to working with the Colorado Beautillion Cotillion, Inc.; Coach John Sullivan, for shaping champions at Vista Peak High School; Patricia and Ronald Fontenot, for their commitment to helping students master basic technology skills; Mr. Brandon L. Bruce, from Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., Denver Alumni Chapter, for the fraternity's partnership and leadership in guiding young men towards a richer and more productive lives through scholarships, mentorships and life skill training; and Shangra-La Jones for her dedication to the mission of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Beta Rho Sigma Denver Alumnae Chapter. Congratulations to all of you and thank you for all that you do.

To the Hearts of Gold officers, members, sponsors and volunteers, thank you for lifting this year's awardees as they lift the communities that they serve. Best wishes for an abundant 2020.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Hancock", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael B. Hancock  
Mayor

# LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

~James Weldon Johnson~

Lift every voice and sing  
Till earth and heaven ring  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;  
let our rejoicing rise,  
high as the list'ning skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea  
sing a song full of faith that the dark past has taught us,  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,  
bitter the chast'ning rod,  
felt in the day that hope unborn had died;  
yet with a steady beat,  
have not our weary feet,  
come to the place on which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,  
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our star is cast.

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
thou who has brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who has by thy might,  
led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray  
lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee,  
lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee,  
shadowed beneath the hand,  
may we forever stand,  
true to our God,  
True to our native land.



# Sisters In Service



## THE STORY...

The organization now known as Sisters In Service, was developed from a desire to do more. Jerilyn Hitch-Fuller, recent graduate and transfer from Gamma Omicron Undergraduate Chapter Denver, now member of Beta Rho Sigma Denver Alumnae Chapter, had a brilliant idea that she just couldn't get off the ground. After a while of working on her own with no true result or actual direction, she thought she would mention her concerns in the hope for some direction. In a chapter meeting, she expressed her frustration with the many barriers she incurred in trying to establishing an independent foundation.

Her Sorors rallied together and after several conversations, focus groups and planning meetings, steps were taken to formulate Sisters In Service. After several years of research, review and state and federal tax submission requests. Sisters In Service was granted their 501(c)3 non-profit determination, June of 2000 and became an autonomous body, with the support of Beta Rho Sigma Denver Alumnae of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated affiliation.

The founding members of Sisters In Service are;

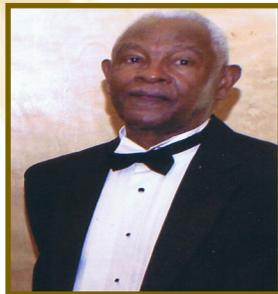
The Late Ms. Jennifer A. Carter, Ms. Datina Goodwin, the Late Mrs. Ernestyne Thatch Henry, Mrs. Jerilyn Hitch-Fuller, Ms. Glennetta R. Jackson, Ms. Shawnetta K. Madden, and Mrs. Gloria Scroggins.



Mrs. Jerilyn Hitch Fuller  
Chief Executive Officer



Mrs. Edee M. Marcanno  
Scholarship Chairwoman



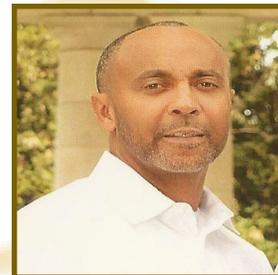
Mr. Gerald H. Hitch  
Senior Community Liaison



Mrs. Barbara Hitch  
Spiritual Advisor



Mrs. Gretta M. Burroughs  
Community Relation Liaison



Mr. Derrick Fuller  
Compliance Liaison

# *The Sisters In Service Scholarship*

**W**ith the cost of higher education rising, and the availability of funds diminishing, the members of Sisters In Service recognized an opportunity to lend assistance. It is our endeavor to provide resources to young people who are reaching towards and achieving their higher educational goals. The Sisters In Service Scholarships is awarded to candidates who are Colorado inhabitants and, Native of the United States of America. They are between the ages of 17 and 23 and plan to attend or currently attending a Trade School, College or University within the state of Colorado.

The candidates must complete the official SIS Application and submit it, in a timely fashion, supported with the required documentation. In addition present an essay and submit to a personal interview. Once all of the information and documentation is compiled and reviewed in its entirety, the Scholarship Award Winners are chosen first and foremost based on academic achievement and financial need.

