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## **HONORING THE MEMORY OF...**



### **JOSIE KNOWLIN CLAIBORNE (1948-2004)**

Josie Claiborne, a founding member of the South Carolina Chapter of AABE as well as the chapter's first president, was a staunch supporter since our inception in 1984. She served the chapter in different capacities and was also a member of AABE's National Board of Directors for a number of years. She continued her professional association with our chapter and our national organization even after she left the employment of SCANA Corporation.

Josie practiced law for many years and was licensed to practice in North and South Carolina. Her career included serving as General Counsel for the Columbia Urban League and as a Senior Attorney for SCANA Corporation. As a registered lobbyist, Josie spent two years as a Loaned Executive to Edison Electric Institute in Washington, D.C. where she worked as a Policy Analyst on domestic and international energy issues. A graduate of Duke University, Josie received her Jurist Doctorate Degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Because of Josie's dedication to excellence and to SCCAABE, the chapter's scholarship bears her name.

# Message from the Chapter President



What are the most pressing issues facing our society today? I feel the top five are the Economy, Energy, EDUCATION, Technology, and Security. While we cannot solve all society's problems, SCCAABE is in a unique position to make a positive impact.

According to the Department of Education, the average cost of a college education has risen 72% over the last ten years. Considering the economy and the ever increasing price of a college education, too many students either cannot afford college or are burdened with debt when they graduate. How can we proclaim to be the most powerful and progressive country in the world, when we fail to educate our youth? Not only are scholarship awards a requirement of our Chapter's charter, we have a moral obligation to do what we can to help make a college education accessible to any student with the talent and desire to obtain one. While our annual scholarship award is but a small ripple in a pond, when we help to educate one student, we influence the education of all.

***I do believe we will yield the greatest return on our investment by investing in the education of our youth.***

On behalf of SCCAABE and the students who will be receiving scholarship awards because of your generosity, I extend our heartfelt thanks to our members, corporate sponsors, small businesses, patrons, golfers, volunteers, and auction donors who contributed toward the success of our fundraising campaign. THANK YOU!

To our scholarship recipients, congratulations on your achievements. You have demonstrated excellent academic performance and leadership. As you begin the next phase of your life, I encourage you to set goals, stay focused, and remain true to the principles that brought you here today. We are passing on to your generation a plethora of issues, but I believe you are up to the challenge. Our future is in your hands. Parents, thanks for your nurturing abilities. With all the distractions today, raising an exceptional student is no easy task. Congratulations on a job well done!

Our scholarship and mentoring program is one of our most important initiatives. It helps to develop the next generation of leaders and energy professionals.

Again, thanks to all who support our scholarship initiative.

Deloris M. Brown  
President, SCCAABE

## **Our Speaker – Felicia Rhue Howard**



Felicia Rhue Howard is the Director of Demand Side Management at South Carolina Electric and Gas, headquartered in Columbia, South Carolina. In this recently created position, she is focused on developing energy efficiency, conservation and load management programs for SCE&G's residential, commercial and industrial customers.

Howard joined SCE&G as a Quality Advisor for process improvement efforts in the Fossil/Hydro Business Unit. During her 15 year tenure with

SCE&G and SCE&G's parent company, SCANA Corporation, she has also worked as a Key Account Manager, providing energy and technology consultation to SCE&G's largest industrial customers.

Prior to her current position, she worked for SCANA Corporation as its Manager of Community/Economic Development and Local Government, overseeing industry and other business recruiting activities and the company's interface with municipal and county governments.

She holds a bachelor of science degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering and a Masters of Business Administration degree from the University of South Carolina.

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**PROGRAM**

<b>Presiding.....</b>	<b>Deloris Brown</b>  SCCAABE President Sr. Technical Writer, SCANA Services
<b>Welcome .....</b>	<b>Allison Spry</b>  SCCAABE Executive Vice President Procurement Agent, SCANA Services
<b>Invocation.....</b>	<b>Jamie Harris</b>  SCCAABE Co-Chair, LEGO Robotics Team Associate Engineer, SCE&G
<b>Musical Selection.....</b>	<b>Sheldon Ferguson</b>  Sophomore, Spring Valley High School
<b>College Reflections .....</b>	<b>Past Scholarship Recipients</b>

***LUNCH***

<b>Introduction of Speaker .....</b>	<b>Paul McKnight</b>  SCCAABE Past President Manager, Construction Services, SCE&G
<b>Musical Selection.....</b>	<b>Sheldon Ferguson</b>

**Luncheon Address ..... Felicia Rhue Howard**  
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## 2009 JKC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

**Dale L. Collier** is a 2009 graduate of White Knoll High School.



He has a 4.5 GPA (grade point average) and is an outstanding participant of the National Achievement Scholar program. Dale is the son of Dale Collier Sr. and Denise Collier.

