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The 124th graduating class of Shorter College

On the Path to Possible

By Kim Lockhart

Heavy rain clouds and showers did not damper the spirits of Shorter College's 124th graduating class as they marched across campus, excited to receive their degrees. Hundreds of family members and friends packed the Belin Health Complex on May 11 to witness this milestone the graduates worked so hard to achieve.

North Little Rock School District Superintendent, Bobby Acklin, gave the commencement address. In his address, he encouraged the graduates to never stop learning, but to become lifelong learners.

"Your hard work, late night studying, sticking to what you started, and certainly with God on your side, you made it," said Acklin.

As these graduates set out to achieve the American dream, the College hopes

that they are mindful that the key to moving forward in any profession is being proactive in seeking opportunities as they arise. We hope that they know that their best laid plans may be disrupted or upset by an unforeseen circumstance or individual. We encourage our graduates to not be dismayed when that dream job slips through their fingers, but to know their fall back plan may be just

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New Beginnings on the Horizon

By Kim Lockhart

Congratulations to the 2019 Shorter College Second Chance Pell (SCP) graduates: Crystal Deleon-Howard, Chad Gondolfi, Nathaniel Hunter, Dakota Knotts, Bryan Norwood, Brandon Purnell, Dimitira Singleton-Harris and Angela Fisher. We salute our graduates for they have now entered the next chapter in life.

On May 15, family and friends filled the Ouachita River Unit facility in Malvern, Arkansas, to witness the triumphant educational accomplishments of more than 600 graduates from 14 Arkansas correctional facilities. Members of the Shorter College Board of Trustees, the President, administration, and faculty joined members of the

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President O. Jerome Green and graduate Dakota Knotts

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Message from the President



Greetings,

As President of Shorter College, it is with great pleasure that I extend a warm welcome to our college family. We are appreciative of the generosity and unwavering support shown to us at Shorter College. We invite you to peruse our newly designed newsletter and witness the success that is taking place. Thanks to the Board of Trustees for their superior stewardship. I also want to thank the administrators, faculty, and staff for making each experience a concerted effort, and of course, to our Shorter College students, who make what we do each day a reality.

Congratulations to our 2019 graduates! We are grateful to be an agent of change and provide life-changing experiences through education for those seeking to alleviate social injustices. As a historically black institution of higher education, it is of God, and through the Will of God that we remain committed to serving individuals with sensitive life circumstances. Therefore, it is in our prayers that our graduates will internalize all that has been planted within them and go forth implanting this knowledge in communities and institutions where it is most needed.

Dr. O. Jerome Green, Esq.
45th President of Shorter College





Michelle Obama
Former First Lady of the United States

Quotes of the Month

"We need to fix our souls. Our souls are broken in this nation. We have lost our way. And it begins with inspiration. It begins with leadership."

"You may not always have a comfortable life and you will not always be able to solve all of the world's problems at once, but don't ever underestimate the importance you can have because history has shown us that courage can be contagious and hope can take on a life of its own."

Carrying the Crown

By Sergio Garcia and Kim Lockhart

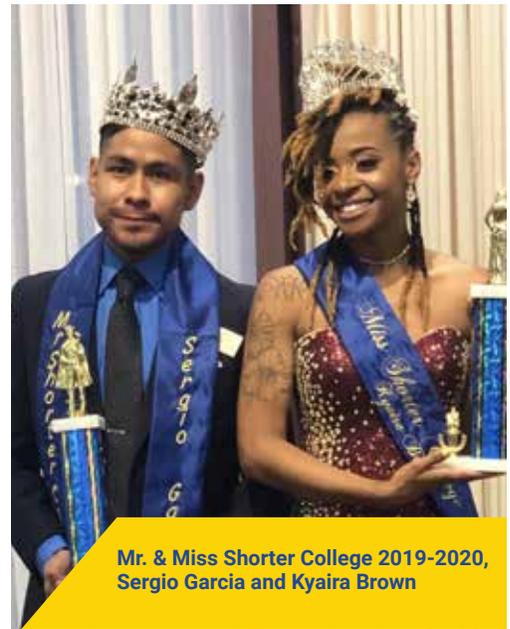
Congratulations to the 2019 Mr. and Miss Shorter College! April 26, 2019 marked the beginning of a new era for two Shorter College students. Sergio Garcia and Kyaira Brown were crowned Mr. and Miss Shorter College 2019-2020 during the annual scholarship pageant in the Shorter College S. S. Morris Building. The Office of Student Affairs hosts the annual scholarship event recognizing students of exemplary talent, personal commitment and community outreach efforts.