The members of Sisters In Service are dedicated to this process and practice fairness and equality. We request your assistance, if you are aware of a student that meets the above criteria please point them to our website, [SISTERSINSERVICE1.ORG](http://SISTERSINSERVICE1.ORG)

Our Scholarship Application opens November 1st each year and is due back by December 31st.

Thank you deeply for your support and generous assistance of this mission and our deserving youth.



# Scholarship Winners

## 2000 through to 2019



Kamaria A. Abdullah  
 Felicia Abram  
 Armando Alvarez  
 Kierra Arceneaux  
 Jorge Armendarez  
 Larissa R. Borne  
 Tristian Bryant  
 Logan Bruce  
 #Sara Brunelli  
 Destanie Bulter  
 Whitney Butler  
 Vadessa Camack  
 Porsjai Campbell  
 Jackie Campuzano  
 Jennifer Campuzano  
 Vanessa L. Cantu  
 \$Jennifer Carrillo  
 Tanesha Carter  
 Kristy V. Chaparro  
 McKenzie Cook  
 \*Breanna Dahlin  
 Carla Delande  
 Jibril Dibble  
 Jaiden Emerson  
 Lauren M. Felker  
 Monique S. Ferguson  
 Ashley Filer  
 Kaya L. Fisher-Taylor  
 Zuleima Galez  
 Cherelle B. Garcia  
 Myrisa Garcia  
 Raquel L. Garcia  
 Christina N. Garlington  
 #Jakiyah Glasco  
 Tania Granados  
 #Crystal Griggs  
 Zoe Griswold  
 Stephanie D. Hay  
 Stepahine J. Hilton  
 Alexandera F. Hoefler

Malia Jackson  
 Veronica Jaramillo  
 Linda Jimenez  
 Alajuwon T. Johnson  
 Joyce Joseph  
 Natalie M. Kazaleh  
 Kelsey M. Keenen  
 Rashina E. Lee  
 Teresa Long  
 La'Niece Littleton  
 Renee M. Martinez  
 Elizabeth R. Marquez  
 \*Nathaniel S. Marshall  
 \*Sarah Marshall  
 Diantha McAllister  
 Nashon Miles  
 Abigail Mitchell  
 Larry "Tre" Martin III  
 Tashara May  
 Desirea Murphy-Hayes  
 Tah Jazmin A. Muro  
 Ijsha Moore  
 Suzette Montes  
 Brandi Mungel  
 Aaron R. Nevarez  
 Leslie Nguyen  
 Thy Thy Nguyen  
 Chanel M. Patrick  
 Britni L. Parker  
 Andrea Pickford  
 Jireh Pulley  
 Adan Ramos  
 Kayla Range  
 Joy Reynolds  
 Alejandra Reza  
 Joella Rodriguez  
 Hawa Sako  
 Juan Sanchez  
 Michelle F. Sanchez  
 Gretchen L. Schluter

Ashley Scroggins  
 Kayla Shaff  
 Lorrena Slaton  
 Celeste S. Tamayo  
 Brittney Taylor  
 London Thatch  
 Monique R. Tofoya  
 Sharee A. Thomas  
 Sydney M. Thurman- Baldwin  
 Chelsie H. Schwartz  
 \*Anjuli Y. Tuck  
 \*Lisa M. Tyma  
 Perla Yanez  
 Jasmine M. Young  
 Taylor Youngblood

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 #Book Stipend

*Genesis 26:12*

*Now Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold.  
 And the LORD blessed him.*



# 2020 Scholarship Winner's

Each year we give awards to outstanding scholars. And each year we ask them to stay in touch, we would love to know how you are doing. Also, each year we do this work very seldom do you received acknowledgment of your investment into these individuals. Of course we don't do it for accolades BUT it is so nice when you do. And they took the time to place pen to paper to just say Thank You in this busy world!! This year we wanted to acknowledge and reward two outstanding students for doing just that.



