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The African American Students' League of La Salle

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demonstrated a commitment to traditional La Sallian values, made significant contributions to the community, and serves as an outstanding example to all La Salle students". Ira Davis is a graduate with these qualities. Our first recipient, Ira Davis, is a three time Olympian and a distinguished businessman in Philadelphia.

These are just two of the many graduates that inspire us. The African American students know that we will also be leaders. As future businessman, teachers and doctors, we hope to set a good example, as one was set before us.

Words To The Wise

February is the month that the African American Students' League has set aside to remember the struggle celebrate the many achievements of African Americans. By looking at such heroes as Martin Luther King, Harriet Tubman and George Washington Carver, we see people who reached for the stars. The African American Students' League is proud that we do not have to look that far back to see Black role models. We do not even have to look at Bill Cosby, Dr. Julius Erving or Oprah Winfrey. We have African American graduates that make us proud.

On February 1, We will be able to meet some of these people. That night will be our first ever African American Alumnae Reception. We, the students will be able to talk to La Salle Graduates about campus life, their professions, and other things of interest to us.

Two of our role models will be honored of that night. The award was named after Warren E. Smith '53, because of his dedication to La Salle. The distinguished psychiatrist. The award is given to "an African American La Salle University graduate who has achieved success in his profession,

Black Profile

Julius Lester: Author Professor Black American Jew

Born in 1939, Julius Lester spent his youth in the Midwest and in the South and received a B.A. in English from Fisk University in 1960.

Since then he has published more than one hundred essays and reviews in many well known publications. He also has published fifteen books, and one volume of poetry. Among the awards these books have received are the Newberry Honor Medal, the Lewis Carroll Shelf Award, National Book Award finalist and a list of many other accolades.

Mr. Lester has shown versatility by recording two albums of original songs hosted and produced a radio show on WBAI-FM in New York City for eight years. He then taught at the New School for Social Research for two years. After this, Mr. Lester became a faculty member at the University of Massachusetts/Amherst in 1971. He is presently a full professor in the Judaic and New Eastern Studies Department.

List of Activities

Thursday, February 1, 1990
Opening of the Art Exhibit
LaSalle's Art Gallery 12:30

Thursday, February 1, 1990
Black Alumnae Night
7:30-9:30 PM Dunleavy Room

Friday, February 2, 1990
Gospel Joy Night
7:00 PM Dan Rodden Theatre

Tuesday, February 6, 1990
"Cultural Literacy"
by Lucius Outlaw
6:00 PM Music Room

Thursday, February 8, 1990
Jazz Pianist, Don Kawash
6:00 PM Dan Rodden Theatre

Friday, February 16, 1990
A.A.S.L. Winter Semi- Formal
Dinner Dance
7:30 PM Dunleavy Room

Tuesday February 20, 1990
"Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness"
12:30 Music Room

Coming soon...

Spring Fling
Multi-cultural Dance

The A.A.S.L. are looking for men and women to model in the Fashion Show. Contact Sue Patton for details.

If you are interested in having your name on the A.A.S.L. mailing list, drop your name, address, occupation and date of graduation off at CU305 or Campus Mail Box 723.

Are you interested in having a pen pal from Africa? See Karen Shields in the Student Life office for details.

Would you like your poetry or veivs to be featured in the "Ebony Voice"? Drop of submissions to CU305.

Lift Every Voice

I Don't Cry Because I Know

In the pages of his story books, his story is not told.

On television the media has our story sold.

The newspaper only prints what sells,

which most likely are lies.

That is what it tells.

If you want to understand an African's life,

look into his child's eye,

captured in a world destined to die,

as clear as the sun on the stream.

Never to see further than his face.

Never to find his dream.

-T. Lenaire

This and That

The African American Students League is a member organization of the Philadelphia Intercollegiate African American Student Union. For more details contact Treena Jefferson or Carol Johnson in Union 305.