Kyaira Brown is an intelligent, beautiful young lady with a bright future ahead. Brown is a Criminal Justice major with plans to attend law school. She is the newly elected Student Government Association (SGA) Secretary, a member of the Criminal Justice Society Group and an Ambassador of the Strong Women Empowerment Program (S.W.E.P.), a student leadership program.

"This is an opportunity to give back and work on passions of mine like the bullying epidemic that is going on in our schools. This is an opportunity to network and continue on my path to success," said Miss Brown.

As she continues to meet her goals at Shorter College and prepares for law school, she is optimistic about the array of options ahead.

Sergio Garcia is a young, enthusiastic and committed scholar seeking his degree in General Studies. "It gives me the extra support to fulfill my dreams and to attend medical school to become a doctor," Garcia said. Garcia is very outgoing and passionate in everything he commits to. He is also the newly elected Student Government Association (SGA) Vice President, a certified Literacy Program Math tutor, and a Shorter Reporter student feature writer. Garcia plans to pursue Medical School at the University of Arkansas for Medical



**Mr. & Miss Shorter College 2019-2020,
Sergio Garcia and Kyaira Brown**

Sciences (UAMS). He further hopes for the opportunity to participate in a leadership program through Shorter College that will increase his chances of succeeding.

To become Mr. and Miss Shorter College, contestants are expected to display their best qualities, which is a process that requires personal commitment, hard work, and talent. In addition, contestants responded to trivia questions and competed in a talent portion of the competition.

During the crowning process, 2018 Miss Shorter College Diana Guevara relinquished her tiara and placed it on Miss Kyaira Brown; previous Mr. Shorter College William Boyd relinquished his crown and it was presented to Mr. Sergio Garcia. Family, friends, and members of the college community were in attendance to support the students and their new roles as Shorter College Student Scholar representatives. The event was emceed by Yolanda Washington, Student Affairs Activities Coordinator.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:

Sounds So Good...in dialogue with Curtis Adams**By Kim Lockhart**

Curtis Adams is a 1967 Shorter College graduate with a long standing career as a professional musician and band leader. Adam has played the piano since the age of seven, and his gift as a musician has taken him around the globe to play in prestigious music halls and auditoriums and for former presidents of the United States. He is the founder and manager of the Sounds So Good Jazz Quintet that recently performed at the annual 2019 Shorter College Gala and 124th Commencement graduation reception. When Adams is not entertaining audiences with sounds of jazz, or giving piano lessons at a music studio, he is devoting time to give back to the institution that afforded him opportunities to advance his skills.

For the last three years, Adams has committed time and



Sounds So Good Jazz Quintet: From left to right: Curtis Adams (pianist/organist), Timothy Woods (saxophonist), Sonny Cheatham (lead vocalist), Ivan Yarbrough (bass guitar), and Gavin Hawkins (percussionist)

resources to support the efforts of the College by working closely with the alumni association.

"I am proud to be an alumni. When I attended Shorter College, Dr. H. Solomon Hill was the college president. The campus was small, but vibrant and full of energy."

Adams recalls a climate and culture rich in spirit and resources; the college received enormous support from the AME church, faculty and staff alike. "There were students from all over the state, St. Louis,

Detroit, etc. And there was one dorm, a basketball team, and a choir, which was directed by Mrs. Ruel Cones. I played the piano for choir."