*Mr. Larry "Tre" Martin, III*

Colorado State University

Field of Study : Business | Minor: Fashion

**Sisters In Service, Sapphire Award Winner \$750.00**

*Ms. Brandi Munger*

Metropolitan State University

Field of Study : Education | Minor: Social Services

**Sisters In Service, Sapphire Award Winner \$750.00**



# Heart of Gold Program Contributor's



*"Dare to dream! If you did not have the capability to make your wildest wishes come true, your mind would not have the capacity to conjure such ideas in the first place.*

*There is no limitation on what you can potentially achieve, except for the limitation you choose to impose on your own imagination. What you believe to be possible will always come to pass-to the extent that you deem it possible.*

*It really is as simple as that."*

*--Anthon St. Maarten*

# Minister Javon Bracy

## 2020 KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Minister Javon Bracy was born, raised, and educated in New Orleans, LA. She graduated from Xavier University of Louisiana with a degree in English Language and Literature. In addition to graduating Magna Cum Laude, she earned honors in English and Theology.

Minister Javon spent several years working and serving in the education and youth development sectors. She was a Team Leader for City Year New Orleans and the Assistant Program Manager at Grow Dat. Minister Javon also returned to work at her Alma Mater, Xavier, as the Advisor and Outreach Coordinator for the Center for Undergraduate Research and Graduate Opportunity, as well as the Program Director of the summer immersion program, SuperScholar EXCEL. She also worked with the youth ministry at her home church, New Zion Baptist Church, and with the youth of other churches and organizations around the city and state. She led retreats, taught vacation bible school classes, and spoke at various events.

In 2017, the Holy Spirit led Minister Javon to Denver, Colorado and the Iliff School of Theology. She is on track to graduate in 2020 with a Master of Divinity with a concentration in Social Justice and Ethics. At Iliff, she has been actively involved in Student Senate and has served on the leadership team of NAPAS (National Alliance of Pan-African Seminarians). In December 2018, she preached her initial sermon and was licensed to ministry at New Hope Baptist Church, where she presently serves on the Ministerial Team.

Minister Javon considers herself a “servant leader” who has always strived to support the growth and well-being of people and communities. She has been an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. since her initiation in 2011. In New Orleans, she served on various boards ~ a nonprofit, alumni associations, and a charter school. More recently, she has begun to focus on advocacy and fundraising for lupus support organizations since her diagnosis with lupus in 2016.



# The Final Four

## 2020 ARTISTIC SPOT-LIGHT

The Final Four debuted in 2013 at the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church's (CME) Kansas-Missouri Region Annual Conference held in Wichita, Kansas. The foursome performed a liturgical dance to the song 'Perfect People' by The Walls Group. Since then, they have continued to do praise/liturgical dances for CME Annual conferences. The name 'Final Four' was given by their father, Rev. Anthony Hill, Presiding Elder of Kansas District of the 3rd District of the CME Church. They are the final four of seven children by Rev. Hill and his wife, La Tasha Bruner-Hill.

Josiah is 15 yrs old and is a sophomore in High School. He enjoys playing football and weightlifting.

Jayden is 13 yrs old and is in the 8th grade. He loves to draw, plays the flute in his Middle School band, and is a self-taught pianist, guitarist, and drummer.

Jordan is 11 yrs old and is in the 6th grade. He plays the trombone in his Middle school band. Jordan is an active Boys Scout and enjoys serving his community. Jordan is also a skilled swimmer.

J'Nayia is 10 yrs. old and is in the 4th grade. She is a Junior Girls Scout and loves participating in community events.



The Final Four are active members of Cleaves Memorial CME Church, Denver, Colorado, where their dad is the Pastor. They are actively involved in the Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF) and are currently fundraising to attend the Connection Youth and Young Adult Conference in Greensboro, North Carolina in July 2020. The conference is held every four years and youth and young adults across the CME connection come together to learn about Christian principles, Christian Leadership and give praises to GOD!!

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# Cheryl Williams-Carter

## 2020 YOUTH ADVOCATE

Cheryl Williams-Carter is an alumna of the University of Northern Colorado and holds a Bachelors of Science degree in Business Marketing. She has a diverse professional background in: Marketing, Advertising, Communications, Sales, Concert Promotions, Event Planning, and Project Management.

Cheryl has over 30 years of experience working with some of the nation's largest financial, educational institutions and entertainment industry executives. To her credit she has numerous accomplishments and honors such a contributing writer for the National Credit Union Branding Strategies book, national conference speaker on customer acquisition and retention strategies, services a peer mentor and motivator.

