



IDA B. WELLS NEWS



# From the AVP's Desk

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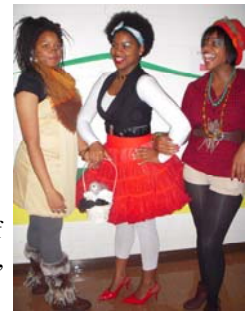


Wow. The semester is rolling by so fast. I have had a ball spending time with all of you. Whether you stopped by on your own for a little one on one time or whether I had to hunt you down with “threatening” emails, it’s been a blast getting to know you. This morning when I was getting ready for school, my husband asked me, “How many women are in your Ida B. Wells class?” I told him 29. And he said, “Do you know all of them?” I proudly said, **Yes I do!**

I know that Mia likes to shop in thrift stores and has an eclectic sense of style. Takia loves to be contrary; if I say the sky is blue she will consider that a challenge to debate the true color of the sky—just for the sake of debate. I know that Quiana loves to eat but she is very picky; *are onions in that?* I know that Tanesha loves jazz more than food. I also know that Aqua can be moved to tears of joy with just the right testimony. ***If I was in the black church right now, someone would shout, you’re preaching sister; call the roll!*** After a few weeks of school, I know that Whitney is not the hard shelled nut that she wants people to think she is. I also know that Sharolyn is not above hiding medication under her tongue if she really does not want to take it.

While you guys have been trying to figure me out I have been watching and learning as much about you as I can. Knowing you is much more than a job for me. It is my life’s work. It is my calling to help you see in yourself what I see in you. I must admit that I am deeply moved by the potential I see in your class. You are truly a group of young women with a great capacity for heart. You see the world through the eyes of genuine world citizenship; you grapple with the hard questions and you desire to make the world better than the way you found it. You respect your big sistas and you make a point of holding them accountable. **Most of you** work real hard and some of you are *faking the funk*. I see that too.

So just for the record, please note that I am gathering a lot of things that I know will make great fodder for your Ajani story. You see, if you stay with us for four years and work real hard to make a difference in the area of Multicultural Affairs, you will earn the right to be an Ajani graduate. On your Ajani Day, it will be my pleasure to tell a story all about how our lives have crossed paths. Some stories will be about those who ran and hid and others will be about those who I came to love while I handed them a cup of homemade chicken noodle soup or when I watched them bravely get a haircut after an unfortunate unbraiding accident. Whatever the scenario or the tale, the theme of the story will be how honored I feel to be the one who got to know you the best, and how blessed I am to have watched you grow to become your very best self!



*Tanesha, Tempest and Brittany on Apple Eve*

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**Community Service is more than a course in the Ida B. Wells Gateway Curriculum**

**It's Our Identity**

# Legends Tea



Above-Ashley Toon and mother  
Left- Brittany Shaw reads a card of encouragement from her sista friend

Alumnae, Faculty, Staff, and Student Leaders gathered on the North Court Terrace to welcome the new members of the Ida B. Wells Living Learning Community and their families to campus. The Legends Tea was the inaugural event of the Sista Friends Mentoring Program; a program designed to foster a meaningful partnership between a first year student and an alumna. Using the Wall of Honor as a focal point of the tea, the Sista Friends challenged their little sistas to make a positive, indelible mark on the Mary Baldwin Community. They reinforced this challenge encouraging them to practice Kuumba (creativity) to make the college a little better than they found it.

When the Sista Friends arrived on campus, each alumna brought their little sista something they could use to complete a dress for success. Some brought pearls, others brought pins but each small gift was accompanied by a promise that they would stand with their sista to help them become their very best self throughout their MBC journey.