As a student and musician, Adams explored others areas of the arts, such as theater and drama, developing his craft and stage presence, which he took very seriously. "Also, during 1965-1967, Mr. James A. Gates, an instructor, introduced us to acting, and we performed in the play titled *The White Dove*. I played a bull fighter's trainer

who had been bulled by a bull; he walked with a limp. To fully get in to character, I walked with a limp around campus. Students laughed at me because I had mastered the limp really well." According to Adams, the play drew statewide attention. "It placed Shorter College on the map."

Adams' experiences at Shorter College propelled beyond the campus and auditoriums. "Reverend R. J. Hampton promoted my jazz trio, Jamaica Jive Trio, allowing me the opportunity to play in local circuits where Art Porter and others musicians were already established." Adams' expressions of enlightenment and gratitude only attest to the rich history of Shorter College and the wonders that lie ahead. After graduating from the college, Adams served in Vietnam from 1967 to 1969. Afterwards, he returned home
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Literacy Tutor
Studies at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR)

Bulldog Fest 2019: One of Many to Remember

By Cekita Mason

If you are interested in taking the next step in your educational journey or need to get on a path to a better career, the Shorter College Bulldog Fest is the prime opportunity to do just that. The annual campus open house event aims to better inform high school students and their parents about the college campus and classroom settings. Individuals eager to get started right away are permitted to apply for admission.

Over 100 participants, including students from the Little Rock and North Little Rock School Districts, guests from neighboring universities (Philander Smith College and UCA) and community residents attended the event in April to see what the nation's only private two-year HBCU had to offer. The event included free food, giveaways and plenty of fun that made the experience for prospective students eventful and memorable. Power 92.3 FM radio personality, Tre Day, helped create the climate with live broadcast promotions and entertainment. It may have been wet and gloomy on the outside, but that didn't stop the Shorter College family from doing what they do best.

"Today, we're being Bulldogs and offering students the opportunity to explore the campus and even apply for admission. We have programs and opportunities to get them on the path to success," said Pam Conard, Financial Aid Coordinator.

The Enrollment Management team was available to discuss and assist students with various topics, from admission and financial aid programs (including Federal Work-Study) to offering aid through Arkansas Rehabilitation Services and Veteran Affairs.

Shorter College department chairs along with division and student representatives



Davon McCoy, Director of Career and Placement Services Career Readiness, speaking to groups of high school students

filled the Belin Health Complex to showcase the various academic programs and student organization opportunities.

"This event was for students of [all] ages to get an in-depth look at what the school has to offer," said Qusandra Bass, SGA Vice President. "We're happy to offer our time and insight for potential students thinking about attending Shorter College, for it has been a grand experience for me so far to attend an HBCU that has a lot to offer students like myself."

Visiting high school students engaged with faculty, staff, and current students to gain a perspective as to what it would be like to be enrolled at the college. Student organization leaders and representatives directed campus tours for the high school students who participated. As part of the entertainment, members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., encouraged the students to keep an open mind about college and to explore the opportunities presented before them. The event moved some

high school students to publicly speak out about their overall experience and those that spoke stated that they, for the moment, felt like actual college students and that the college community treated them like family.

According to Mrs. Arnella Hayes-Carter, Director of Admissions and Recruitment, next year's event will be even more spectacular.

"In the near future I think we'll have a few things that we modify at Bulldog Fest. We want to have a hands-on or an interactive piece embedded in the event, so prospective students can really appreciate it," she said.

She also stated that this will be a way for Shorter to give back to the community.

If you're ready to begin the exciting journey toward higher education, Shorter College is that opportunity! For an up-close look at Bulldog Fest, visit the Shorter College Facebook page. You can also follow our events! Or, visit our website at www.shortercollege.edu to learn more about the College.