Cheryl has several Community and Business Awards:

- Denver Urban Spectrum's "African American who Makes a Difference"
- Colorado Black Women for Political Action "Community Service Award"
- Sister Enterprise "Random Acts of Kindness"
- Come On In, Inc. "Outstanding Committee Member"
- Colorado Springs Elite Steppers Organization ~ "Mentor of the Year"
- Artist Collective "Bria's Impact Award"
- 100 Men Who Cook "Outstanding Service Award"

Cheryl is very passionate about the empowering the undeserved with a strong emphasis on the youth. Cheryl as served on numerous community in addition to the University of Northern Colorado's Alumni Association and their Scholarship Board.

In addition to working full time as Senior Marketing Manager in Higher Education/Hospitality she is the Founder and Executive Director for a promotional/marketing business and a non-profit organization: ACW Marketing and Event Planning, the Colorado Beautillion-Cotillion, Inc. These two entities have gained the respect of her peers in the Denver Metro community.



# Coach John Sullivan

## 2020 OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP



John Sullivan was born in Bangkok, Thailand to two teachers. John was raised overseas and moved to the United States when he was 12. He went to high school in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, where he was a 3-sport athlete in football, basketball and baseball.

After graduation, he went to the University of Delaware on a baseball scholarship and began studying engineering and geology. John moved to Colorado a few years after graduation from college in 1996 and began coaching at the youth level and obtaining his teaching certification.

In 2000, he began teaching at Rangeview High School and coaching football and baseball. His first head coaching job came in 2004 when he was hired to lead the girl's basketball program. During his time at Rangeview, he was named "Educator of the Year", twice and had stints coaching track and boys basketball as an assistant coach.

John started at a new school in 2013-2014, Vista PEAK. There, he was an assistant football and boy's basketball coach while teaching physics, engineering and AP physics. In 2015, John was hired to lead the Bison Football program as their head coach. The Bison have had winning teams in all years except one, and this year finished with an undefeated regular season record, making the playoffs for the first time in school history.

Coach Sullivan was named "Broncos Coach of the Week" and "Pioneer League Coach of the Year". The football program is built on developing the character of the student-athletes through positivity, hard word and competition.



The coaches work diligently to develop strong relationships with the players that last a lifetime. John currently serves as the Athletic Director for Vista PEAK.

# Ron Fontenot, Sr.

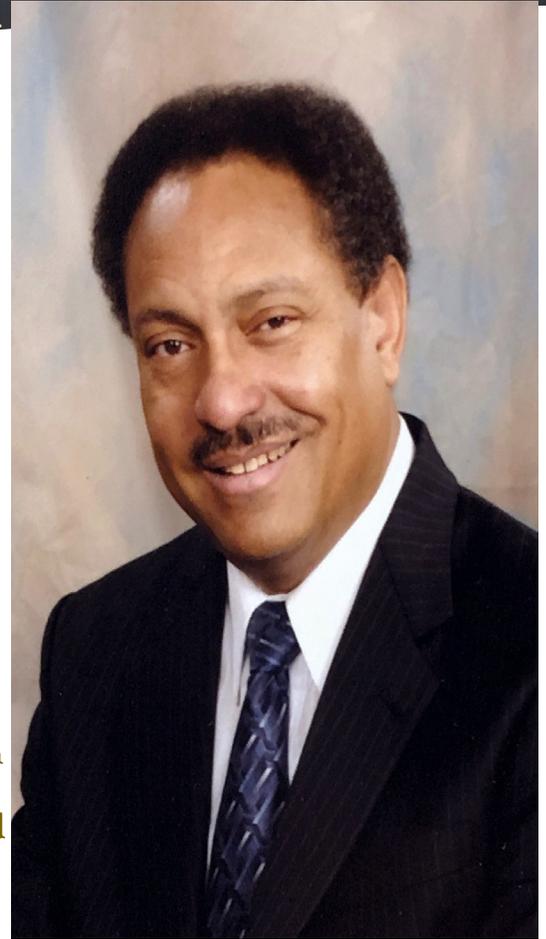
## 2020 OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVANT

**R**on Fontenot Sr. is President and Co-Founder (with John Henson) of Colorado Futuretek, which was incorporated as a Colorado non-profit corporation in 2010, and achieved 501(c)3 status in 2011. Since that time, Colorado Futuretek has provided tuition-free technical training and facilitated paid internships for many African American and other under-represented students in the Denver area.