One of the IBW community members said, *“Whenever, I wear my broach I will know that I am not alone in my journey. When I graduate, I will pass on my broach and my support to another new MBC sista.”*



Amanda Davis Holloway '02 and Yvonne Knight '13



Ida B. Wells Living Learning Community members Dressed for Success at the Etiquette Reception with the Career Academy

## Spirit Night Yields Spirit Stick for Some and Kwanzaa Principles for All

### Kujichagulia Step

- Latia Crone
- Brittany Kindle
- Tekia Wicks
- Sharolyn Fauntleroy
- Brittany Lambert
- Kiyana Green

### Ujima Old School

- Candace Streete
- Lauren Green
- Jonee Queen King
- Ashley Allen
- Quiana Robinson
- Danielle Coleman



Spirit Night Winners 2009

### Ujamaa Liturgical Dance

- Aqua Corbett
- Brittany Shaw
- Myriell Tyler
- Angelica Fleming
- Samara Cotton

### Nia Rap

- Whitney Brooks
- Keiana Harris
- Diamond Frye
- Yvonne Knight
- Shenequa Mc Dowell
- Anatonia Garcia

### Imani Jazz

- Krystal Jones
- Tanisha Jones
- Michelle Jones
- April Winn
- Samantha Sommerville
- Ashley Toon

Don't Miss Kwanzaa 2010

during

Multicultural Recruitment  
Weekend

January 23rd

6 p.m.

Lyda B. Hunt Dining Hall

It will be Kwanzaa like you've  
never experienced it!

*It's a Family Affairs!*

## IBW Living Learning Community Student Staff

Rev. Andrea Cornett-Scott, Director & Academic Advisor  
Stephanie Wilson, Asst. Director MBC 101 Instructor

**Resident Advisors:** Sienna Fleming (1st Floor) & Sha Hillsman (Ground)

**Floor Mentors:** Alana Patrick, De Angela (KiKi) Alexander

**Teaching Assistants:** Alana, Ki Ki Alexander & Shaterika (MBC 101)

**Learning Lab & Academic Support Chair:** Tierra Smith (Phil 140)

**Tempest Jones-Resources Chair Claudia Bowen-Social Chair**

**Shaterika Parks- Cultural Chair Mykael Outen- Recruitment Chair**

## News from the Team

### Getting Smart: Being Wise About Sickness



Ladies, as many of you know a nasty bug is going around on this campus. Some students are suffering from common colds and even the flu. Please be wise in protecting yourself from these illnesses. Here are some nifty tips to help you stay healthy and sick free.

Avoid close contact. *If you know someone on your hall is sick please avoid hanging in their rooms. If they need something, and you really want to help, send them a message via text, e-mail, Facebook, etc. You could even give them a phone call.*

Stay home when you are sick. *If possible, **STAY IN YOUR ROOM** when you are extremely sick. If you have a little cough and a mild fever it's important that you attend class. Take some tissues, cough drops, and a beverage to help you get through class. If you are severely sick notify your professors via e-mail or phone call to let them know that you cannot attend class.*

Get lots of rest so that you may get well. *Cover your mouth and nose.*

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or the inside of your elbow when coughing or sneezing. *It may prevent those around you from getting sick. Clean your hands.*

Constantly wash your hands!!! *It may also be helpful for you to disinfect your cell phone, room phone, t.v. remote, light switch, etc. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.*

**Don't touch your face!!** *Germs spread easily so avoid contact with your face.*

Practice other good health habits. *Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat healthy food (i.e. NO FAST FOOD!!!).*

*We just want you all to be healthy J*

*Words from the wise,*

*Tempest Jones J*

Reference: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/habits.htm>

**Tempest Jones is the Resource Chair for IBW ( Our Life Coach). She knows everything. If you are missing appointments with her, you are missing out!**

## Leadership News: Meet the New Elected Officials for the Ida B. Wells Living Learning Community & Spencer Hall



**Hall President Angelica Fleming** plans on creating an atmosphere of unity and family on her hall where we can all be sisters who look out for each other when we need to be. She also plans to celebrate great achievements done by the members of Spencer Ground. She is eager to address the concerns of her hall in Senate and HP meetings. Her door is always open.



**Hall President Britney Lambert, writes:** I plan to keep all of my ladies feeling fabulous! My primary plan is to create unity on the hall and to bring both sides together through bonding activities. I also will try my best to make sure all issues are taken care of in a timely manner. Britney is the Hall president for Spencer One.



**Senator Aquanita Corbett** recognizes the importance of building a leadership resume. By serving as a Senator, she is learning a lot about the Mary Baldwin Student run form of government. She writes, I am very excited about this year. I take this duty very seriously and plan to help my floor thrive and keep the Spencer building in great condition as a whole.