Cinco de Mayo Event Bridges Cultures

By Sergio Garcia

On May 1, 2019, Shorter College hosted Cinco de Mayo, an event aimed to celebrate the historic day with local residents and the college community. It was a tremendous success! Cinco de Mayo is a holiday that declares the Mexican army's 1862 victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War. And to bring this historic heritage to life, students, the Division of Student Affairs and other campus departments created a fun-filled day with live bands, various Mexican foods and cuisines, games, health screening, speakers and much more.

Approximately 100 participants filled the Mexican themed Belin Health Complex to enjoy the fiesta in spite of stormy weather. Historical Mexican timelines were displayed throughout the space to educate the public on various important people, landmarks, and monumental events pertaining to Mexican culture. Piñatas hung throughout the building, waiting to be exploded by the powerful swing of eager participants. Students, faculty and staff dressed in cultural clothing; men wore large Mexican hats and ponchos while some women wore bright, colorful dresses, skirts and tunics. Shorter College is a Latino destination campus with a growing Hispanic student population. The 2018 Miss Shorter College Diana Guevara, the 2019 Mr. Shorter College Sergio Garcia, and student Jenifer Carmona shared their ideas and educational experiences of the college culture and the opportunities afforded to them as students and representatives of Latino and Hispanic communities. Students, their family and friends, and members of the Shorter College community interacted with Hispanic community leaders, such as representatives from the Mexican Consulate in Little Rock, who expressed



Mariachi band performing live during Shorter College's Cinco de Mayo Student Recruitment Day



the urgency of building a stronger community by working together and improving environments. The Mariachi band performed various sets during the event, which enhanced the experience of authentic Mexican culture.

Local vendors, such as La Hacienda, El Patron, Moe's, and Rivera Maya helped create the ambiance by preparing and serving authentic Mexican foods and dishes. La Zeta 106.3 FM, a local Hispanic radio station, livestreamed the event to inform its listeners about the learning opportunity and diversity at Shorter College.

The Cinco de Mayo event was designed to strengthen relationships and build bridges to connect communities.

Dr. George Herts, Dean of Academic and Student Affairs, suggested that the event

be presented as an anchor of society. "We want to ensure we do our part to make sure diversity is clear and we are doing our part to make it happen."

The Division of Student Affairs and other campus departments worked diligently to create the atmosphere. External entities partnered with the College to bring awareness of the vitality of communities working together to improve the quality and livelihoods for those it serves. UAMS nurses and medical assistants provided free health and HIV screening, while volunteers from local universities and colleges provided information and assistance to participants.

The most important aspect of the event was for Shorter College to inform the audience of its mission and the opportunities afforded to individuals interested in improving their quality of life or jumpstarting their current career paths. As Shorter College continues to serve its community by providing access to quality educational programs and services, it aims to be a beacon of light in every community and hope for individuals seeking to broaden their knowledge and skills so they can be assertive and productive in the 21st century.

Shorter College Transfer Scholarship Recipients

Each year since 2014, Director of Admissions and Recruitment, Mrs. Arnella Hayes-Carter, volunteers to help students transfer to four-year institutions using scholarships found through her company, Step-Up Education Services. Throughout the last six years, Shorter College students have received various scholarships to four-year institutions in-state and out-of-state. Students must identify a four-year institution as early as one year prior to graduation. All students must have a cumulative grade point average of a 3.2 or above. Students will receive advice on completing scholarship applications, meeting deadlines, and requesting recommendation letters from faculty and staff. The Enrollment Management team also takes students to 'Transfer Day' at various colleges to expose them to four-year colleges. This experience has been a blessing to our Shorter College students. We are so proud of our students for their accomplishments!

Fall 2019

Philander Smith College

Transfer Scholarship: \$5,000 for two years

Nicholas Alvarez
Qushanda S. Bass
Andrea Chivon Williams
Dushun L. Scarbrough, Jr.

