

Adkins Named Black Engineer of the Year

Rodney C. Adkins received the 2007 Black Engineer of the Year Award at the 21st Annual U.S. Black Engineer Conference in Baltimore, MD, February 15. Adkins is vice president of development for the IBM Systems & Technology Group. He leads IBM's \$2.5 billion R&D organization and is responsible for the development of IBM's portfolio of server, storage, printer, and technology products. His team of more than 13,000 technical professionals in 25 locations spanning 12 countries is responsible for more than half of the patents issued to IBM employees in 2005.



Rodney Adkins is featured on the cover of USBE & IT magazine.

During his tenure at IBM, Adkins has produced technologies and products including processors for Nintendo, Sony, and Xbox, IBM BlueGene and IBM pSeries—the world's fastest super computers, high-performance UNIX systems, industry-leading Blade Center systems, and brought to operation one of the first state-of-the-art 300mm silicon processing facilities. He is featured on the cover of the February/March issue of *USBE & IT* magazine.

Life Member Adkins is a 1979 Gamma Theta initiate and member of the Stamford Alumni Chapter. He earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in electrical engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Bakewell Purchases WBOK Radio in New Orleans

Danny J. Bakewell, a member of the Monterey and Los Angeles Alumni Chapters, has purchased WBOK Radio in New Orleans, LA. WBOK has a long history within the black community in New Orleans, and Bakewell's purchase keeps the station black owned. WBOK is a traditional black gospel outlet that broadcasts at 1230 kHz.



Danny J. Bakewell

Bakewell is Polemarch of the Monterey Alumni Chapter. He is a graduate of the University of Southern California and is president and COO of The Bakewell Company, one of the largest real estate development companies in the western United States. His company develops, owns, and operates more than 2,000,000 square feet of industrial, residential, and

commercial real estate. The Bakewell Company also owns and operates *The Los Angeles Sentinel* newspaper, which has a weekly readership of more than 150,000.

Boyd Named Director of Media

Brodwick Boyd has been hired as director of media for Amazing Facts, Inc., a Christian media ministry with more than 40 years of service. Boyd oversees all production for radio, television, and Internet broadcasting. The ministry currently is carried on more than 615 television and radio stations in the United States, Canada, Europe, Australia, Asia, and the Middle East.



Brodwick Boyd

Boyd is part of the executive leadership team and provides strategic planning as well as budgetary management for the media division. Prior to joining Amazing Facts, Boyd helped establish the FAMCAST Internet broadcasting platform for Florida A&M University.

A 2005 initiate of the Thomasville (GA) Alumni Chapter, Boyd serves on the Kappa League/Guide Right Committee of the Roseville (CA) Alumni Chapter. He is a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia of America, 100 Black Men of America, and the American Society of Public Administrators. Boyd earned a bachelor's degree in music education and a master's degree in public administration from Florida A&M University.

Cross Elected President of Society of Surgeons

Dr. Darren R. Cross was recently elected president of the National Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. He has also been appointed to the Medical Executive Committee of Palmetto Health Hospitals and the board of trustees of Oak Hill Academy High School in Mouth of Wilson, VA.



Dr. Darren R. Cross

Dr. Cross is board certified and a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and the National Dental Board of Anesthesiology. He is chairman of oral and maxillofacial surgery and dentistry at Palmetto Health Hospitals in Columbia, SC. Dr. Cross also maintains a private practice in Columbia and is CEO and owner of Columbia Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, PA, the first and only African-American oral and maxillofacial surgery practice in the state of South Carolina.

He earned a B.S. in biology from Jacksonville University and a D.D.S. from Howard University. Life Member Cross is a member of the Camden Alumni Chapter.

Daniel Authors Sports Book

Roderick Van Daniel, a member of the Columbus (MS) Alumni Chapter, has published *Through My Eyes: Sports Administration from a Diversified Perspective*. In the book, Daniel, a former college athlete, addresses the need for diversity



on decision-making positions in the sports industry. This is the fifth book Daniel has authored. He earned a B.S. in marketing from Jackson State University and a master's degree in sports administration from Mississippi State University.



Roderick Van Daniel

Ellis Subject of Movie *Pride*

Jim Ellis, a 1966 Gamma Omega initiate, is the subject of the movie *Pride*, scheduled for release March 23 and starring Terrence Howard. Ellis founded the Philadelphia Department of Recreation Swim Team based at the Marcus Foster Recreation Center in the Nicetown section of Philadelphia in 1971. Today, it is the city's nationally recognized competitive swim team, the nation's largest predominantly African-American team, and has become a model for urban swim programs around the country. Ellis is also credited for teaching important life-changing lessons to his swimmers.

