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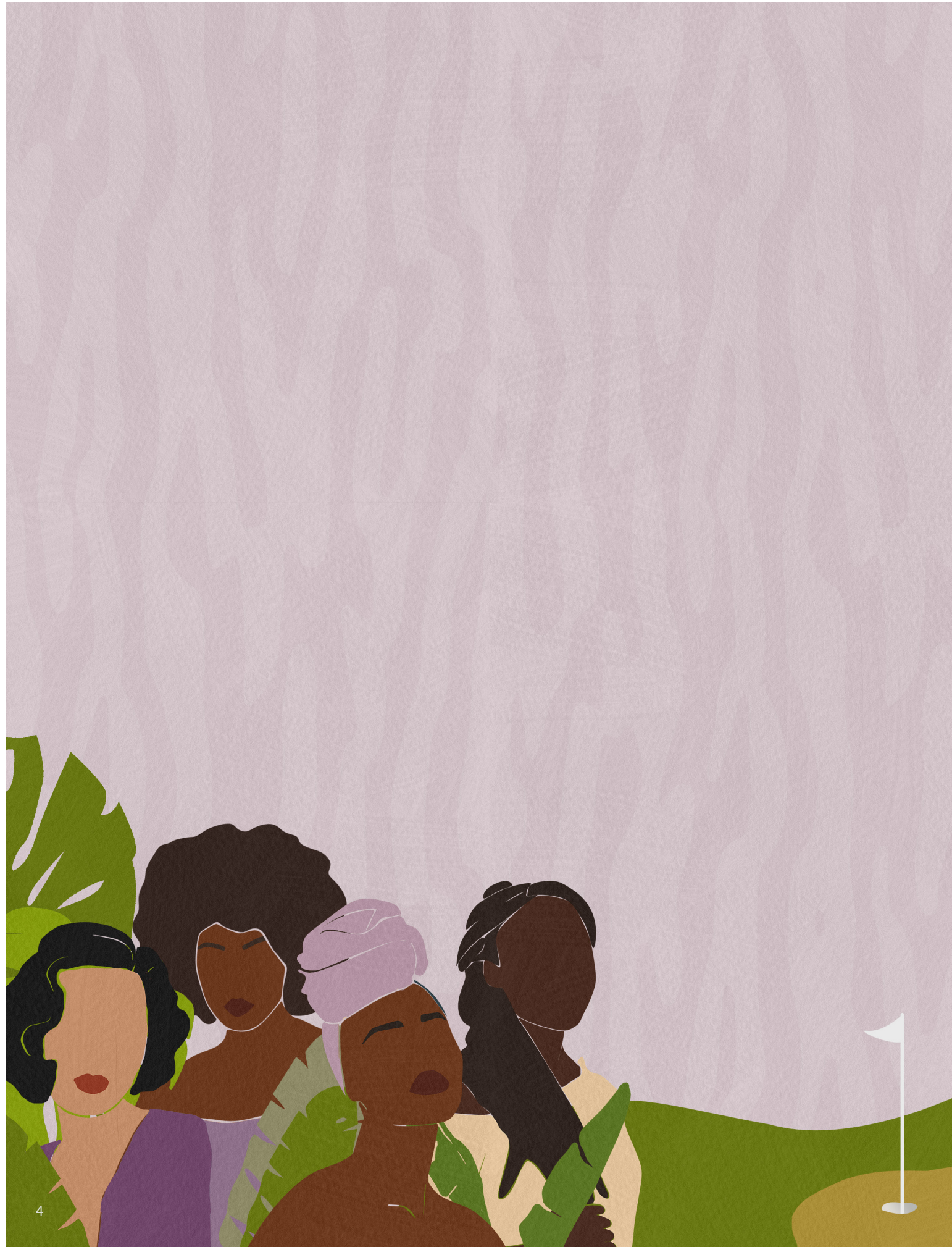
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ABWL-NJ 2022 SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Greetings,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to our 2022 Annual Scholarship Jazz Fundraiser. This year we decided to host a golf outing and jazz banquet for the first time. Although this event represents a new and different format, we have undertaken every effort to make this occasion a memorable one for all. This year's theme is Celebrating Ourselves and our Authenticity. Our Keynote Speaker Ariane Thomas, Psy.D, JD, and our Honorees Antonia Winstead, MSW, Black Girls Run! (BGR-North, BGR-Central, BGR-South), Jewelle R. Sutherland, M.D. and Renee Riddle Davison are black women who exemplify the spirit of our theme. We celebrate these amazing New Jersey women and the BGR organization for reaching the highest levels of leadership in all sectors of American society. Please take the time to peruse their biographies and learn of their great accomplishments and contributions to our communities.

It is especially apropos that we recognize the work of our Honorees and the importance of this year's theme, as we share a collective special pride in the ascendancy of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to serve as the first Black woman on the United States Supreme Court.

The Founders of ABWL-NJ also exemplify our theme as their vision to establish an organization in 1975 to meet the needs of black women and students interested in a legal career has withstood the test of time. As New Jersey's first women's bar association, ABWL-NJ has spent nearly fifty years employing strategies designed to enhance the economic, educational, legal, and social empowerment necessary to improve the quality of life for Black women, their families, and the New Jersey community-at large. Our members represent the diaspora and include practitioners in all areas of the law. We also embrace law students through our ABWL mentor program.