Some of his extracurricular activities include: Varsity Basketball (co-captain), National Honor Society Member, Beta Club Member, Junior Marshall, South Carolina Junior Scholar

and DECA. Dale was accepted to both Clemson University and Georgia Tech, however after much consideration, he has decided that he will attend Clemson University in the fall of 2009. He has received his acceptance letter and will be enrolled in the College of Architecture.

Dale ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in his senior class, and is a recipient of the Palmetto Fellows scholarship, which is South Carolina's highest merit award given to students who have achieved excellence in grades, class ranking and standardized testing.

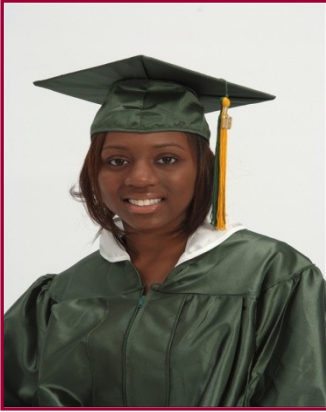
Dale is described by his guidance counselor and teachers as well-rounded, self-motivated, cooperative, and eager to learn. He is a rare student who excels academically and is also active in his community and church. His church affiliation is Brookland Baptist Church where he is active with the Junior Ushers, Sunday School, Youth and Teen's Day Choir, Black Male Conference participant, and he also served on the 2008 Men's Day Planning Committee.

Dale has exemplified excellence in all that he does and is surely a role model for others in his community, church and school.



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**Bria J. Dawson** is a graduate of Spring Valley High School. She achieved a total grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and was ranked in the top one third of her class. She is the daughter of Stephanie Deas. She has been accepted into Clemson University's Engineering program through their Bridge program with Tri-County Technical College.



Bria was very active in various extracurricular activities while attending high school. She was a member of the National Technical Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, Junior Leaders Council (Columbia Chamber of Commerce), STING (Striving to Improve the Next Generation), Best of Me (Teen Girls Club), and the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE). She was also a varsity basketball player. She was also very active in her church and her community. She was the President of the Youth Advisory Council and a Junior Usher at Second Union Baptist Church in Columbia S.C. She was also a volunteer for the church tutorial program.

Bria is very passionate about science and technology. She developed a strong interest in math and science during high school, excelling in physics, chemistry, calculus, and computer science courses. Her teachers describe her as disciplined, inquisitive, determined, self-reliant and extremely diligent.

Every summer she attended The Partners for Minorities in Engineering and Computer Sciences program sponsored by the University of South Carolina. During this program, she received a good first hand look at what happens in the engineering field. She earned two awards from this program, "Best Electronics Engineering Laboratory Performance," and "Best Chemistry/Circuits Laboratory Performance."

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**Briana Jackson** is a graduate of Timmonsville High School. Her class rank was 1 of 54. Her overall academic GPA (grade point average) was 4.46 on a 4.0 scale. She is the daughter of Darrick and Sabrina Jackson. She has been accepted into Clemson University Computer Information Systems program for the fall semester of 2009.



She was chosen from a very talented and competitive group of students and has been designated as a Coca-Cola Clemson Scholar. She participated in numerous activities while attending high school. Briana was co-captain of her cheerleading team, basketball player, a member of student government, honor roll student, Future Business Leader of America member, member of the BETA Club, Teacher Cadet member, and was a Head Junior Marshall.

Briana also participated in activities at her church, these included Inspirational Choir, Praise Team, and Sunday school secretary. Briana was chosen for the American Association of Blacks in Energy scholarship award because she displays exemplary behaviors in her studies as well as her other leadership skills in her church and community activities. Her teachers and administrators described her as organized, conscientious, well-mannered, mature, intelligent and easy to work with.