Fall 2018

Philander Smith College

Transfer Scholarship: \$5,000 for two years

Brianna Alexander
Antonio Campbell
Carlotta Conway
Mecca Lee
Travis Johnson

Langston University

Transfer Scholarship: \$31,200 for two years

Conrad Green

Fall 2016

University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

Transfer Scholarship: \$8,800 for two years

Malik T. Austin
Shynice L. Galloway
Inkery Kelly
Blakelly D. Dillard

Philander Smith College

Transfer Scholarship: \$5,000 for two years

Mary Harris
Olivia Harper
Samantha Lampkin
Tiffanie S. Morgan
Sonja C. Washington
Yolanda K. Washington
Latrina Williams
Sidney Onukwbe

Fall 2015

Prairie View A&M University

Distinguished Transfer Scholarship:

\$9,600 for two years

DeAndra Gilbert
Damon Wheeler

University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

Transfer Scholarship: \$8,800 for two years

Darlisa Ware
Darlinea Wadood

Fall 2014

University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

Transfer Scholarship: \$8,272

Book Scholarship: \$500

Monica Blanks

Philander Smith College

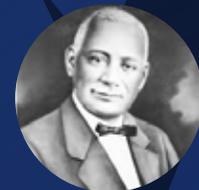
Transfer Scholarship: \$23,608 two years

Shirley Temple

**DID YOU
KNOW?**



Daisy L. Gatson-Bates attended and graduated from Shorter College in the 1940s.



Scipio A. Jones, a former slave and civil rights attorney, attended and graduated from Shorter College.



S.W.E.P. Ambassadors at Colorful Women Leadership Summit at UAPB

S.W.E.P.: Leaders of the 21st Century

By Kim Lockhart

The Shorter College Strong Women Empowerment Project (S.W.E.P) was established to enhance the leadership qualities and experiences among female students enrolled in the college. Its mission is to provide opportunities and resources for individuals to become dynamics leaders, innovators, and public servants.

"The inception of the Strong Women Empowerment Project has been a beautiful experience. It's a privilege to work with the talented ladies of Shorter College, in an effort to promote personal growth and professional development. I'm sure as the organization continues to grow and develop it will become a conduit for women known as innovative thinkers and progressive leaders," said Marilyn Bush, S.W.E.P. supporter.

"I plan to use our platform to empower other women by never giving up even when the going gets tough. To encourage us to believe in ourselves by creating a foundation that will be beneficial to all involved," said Nicole Evans, S.W.E.P. chairwoman.

S.W.E.P. established a partnership with the National Witness Project (NWP), headquartered in Buffalo, New York. NWP is a national cancer institute and a research test intervention program listed on cancercontrolplanet.cancer.gov. It provides

educational programs and navigation services for preventive health screening to communities at large. Through the S.W.E.P. program, Shorter College freshman, Erica Wesley, received an internship with the Arkansas Witness Project in spring 2018. S.W.E.P. developed a partnership with the Colorful Women Leadership Summit, to heighten the professional leadership capacities of its ambassadors.

In April, S.W.E.P. Ambassadors attended the Colorful Women Leadership Summit at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB), where Dr. Mary Benjamin was honored for her leadership in spearheading the development and implementation of the UAPB STEM program. Partners and supporters from across the nation came together to discuss critical issues affecting minority females in society while reviewing research findings and best practices.

S.W.E.P. hosted a roundtable discussion, Phase I: Elements of Success, featuring panel guests: Ann Prosper, Women and Children First Sexual Assault Advocate, Amber McCoy, UAMS Senior Diversity Specialist, Zelenka Herts-Gibson, Integrated Life Coach, and Carol Hobbs, Author and Community Organizer at the SafeHouse. The panel provided life altering information in support of members' personal and professional lives. Another roundtable discussion, Phase II: A Vision for Success,

was an off-campus exploration where members interacted and engaged in a self-image learning practicum, creating a vision board. This experience allowed the women to bond in sisterhood and create a positive synergy that may inspire others to put their vision on paper.

