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Memphis (TN) Chapter

The Memphis (TN) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated
Serving and Supporting the Memphis Community
for over 60 years

Presents:

The Debutantes of the 25th Holiday Cotillion

The Peabody Hotel,
Grand Ballroom

Saturday, December 20, 2014



Kayla Victoria Bolden
Carolyn Bolden-Carter and
Al Carter and Kenneth Bolden
Lausanne Collegiate School



Destiny Rena' Brown
Laketia M. Wilson
Whitehaven High School



Zoie Michelle Brown
Joy Truly Brown and Jeff Brown
Lausanne Collegiate School



**Heir-O-Link Ciquoiah
Alana Broxton**
Link Jackquelyne Jackson Walden
and Dwayne Alan Broxton
White Station High School



Zahria Renee Cook
Weldon and Denise Cook and Dr.
Thomas and Catrina Caruthers
Briarcrest Christian School



**Heir-O-Link Kennedy
Alessandra Cox**
Link Kim and
Connecting Link Robert Cox
Hutchison School



Raven Nicole Cox
Queen Ester Cox and Robert Cox
(Deceased)
Hutchison School



Jaden Marne' Davis
Rhonda Richardson Davis and
Molik M. Davis
Hutchison School



Alexis Dominique Exum
Darryl and Teresa Exum
Lausanne Collegiate School



Kristian Lauren Hassell
Reverend Victor Hassell and Lisa
Hassell
Harding Academy of Memphis



Rickelle Henry
Dr. Andrea Henry and Rickey
Henry; Terrence Johnson
Lausanne Collegiate School



Arielle Jeanette Irving
Rotrece Davis and
Joseph Irving
Memphis Catholic High School



**Heir-o-Link Meredith
Lindsey Nichole Isom**
Connecting Link Dr. Johnathan
Isom and Link Mrs. Angela Isom
St. Mary's Episcopal School



Morgan Alexandria Jeffries
Mr. Clifford Jeffries and
Ms. Valencia Jeffries
Hutchison School



**Heir-O-Link Star
Stephanie-Dione' Kimbrow**
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Connecting Link Luie A. Kimbrow, III
Houston High School



Ania Nicole Kight
Yolanda Kight, Esq.
Lausanne Collegiate School



Bria D. Lee
Mr. Phillip Lee and
Mrs. Sherrie Lee
White Station High School



**Heir-O-Link Melba
Mustiful Martin**
Link Denise Mustiful-Martin and
Connecting Link Rodney Martin
Lausanne Collegiate School



Joy Janae Tate
Reverend James and
Mrs. Velma Tate
Harding Academy of Memphis



Toslin Ayesha Taylor
Lestzler and Penny Taylor
Immaculate Conception



Rana Tshepo Teamer Webb
Dr. Joseph and
Belinda Teamer Webb
Arlington High School



Megan Leigh-Amber White
Jeffery White and
Rodney and Cheryl Steward
Briarcrest Christian School



Cheryl W. Patterson, *President*
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The Memphis (TN) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated ("Memphis Links Chapter") has served the Memphis community since 1952. In its 62 years, the Memphis Links Chapter has made major contributions to the Memphis and Shelby County community through the enrichment of the lives of women and girls, increased access to higher education, support of general education, presentations of the arts, and financial contributions through grants to local organizations.

The national organization, The Links Incorporated is an international, non-profit corporation, established in 1946. The membership consists of 12,000 professional women of color in 280 chapters located in 41 states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. It is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of extraordinary women who are committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry.

Since 1989, the Memphis Links Chapter has sponsored the "Holiday Cotillion." Since its inception, over 400 young women have successfully participated in the Holiday Cotillion. The Holiday Cotillion recognizes notable High School Senior women who excel academically,

socially and morally in Memphis, TN and celebrates their accomplishments while preparing them for presentation to womanhood and society. The Holiday Cotillion is a six month experience preparing young ladies to become successful role models and leaders in the community.

The Debutante journey can begin as a High School Junior where the Deb-To-Be joins the Program as a Lady-In-Waiting. The Ladies-In-Waiting experience various workshops and events and participate as assistants to the Debutantes during the Debutante Ball. Their experience paves the way for their next year as a Cotillion Debutante.

The Cotillion Debutantes are exposed to exceptional opportunities and broader horizons through a strong mentoring program garnered from the breadth of experience among the Memphis Links Chapter's members. The Cotillion's focus on service to others reinforces and underscores the importance of giving back to the community that has afforded its residents so much while enhancing the personal growth of the outstanding young women chosen as Debutantes.

This year, the Holiday Cotillion celebrated its 25th anniversary of honoring outstanding young women in our community. This year, the Holiday Cotillion was honored

to have twenty-two outstanding young ladies in its program. During the six month program, the Debutantes enjoyed numerous outings and workshops including etiquette classes, financial workshops, volunteer opportunities, and countless hours of ballroom dancing.

Family events, such as the Father/Daughter Golf Outing and a Mother-Daughter Luncheon offered parents the opportunity to join their daughter's Debutante journey. During their leisure time, Debutantes enjoyed a bowling night, weekend bonding retreats, Halloween outings, and a spa day with full manicure and pedicure treatments. The Debutante experience grows to a close with the Rites of Passage where the Debutante transcends into womanhood before presentation to society. Debutantes end their journey with complete grace and elegance as the experience culminates with the Holiday Cotillion Ball held annually at the Peabody Hotel. This wonderful and delightful experience highlights values and standards of becoming a woman and fosters an awareness and proficiency that each Debutante values for a lifetime.

For Information regarding the Memphis Chapter of the Links, Incorporated "Holiday Cotillion," please submit an email inquiry to president@memphis-linksinc.org.