Ron is a certified Cisco Networking Academy instructor and he teaches in the SummerTEK program. Over the years, Ron has also served as an instructor for Colorado Futuretek's Introduction to Computer Networks elective classes at DSST Montview High School, DSST Green Valley Ranch High Schools, and at the IST at Overland High School.

In addition to his work at Colorado Futuretek, Ron is an adjunct math instructor at the Community College of Aurora. He is also a volunteer instructor in CABPES' JETS program, which he helped to establish in 1980. Ron has been recognized by 9 Who Care and Channel 7 Everyday Heroes for his work with the JETS program. He was a 2010 recipient of the AKA MODEL Man Award for his leadership in serving the Denver community. Ron serves as a Deacon and Sunday School teacher at True Light Baptist Church.

Ron graduated from the University of Illinois, Urbana with BS and MS degrees in Electrical Engineering, and he studied at the University of East Africa in Nairobi, Kenya for a summer. He also holds CTE Authorizations in Information Technology and STEM in the State of Colorado. Ron retired after working as a Technical Manager and Design Engineer in Telecommunications and Data Communications Switching Systems development at AT&T Bell Labs/Lucent Technologies/Avaya. Earlier, Ron worked as a test engineer at Western Electric and as a pipeline automation engineer at Amoco Pipeline Co.



# Patricia Fontenot

## 2020 OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVANT



Patricia Fontenot is a founding board member of Colorado Futuretek Inc. She has served on the Board of Directors as Program Administrator for the past 10 years. She enjoys working with our young people, opening new opportunities for them, and helping them discover and develop their talents and abilities.

She is involved in planning, coordinating, and managing the programs of Colorado Futuretek, including: SummerTEK-6-week computer networking training program for high school students; Summer SilverTeks- 4-week class in which our students assist an adult instructor by tutoring senior citizens in the use of laptops and smartphones; Silver Saturdays- Monthly laptop and smartphone tutoring sessions for senior citizens; Introduction to Computer Networks- Elective classes at DSST Montview High School, DSST Green Valley Ranch High School, and at the IST at Overland High School.

Student Internship Program- Facilitates paid summer employment for students who excel in our training programs; Patricia also plays an active role in fundraising, grant writing and reporting for Colorado Futuretek. In addition to her work at Colorado Futuretek, Patricia is active at True Light Baptist Church, where she serves as a Deaconess and a Sunday School teacher. She has also donated hand knitted items to the Needy Newborns Program at Denver Health for the past 12 years.

Patricia graduated with a BA from the University of Santa Clara in California. She also studied for a year at the Institute of European Studies in Madrid, Spain. She earned a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from the

University of Illinois, Urbana. Upon moving to Denver, Patricia worked as Assistant Branch head of the Ross-Broadway Branch Library, and as Children's Librarian under the direction of Mrs. Pauline Robinson, the first African American Librarian hired by DPL, who was the Coordinator for Children's Services.



# Brandon L. Bruce

## 2020 OUTSTANDING FRATERNITY MEMBER

*A*s a community leader, Brandon lives his life adhering to a scripture taught to him by his grandmother Mrs. Betty Owens. "Let your light so shine before people, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father who art in heaven". Brandon Levi Bruce is a Denver native with the passion for his faith and community. He attended Denver East High School and graduated from Morehouse College with a bachelor's degree in Political Science. He has since completed his Master of Public Administration from Adams State University. Brandon began his career with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and works as a Business Project Manager at CenturyLink.

Brandon has demonstrated his heart for service and leadership by working as a leader at Cascade United Methodist Church in Atlanta, GA, as the Young Adult Ministry Chair. In this role he organized community service and other projects for a group of over 200 Young Adult members. As a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity INC, Denver Alumni Chapter, Brandon works with the Kappa League mentorship program and serves as the Chapter Keeper of Records.

