

Meet the students



Portia Motsapi and Sarah (a.k.a. Queen Go Go)

Portia Motsapi arrived from South Africa on August 22. After spending a few days getting oriented and settled, she began classes at JCSU. In addition to maintaining excellent grades, Portia serves as a volunteer with EmpowHerment, Inc., the Mint Museum and helps maintain a community garden in Lincoln Heights. Portia says she will make us all proud. You can follow Portia on her web page at www.sbssouthafricanstudentsfund.org



John Malindi

John Malindi is expecting to arrive in January to attend the January 2016 semester. John like Portia had obtained sponsors for his visa and round trip transportation to Charlotte when he became ill. John is recovering and we look forward to welcoming him when he arrives.

The Planning Committee:

Geraldine Brisbane	Steve Johnston
Toria Burch	Vi Lyes
Kay Cunningham	Laura McClettie
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Esther Elder	Phyllis Perry
Karen Gipson	Treva Pettis
Carlenia Ivory	Nancy Stroud
Mary Johnson	Jackie Walton



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

SARAH

90th Birthday Celebration
October 25, 2015
Johnson C. Smith University
Grimes Lounge
2:00 – 4:30 pm

Thank you for your prayers and support.

A Phenomenal Woman

Mrs. Sarah B. Stevenson is a phenomenal woman of wisdom, strength and faith whose attributes guide her lifelong history of community advocacy. She was born on October 26, 1925 in Heath Springs, South Carolina, the oldest of fourteen children to the late Rev. Willie and Alberta Anthony Mingo. Her formative years of education were spent in the Kershaw County, South Carolina school system.

After moving to North Carolina, she married Mr. Robert Stevenson in 1942. She was a wife, mother of four boys and a seamstress when Mrs. Stevenson led her son's school PTA to raise \$6,000 to obtain properly fitting band uniforms. That was the beginning of her lifelong service of community advocacy. In the late 1960's, she became president of the district's colored PTA Council and led the merger with the district's white PTA Council. In 1970, she was elected the first black president of the integrated Charlotte Mecklenburg PTA Council. Under her leadership the two Councils became one...no longer separated by race.

After almost 40 years, Mrs. Stevenson continues to host local, national and international leaders as a Founder and Convener of the Tuesday Morning Breakfast Forum. In 1980, she was the first black female elected to the Charlotte Mecklenburg Board of Education. Mrs. Stevenson's rich history of lifelong accomplishments include, Founding member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Chair of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and Mayors Performing Art's Center Study Committee.

Mrs. Stevenson's distinctive leadership has been recognized with many honors and awards. Her accolades include The NC Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award, Woman of the Year Award, Liberty Bell Award, Sojourner Truth Award, The Martin Luther King, Jr. Award, and J.C.S.U. Arch of Triumph Award.

Mrs. Stevenson's many organizational affiliations and honors are too numerous to list. She continues to find new ways to bless others with her wide range of community advocacy as a nonagenarian.

In honor of her 90th Birthday, the Sarah B. Stevenson South African Fund was established.

PROGRAM

Musical Quartet

Mr. Stanley Graham
Mr. Darrell Payton
Mr. Michael Porter
Mr. William McCloud

Mistress of Ceremony

Mrs. Carlenia Ivory

Prayer

Bishop George E. Battle, Jr.
Sr. Bishop AME Zion Church and
Presiding Prelate of the
Piedmont Episcopal District

Welcome

Dr. Ronald L. Carter
President
Johnson C. Smith University

Musical Tribute

Ms. Katie Oates
Dr. Thomas Moore

Video Greetings

Tribute to Sarah

Mrs. Treva Pettis

Special Presentation

Mr. David Howard

Remarks

Mrs. Sarah Stevenson

Closing Prayer

Bishop George E. Battle, Jr.