In addition, "Denim Days," facilitated by Ann Prosper, was an initiative to support and advocate for sexual assault survivors. S.W.E.P. Ambassadors created art designs on denim jeans and displayed their designs to support the cause. The ambassadors have also created the "Love Box," a gift of non-perishables, household and personal items that is presented to an individual in need. More projects and initiatives are underway for the upcoming 2019 fall and winter seasons.

The new student leadership organization is geared toward enhancing the educational, professional and personal growth of Shorter College female students. The organization meets monthly, every third Thursday at noon. The 2019 newly elected S.W.E.P. officers are: Nicole Evans, Chair; Briana Toler, Vice Chair; Qushanda Bass, Secretary; Dottie Racy, Treasurer; Beverly Aaron, Parliamentarian. These ladies are enthusiastic, focused, and ready to serve. Contact Kimberly Lockhart or Marilyn Bush to learn more about the organization.

Graduates

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the thing to guide them in discovering their true passion. Yet, true success is when we know life is more fulfilling when we give. Acklin charged the graduates to give their time, their talents and their finances because there is

so much need in this world. Most importantly, he told them to take God with them.

Shorter College President, O. Jerome Green, and Board Chairman, Bishop Michael

Mitchell, presented each graduate with their degree. The degrees included: 18 in General Studies, 4 in Child Development, 7 in Criminal Justice and 7 in Entrepreneurial Studies. The Shorter College

Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, staff, alumni and the college community congratulate all graduates on their educational achievement and wish them success in all their future endeavors.

Shorter College 2019 Graduating Class

Nicolas Alvarez	Diana Guevara	Thomas Jones	Rashaunna Pennington	Dwight Swanigan
Qushanda Bass	Klyrisa Hardwell	Leonard Luster	Tamika Reed	Troy Thomas
Cynthia Burnett	Tyrees Hollister	Terria Mackey	Debra Reddick	Corbin Thompson
Clayton Bibbs	Crystal Jackson	Tynisha Mosby	Candice Rice	Tatreuna Thornton
Shantesa Conway	Jermesha Jackson	Dominique Neal	Deshun Scarborough	Alexandria Tillman
Bonita Couch	Tina Jackson	Jasmine Neal	Latreece Smith	Special Turner
Jamie Griffin	Kristi Johnson	Ashlee Parker	LaQuint Smith	Lonnika Walker
				Andrea Williams

SCP

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Board of Corrections, Arkansas Correctional School principals and faculty to recognize, award, and confer an Associate of Arts Degree in Entrepreneurial Studies to Shorter College's eight Second Chance Pell graduates, who worked tirelessly to achieve a college education.

"We are more than proud of our SCP graduates. They are nontraditional students, in a

nontraditional setting with an inspirational message. That message, loud and clear, says there is a Path to Possible," said Angela Crutchfield, SCP Coordinator.

Stormy Cubb, Director of the Shorter College Second Chance Pell Program, expressed, "All the graduates worked very hard to reach his or her goal. Though their stories vary, and some encountered a challenge

here or there, but because of the support from within the Second Chance Pell Program and their family, they were able to achieve what they started. Shorter College is grateful to be changing lives."

Little Rock Mayor Frank Scott and a host of state officials took the podium to extend their gratitude and words of encouragement that would empower the graduates to

continue their pursuit of knowledge.

Again, we congratulate our SCP graduates; they have demonstrated that anything is possible and new beginnings are on the horizon. Given the opportunity, support and resources, anyone can achieve their goals. Shorter College continues to be a beacon of light for individuals who are willing to travel uncharted territory.

Adams

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and continued to support the institution's transition and growth. "I am pleased to see the transition and growth of Shorter College, and the Alumni Association continues to meet regularly and work to support the college. I am

excited to see that the college is moving in the right direction. I was impressed to see all the 'newness' and technology that is taking place on the campus. We [alumni association] are excited to see the college continue to blossom."