**Congratulations on your new posts! You go Girls!  
You Make Us Proud!**



The IDA B. women have begun their Class Quilt Project. The class quilt is a signature project of the Ida B. Wells Living Learning Community. The project is intended to get community members thinking and talking about their identity — who they are and who they hope to be. The quilt is pieced together with a class theme and it is presented at the Annual Kwanzaa Celebration. The quilts are monuments for student success. When the class of 2013 graduates, their Class Quilt will serve as a backdrop for their Ajani celebration.

The Ida B. Wells Living Learning Community Members (class of 2013) have chosen lavender, green, pink and turquoise as their base colors. Rev. Scott will look to inspiration to decide on the theme. She is considering a space theme since she says *the class is full of bright stars!*



**Civic Engagement: More than a course obligation– it is at the core of our identity as a community**

During The Ida B. Wells Institute during Orientation, IBW members were involved at various community service sites. Some of them helped prepare the Allen Chapel Food Pantry for inventory, others removed glass from the Booker T. Washington Community Center playground, some weeded the flower garden at Christ Our Redeemer A.M.E. Church while others painted windows to advertise the program at Jericho & Damascus. We have been in dialogue with community leaders from agencies like the New Directions Domestic Violence Center. On Apple Day we spent the morning gleaning for Apples for the area food bank and Painting the Town Red. We are planning a series of activities in connection with Domestic Violence Month. A forum is planned for Monday October 26th at 7 p.m.; we will be collecting donations for New Directions and passing out purple ribbons to raise awareness; we will also set a table in Hunt Dining Hall to draw attention to the families that have been lost to domestic violence and we will erect a clothesline of remembrance to allow students to reflect on how domestic violence has personally touched their lives. We have initiated an African American children’s book drive for a community in Bluefield, Jamaica and begun collecting books for a high school girl to encourage her love for reading. We are working collaboratively with the Career Academy, our Sista Friends and Minority Clubs United on our Annual Black Baby Doll Day Project.

Individual Community Service Proposals are being written and Community Service hours are already being accumulated. Projects embrace education, wellness, culture, parenting, going green, working with elders and financial planning. Next semester, we hope to host an event to honor African American High School Scholars, conduct our weekly Pearl Meetings and launch an African American Health Forum.

We are thrilled by the work our students are doing inside and outside of the classroom. Community Service is more than something IBW women do for credit; it is really a part of the Ida B. Wells Identity.



*Join us for the Domestic Violence Forum*

*Monday October 26*

*7 p.m.*

*James D. Francis Auditorium*

*Sponsored by the Ida B. Wells Living Learning Community*

**Spending Time with My Elders**

My Personal Community Service Reflection  
Jonee Queen-King



When I went to visit the Ritenour Nursing Home it felt awesome, and I was excited. Just seeing the expression on the faces of the elderly women just because I took the time to visit them and spend some time with them was great. We had a good time just talking and having a conversation about the things we liked. In my short visit, I got to know them really well. Before, I left I felt so happy having spent time with them and hearing, and seeing how much they appreciated me coming by made me feel so good inside. I realized that I can learn a lot from them. I can’t wait to go back.

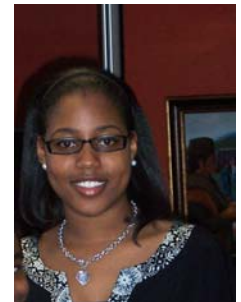
***Jonee’s individual community service project involves establishing an adopt a grandparent program for African American Elders in Staunton.***

**Black Baby Doll Day**

Don’t miss out on the fun. Donate a beautiful Black or Latina doll for Black Baby Doll Day. When choosing a doll make sure to get one that you would love to play with and keep her in her original box so she can be a wonderful surprise for a special little girl. We want her to know how beautiful she is. Please choose dolls with brown and black eyes and hair. No Bratz please. We are trying to collect 400 dolls. We will keep most of the dolls in our area but we will be sending some to Bluefield Jamaica.

Black Baby Doll Day is November 12th.

Thank you for sharing in this worthwhile project!



**Congratulations to our IBW RA**

**Sienna Fleming on being crowned the Apple Day Prince**