In 2018, Brandon was named Co-Man of the Year by the Denver Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, for his service to the Chapter. Brandon has served as a board member for the Urban League Young Professionals for 5 years. He was elected President of the Urban League Young Professionals of Metro Denver in 2018. As President, Brandon has led the group to completing over 5 thousand hours of community service and increased the Chapter Membership by 58%. At the 2019 National Urban League Conference the Urban League Young Professionals of Metro Denver where awarded the Emerging Chapter of the Year Award for the Western Region under Brandon's leadership.

Brandon is an active member of the 100 Black Men of America Denver Chapter, The Urban League of Metro Denver Board, The Denver Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi and the Denver African American Philanthropist (DAAP). Brandon has also served on the Board of the Community Alcohol/Drug Rehab and Education Center. He enjoys volunteering and participating in the 100 Men Who Cook Black Tie fundraiser, winning the people's choice award for his dishes in 2019, 2017, and 2016. He also enjoys volunteering with Beautillion and Cotillion Inc. helping teach a choreographed ballroom entrance to the young men of the program, serving as a mentor, and Co-hosting the event in 2018.



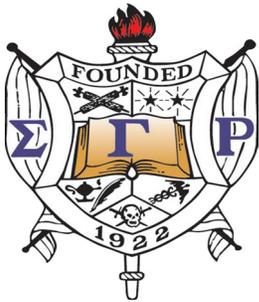
# Shangra-La L. Jones

## 2020 OUTSTANDING SORORITY MEMBER



Shangra-La Jones currently services as the President of Beta Rho Sigma Denver Alumnae Chapter, and also serves as the Regional Colorado State Director, Area VI for Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. She holds a Master of Public Administration and a Master of Finance from the University of Colorado and received an Auditing Certification from Emory University. She is a certified Performance Auditor and a certified Contracting Officer Representative (COR). She serves as a member of the Institute of Internal Auditor's, Board Member for the Jones Foundation and served as the Co-Chair for the Technical Review Board for government contracts. She is a facilitator/Instructor for The University of Denver YFYN Program. Shangra-La currently works for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Over the years, Shangra-La has demonstrated her commitment to "Greater Service Greater Progress" through her continued leadership, direction and support of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. National Initiatives. She has demonstrated her commitment to community service by developing partnerships with the March of Dimes, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Denver Health, CU Anschutz (Project Cradle Care) and the support of the sororities Breast Cancer and Wellness programs that are near and dear to her heart, since her surgery in 2018 and active recovery in 2019.



In her spare time she conducts financial literacy workshops in partnership with Denver Community Credit Union for Women of Color. Her workshops teaches the importance of saving and investing, budgeting, credit scores and how money works. Through the YFYN program, she works with families in public housing communities such as Clare Gardens and North Lincoln to name a few. She teaches families life and educational skills in hopes of ending the generational cycle of poverty within underserved communities. Shangra-La was acknowledged for her commitment to community service by receiving the True-Blue award during our Western Regional Conference in 2019.





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in all that you do  
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*To the*

*2020 Winners,*

*Continued success in all that you  
do  
and with  
everyone you encounter.*

*Blessings*

*Gerald & Barbara Hitch*

*May God  
continues to Bless you!!*

*That He  
helps you on your journey.*

*Scholars, this is just the beginning.  
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*-Annie L. Johnson*





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# Elma HAIRSTON



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Elma earned an Honorary Doctorate in Public Service, B.S. in Organizational Management, M.A. Integrated Marketing Communication and Corporate Etiquette Certification from the American School of Protocol. Elma comes from an expansive corporate environment and shares her own success story to inspire others to seek their authenticity to greatness.

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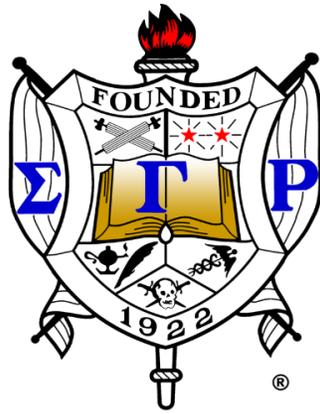
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Jerilyn Hitch-Fuller and Sisters in Service as you celebrate your  
20<sup>th</sup> Heart of Gold Scholarship and Community Awards Breakfast!*