For half a century, Adams has shared his sounds of music with many audiences. Before his professional music career received national attention, Adams performed in the church. He is presently the chief musician of the Rising Star Baptist Church, serving

under Reverend Arnett Dotson, Pastor. He has performed with and for many artists, such as the late Andrae Crouch, Mahalia Jackson, The Williams Brothers, Rance Allen, John P. Kee, Art Porter, Art Porter Jr., Kool and the Gang, Chaka Khan and many others.

STUDENT POLL



Do you agree that prioritizing a college load helps students better achieve their educational goals?



Aaron Dobbins
Shorter College student

"Yes. It's always good to have your priorities in order so you know where you're headed in life. Remember business first."



Sparkle Bailey
Shorter College student

"Yes. Prioritizing gives students more structure on their lessons and they will be more attentive within their classes and communities abroad."

LITERACY CORNER

Connecting Communities through Literacy

By Cekita Mason and Kim Lockhart

To build a more literate community, the Literacy Program staff hosted a series of literacy events on and off campus during the month of April, National Literacy Month. The national campaign raises awareness of the growing illiteracy epidemic that affects millions nationwide. To support the cause, the Read 2 Lead initiative launched to promote reading and to encourage youth to become lifelong readers. Literacy staff and Shorter College students volunteered and read to children at the Alexander Turner Child Development Center.

As Sergio Garcia read a portion of Dr. Seuss' *Oh, the Places You'll Go* and Marilyn Hayes read a portion of *Green Eggs and Ham*, it was an awesome experience to witness the little ones sitting still and listening to the readers. Some of the children interacted and answered each question the readers posed. The Literacy Program plans to expand this project, by reaching out to more schools to



Authors (from left) Lillian Li (*Number One Chinese Restaurant*), Ashley Hince (*Superwoman Redefined*) and Phyllis Hodges (*8 Years of Unforgettable History*)



read and make the initiative a continuous program fixture.

In addition, the Literacy staff conducted a poetry contest for students to enter and win books, prizes and an opportunity to meet several published authors. Winners of this year's poetry contest were announced in chapel. Congratulations to this year's 1st and 2nd place winners:

Tamara Dyer and Sue Clark. Last year's winner, Jamie Griffin, student leader of Iron Sharpens Iron, presented the winners with a gift and a copy of *Number One Chinese Restaurant* by Lillian Li. A special recognition and tribute were extended to last year's runner up, Joyce McFadden, a former student who unexpectedly passed away. A balloon release was displayed in her honor. Her brother, Kendrick McFadden, said that he was very grateful that his sister had been remembered in such a special way.

The Literacy Program participated in its 3rd annual literary initiative, "Writers in the School" (W.I.T.S), through the Arkansas Literary Festival. Each year, writers are placed in private and public education institutions to share their latest literary work. This year, the college welcomed three writers: Lillian Li, Ashley Hince and Phyllis Hodges. The Literacy Program is partnered with Literacy Action at the Central Arkansas Library, where tutors become certified.

SHORTER COLLEGE

SUMMER 2019 CALENDAR

MAY

20 | Summer I Classes Begin

21 | Summer I Registration Ends

27 | Memorial Day Observed,
Campus Closed

JUNE

21 | Expanding the Possibilities
Leadership Conference (off campus)

25-26 | Summer II Registration Begins

**27 | Summer II Registration Ends;
Classes Begin**

JULY

**1 | Late Registration Ends/
Last Day to Drop/Add/Register**

4 | Independence Day Observed
(No Classes/Offices Closed)

31 | Last Day of Instruction

AUG

1 | Final Examinations by Summer Session

9 | Shorter College Alumni Association
Benefit Golf Tournament

19 | Fall Classes Begin

21 | Late Registration Begins

**26 | Late Registration Ends/
Last Day to Drop/Add/Register**

SEPT

2 | Labor Day (No Classes/
Administrative Offices Closed)



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FOUNDED 1886