The movie tells the story of how Ellis built the program with a group of troubled inner-city youths. The movie also features popular actors Bernie Mac and Kimberly Elise.



Jim Ellis

Johns and Young Named to *Ebony* List of Young Leaders

David Johns and Donrich Young were named to the *Ebony* magazine list of "30 Young Leaders Under 30." The feature appeared in the February issue of the periodical. Johns is a 2001 initiate of the Omicron Chapter at Columbia University. He is a Congressional Black Caucus fellow, working with Rep. Charles Rangel of New York.



David Johns

Young is a 1998 initiate of the Epsilon Chapter and member of the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter. He is a special agent with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Inspector General, in Philadelphia. Young served as a federal air marshal immediately fol-

lowing the 9/11 terrorist attacks. He is also an adjunct professor of criminal justice at Westwood College Online and president/CEO of DLY Management and Consulting, LLC, a newly-formed sports management company based in New Jersey. Young earned a B.S. in political science from Lincoln University and an M.A. in organizational management from the University of Phoenix.



Donrich Young

Jones Featured Weekly on WAOK and BlackNews.com

Leroy Jones, Jr., a political commentator and columnist, has been named a regular featured guest on the WAOK-1380 (Atlanta/CBS) show "The Right Side with Shelley Wynter." Jones' feature began March 5 and will continue every Monday in the 4:00 p.m. time slot.

In addition, Jones will be featured on BlackNews.com, where he will provide political commentary on the website.

Jones began his political career working in federal government affairs, including public service as an aide on Capitol Hill and the White House. He founded the Government Relations Section of Andrews & Bowe, PLLP, which oversees the implementation of the firm's lobbying activities.

A 1985 Alpha Kappa initiate, Jones earned a B.A. from North Carolina Central University and a J.D. from Howard University.



Leroy Jones, Jr.

Siegel Named President at Earnhardt, Inc.

Max Siegel, a 1996 Indianapolis Alumni initiate, has been named president of global operations for Dale Earnhardt, Inc. In his position, which became effective February 1, he will oversee marketing, sales, sponsorship, and distribution for the company's properties, including motor sports teams, licensing, promotion, sales, business development projects, and the Dale Earnhardt Foundation.

Siegel previously served as an executive with the Sony BMG/Zomba Label Group. A graduate of the University of Notre Dame Law School, he represented major companies including Eli Lilly, General Motors, and Ameritech. Siegel's hiring is said to be an unprecedented move for the stock-car racing industry. NASCAR, the governing body, has often been



Max Siegel

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criticized for its lack of diversity in its hiring practices and for the relatively low number of African-American drivers and owners.

Webb Authors Book

Former Denver Mayor Wellington E. Webb, a Laurel Wreath wearer and member of the Denver Alumni Chapter, has published *Wellington Webb: The Man, the Mayor, and the Making of Modern Denver*. Published by Fulcrum, the autobiography shares Webb's inspirational story as Den-



Wellington Webb

ver's first African-American mayor. Webb was elected in 1991 and served three terms until 2003. He is currently the president and CEO of Webb Group International, LLC, and president and CEO of the Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce.



Former Denver Mayor Wellington E. Webb autographs book at Blair-Caldwell Library.

Webb held an autographing session February 10 at the Blair-Caldwell African-American Research Library in Denver.

White Wins National Airport Concessions Award

Richard V. White, a member of the Memphis Alumni Chapter, recently received the Richard A. Griesbeach Award from the Airport Council International-North America. The national award is presented annually for overall excellence in airport concessions. White is director of properties for the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority. This is the first time the Memphis International Airport received the honor. Under White's leadership, the Memphis International Airport won all three awards relating to concessions and property management.

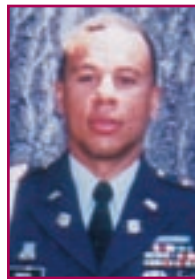


Richard V. White receives Richard A. Griesbeach Award from Seattle Airport Director Mr. Mark Reese.