In her essay, Briana wrote that her desire is to obtain a bachelor's degree in Computer Engineering, so that she may build energy efficient hardware and software. She has always enjoyed working with computers and believes that this is one of her strongest attributes. She is a very determined young lady and has proven that she can achieve both personal and academic excellence.

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**Vaughn E. Volious** is a graduate of Dreher High School where he maintained 3.9 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and was ranked in the top one fourth of his class. He is the son of Vance and Bonnie Volious. Vaughn has been accepted into Presbyterian College for the fall semester of 2009.



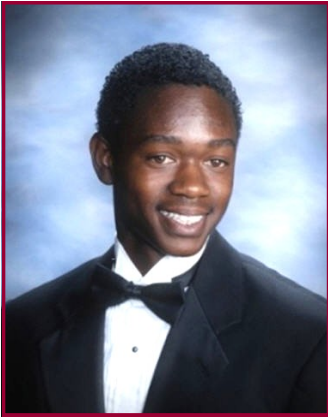
Vaughn excelled in his academic studies and was an excellent example of a model student in academics, sports and extracurricular activities. He participated in wrestling, football, Future Business Leaders of America, Letterman's Club, Dreher's Finance Club, National Technical Honor Society, Educational Talent Search, Teen Talk, and received the Columbia Urban League Award for Outstanding Achievement in Academics. He also received the Football Letter & Crescent Award, S.C. High School Scholar Athlete award, and is a Graduate of the Academy of Business and Personal Finance at Dreher High School.

He is also active in his community and in his church, a Sunday School Scholar and an active church worker of the Fire Baptized Holiness Church of God of the Americas. He is described by his teachers and church leaders as an intelligent, fine young man that has high standards and strong morals. His work ethic propels him in and out of the classroom.

Vaughn has a passion for working with computers. After completing college, he plans to work in the computer engineering field for several years to gain experience. He then plans to start his own business to build a computer application to develop a more efficient search engine to improve research for the next generation.

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**Nigel D. R. Wigfall** is a graduate of Dutch Fork High School.



Nigel is the son of Glenn and Gayel Wigfall. Nigel has been accepted to Clemson University, University of South Carolina and Winthrop University in their Engineering program. He has chosen Clemson University because this university is one of the top engineering schools in the nation.

Nigel plans to pursue an electrical engineering degree at Clemson and after graduating with his bachelor's degree, he plans to pursue a master's degree in electrical engineering. He chose engineering because his strengths are math and science and he has always had a passion for these subjects.

During high school he took a class in digital electronics, which peaked his interest in electrical engineering. Nigel is described by his teachers and other leaders in his church as an impeccable, self-motivated, well rounded, gifted young man. His teacher also stated that he is a highly intelligent and analytical student that takes challenging academic courses and takes his studies seriously.

Nigel also found time in addition to his rigorous course load to participate in many extracurricular activities such as DECA, soccer, Youth Corps, FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), Teens against Prejudices, and Youth Choir. His honors include Oratorical State finalist, DECA State finalist and Soccer Captain. Nigel is also active with the Youth Ministry at his church, Haskell Heights First Baptist Church.

Nigel has proven that he has the desire to succeed and is not afraid of facing challenges. It is evident that he will be a role model to his peers, because he has the qualities that are needed to become a successful engineer.

## PAST SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



**Anrae Jamon Motes** (2006) is a rising senior at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is currently majoring in Computer Science and Engineering. This summer, he is participating in an internship at Monitor Group, a strategic consulting firm located in Boston. He plans to start his career after school in consulting.



After graduating from high school in 2003, **Aston Motes** attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he majored in Computer Science. He worked briefly as a computer programmer at OkCupid in New York City before moving to Silicon Valley to work with two college friends on Dropbox, an online file storage company. The company's product has since garnered over a million users worldwide.



**Tevelyn Fabian Gaither** (2005) graduated (2009) from Claflin University, Cum Laude, with a Bachelor of Science degree in professional mathematics, while maintaining a full four year scholarship in the Alice Carson Tisdale Honors College. Her extracurricular activities included the following, Parliamentarian for the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., member of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), member of the National Association of African American Honors Programs (NAAHP). After achieving gainful employment and financial status, she plans to create a scholarship for African-American women in the field of mathematics, to encourage them to pursue their goals and aspirations.

## **Josie K. Claiborne Scholarship Recipients**

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2007

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Brett N. Harris

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Anrae J. Motes

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2003

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