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
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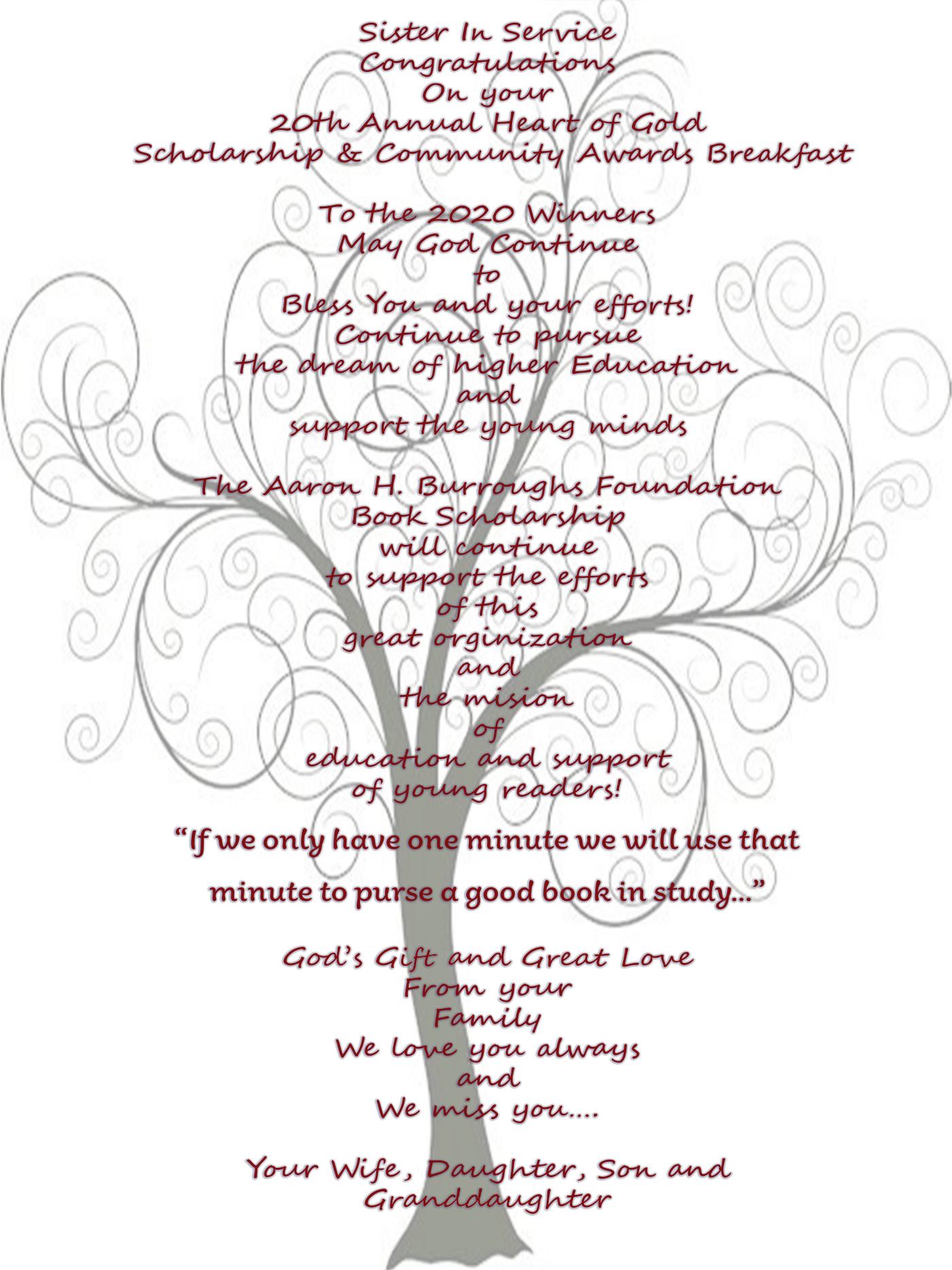
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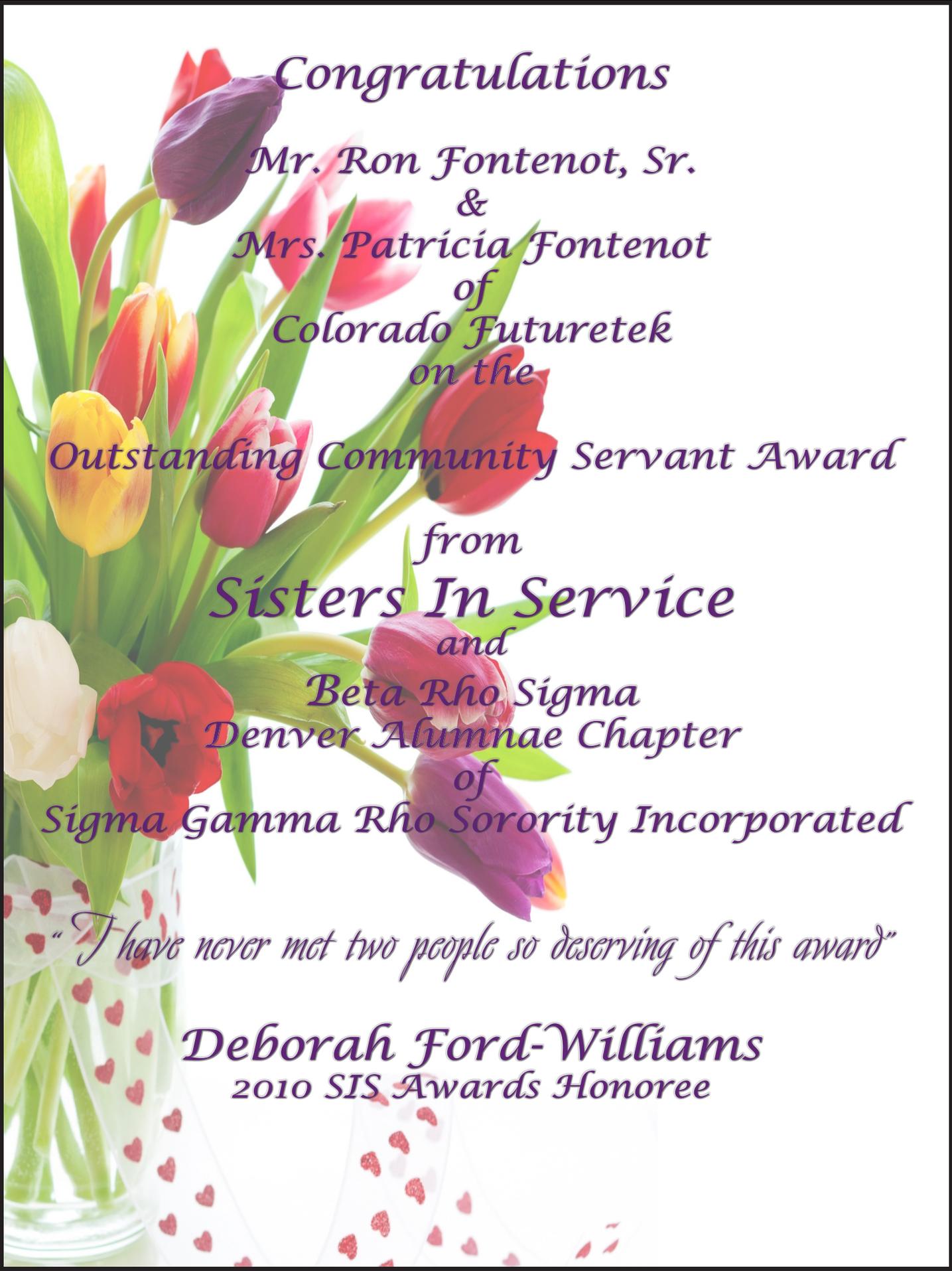
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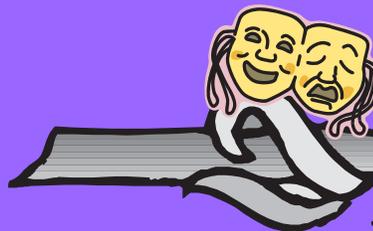
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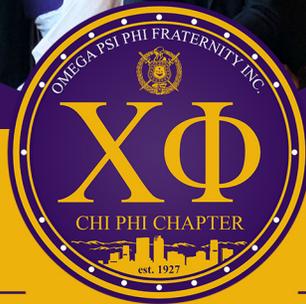
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