Kappas in the Military

Green Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel

Gregory S. Green has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army. LTC Green, a 1990 graduate of Hampton University, is chief of contracting, stationed in Iraq. During his 16-year career as a commissioned officer, he has served in command and staff positions in the United States, Panama, Korea, Haiti, Afghanistan, and the Middle East.



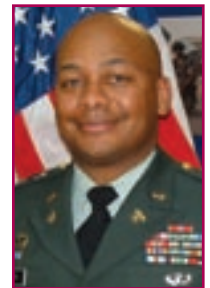
LTC Gregory S. Green

LTC Green also served at the Pentagon. Within the Headquarters, Department of the Army, he fulfilled staff duties as a program analyst for soldier and maneuver combat system acquisition programs for the deputy chief of staff, G-8 program analysis and evaluations.

Life Member Green earned a B.S. in finance from Hampton University, an M.S. in acquisition and contract management from the United States Naval Postgraduate School, and an M.A. in national strategic studies from the United States Naval War College. He is the recipient of several military awards, including the Bronze Star Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the Joint Service Achievement Medal.

Sears Takes Battalion Command in Combat

LTC James F. Sears, Jr., took command of the 840th Deployment and Distribution Support Battalion (DDSB) in Balad, Iraq, January 2. The 840th DDSB is responsible for moving unit's cargo out of Iraq through several sea ports in Iraq and Kuwait and managing containers throughout the Iraq area of operations. The 840th DDSB is the only forward deployed unit of its kind operating in a combat zone. This is James' third combat tour since receiving his commission from Western Kentucky University in 1987. His previous two tours were Desert Shield/Storm in 1991 and with the 3d Infantry Division in 2001 when Baghdad, Iraq, was seized.



LTC James F. Sears, Jr.

Thomas Receives Commission

Mareco J. Thomas has been commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army as a Medical Service Corps officer. He is currently stationed in the Republic of Korea, where he serves as a medical platoon leader. A 2004

Kappas in the Military

Theta Beta initiate, Lt. Thomas earned a B.S. in history from Austin Peay State University.

Thomas was administered the oath of office by his father, Major Stephen Thomas, a 1991 Beta Psi initiate and Keeper of Records of the Louisville Alumni Chapter. Major Thomas was commissioned in 1995 as an infantry officer and is stationed at Fort Knox, KY, serving as an acquisition officer for the Future Combat Systems. He earned a B.S. in physical science from Kansas State University and an M.S. from Austin Peay State University.



Major Stephen Thomas administers the oath of office to his son, 2nd Lieutenant Mareco J. Thomas, during commissioning ceremony at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee.

Batiste Receives ROTC Award

Allen Batiste, Polemarch of the Omicron Mu Chapter, received the George C. Marshall-Henry H. Arnold Air Force ROTC Award at Charleston Southern University. The award is presented annually in recognition of leadership potential. The George C. Marshall Foundation has presented the award to the top cadet from each Air Force ROTC detachment in the nation.



U.S. Chief of Air Force Reserve Lt. General John A. Bradley poses with Cadet Allen Batiste during seminar in Washington, DC.

As a recipient of the award, Batiste attended the Marshall-Arnold Seminar February 15-18 in Arlington, VA. Cadet Allen, a member of Air Force ROTC Detachment 772 at Charleston Southern University, was among 140 U.S. cadets to interact with senior U.S. Air Force officers.

Batiste is a 2004 Omicron Mu initiate. He will receive a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force in May upon receiving his bachelor's degree.

Chaney Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel

Paul A. Chaney, Sr., a 1984 Alpha Zeta initiate, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Missouri National Guard. LTC Chaney is currently serving as the executive officer for 70th Troop Command consisting of two military police battalions, a rear operation center, and corp support battalion. He served in both Desert Shield/Storm and Operation Enduring Freedom, earning the Bronze Star Medal for each deployment. A member of the East St. Louis Alumni Chapter, LTC Chaney earned a B.S. from Indiana State University and an M.S. from Webster University.



LTC Paul A. Chaney, Sr., takes the oath of office from COL David F. Irwin as Silhouette Susan L. Chaney observes.

Like Father/Like Son



William Logan, Esq., a 2003 San Diego Alumni initiate, and Theophilus Logan, a 1936 Epsilon Chapter initiate.



Berkeley Alumni members Steve McClendon, a 1968 Gamma Alpha initiate, and Brent Thibaux, a 2005 Berkeley Alumni initiate. McClendon was Junior Grand Vice Polemarch in 1970-71.

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