Our annual scholarship fundraiser affords us the opportunity to provide scholarships to support deserving Black female law students. Please join me in congratulating these dynamic young women who exemplify academic excellence and serve as community leaders. We take great pride in the role that ABWL-NJ plays and are enthusiastic about the infinite possibilities of these authentic future lawyers. Special Thanks to Scholarship Committee Chair Michelle Perry-Thompson, Esq., and a very special thank you to all our wonderful sponsors; without you these scholarships would not be possible.

Thank you to the hardworking and dedicated Scholarship Fundraiser committee.

Last, but certainly not least, thank you to Ms. Ann Watkins, our Administrative Assistant. I am grateful for all of your hard work during my presidency; you are a precious jewel to ABWL-NJ.

On behalf of ABWL-NJ, thank you everyone for your support!

Yours truly,

Jennifer Downing-Mathis, Esq.
President, ABWL-NJ



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRWOMAN



Greetings All,

It is with great joy that we welcome you to our SOLD OUT Inaugural Scholarship Golf Outing and Jazz Banquet! We thank each of you for your support and participation. Our Committee has worked tirelessly to make this new hybrid event a success.

Our goal each year is to increase our fundraising while optimizing your experience in partaking in this noble cause. We seek to provide scholarship dollars to deserving Black law students, as well as, to increase opportunities for ABWL-NJ to better serve our communities and the legal profession.

Over the past 20 years, ABWL-NJ has committed to raising funds by way of its annual marquee Scholarship Jazz Brunch. Due to the pandemic, however, the past two years required the production of the event in alternative forms. We are fortunate that the spirit of the event's in-person gathering and fellowship has resumed today, Spring 2022.

This year's fundraiser has incorporated an Inaugural Golf Outing to host those interested in an outdoor experience. We are excited to also offer the Jazz Banquet

following the golf outing to present the scholarship awards and acknowledge this year's honorees.

Our theme is "Celebrating Ourselves and Our Authenticity." We chose this theme mindful that Black women have historically unwavering in giving ourselves to the creation of a just and flourishing world, often at the expense of ourselves. Thus, ABWL-NJ through its mission and this event, celebrates Black women living out loud, loving ourselves, centering our needs, and nurturing our self-determined dreams and ideologies -- and to do so unapologetically.

As such, we sought after honorees (individuals or organizations) whose personal or professional mission facilitates and upholds Black women's right to practice self-care, prioritize mental health, center self-evolution, and pursue joy, for the benefit of our well-being.

Congratulations to our honorees and our scholarship recipients! A special thanks to the members who committed their time and energy to make this inaugural event possible. A huge thank you specifically to Cameryn Hinton, Esq., Sonia Sanabia, Esq. and Quala Williams, Esq. for consistently showing up and giving this inaugural effort the care and attention it needed, as we navigated uncharted territory.

God bless you all, and may the celebratory spirit of this event reside with you beyond the confines of this special day.

In His Amazing Grace,

Kimberly D. Deal, Esq.
Chair, Scholarship Golf Outing & Jazz Banquet
President-Elect, ABWL-NJ

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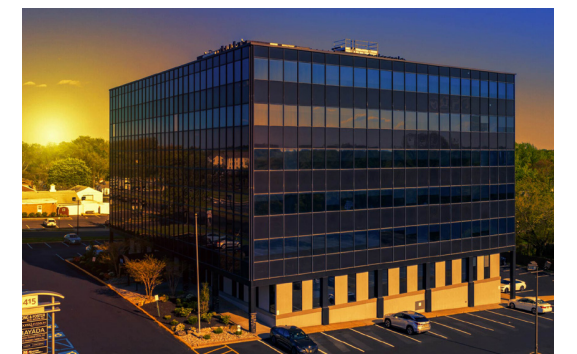
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The Founders of the Association of Black Women Lawyers of New Jersey (ABWL-NJ) established an organization to meet the needs of Black women and students interested in the practice of law.

Their dream became a reality in 1975 when they formed ABWL-NJ, a non-partisan, non-profit organization that promotes the participation of African-American women in the field of law. The oldest women's bar association in New Jersey, ABWL-NJ has spent four decades engaged in strategies designed to gain the legal, educational, economic and social empowerment necessary to enhance the quality of life for African-American women, their families and the New Jersey community-at-large.

ABWL-NJ's commitment to providing outstanding service to women and to the wider community is demonstrated by an untiring commitment to improving the quality of life for all. ABWL-NJ is actively involved in facilitating and disseminating information and discussion on a wide range of topics including public education, domestic violence, mortgage foreclosure, the juvenile justice system and the challenges of mass incarceration of people of color. ABWL-NJ has cooperated with other state, county and specialty bar associations to address these important issues.

The Social Justice Committee of ABWL-NJ has enhanced its grass-roots outreach, providing workshop speakers to the New Jersey Black Issues Convention, New Jersey Legislative Black Caucus, and The New Jersey NAACP State Conference as well as to the NJSBA. In accordance with ABWL's stated Mission, the Social Justice Committee strategically takes positions in opposition to or in support of pending legislation which impacts the Black community. The Committee advocates by letter writing to elected officials, issuing Press Releases, or signing on to Press Releases with our social justice coalition partners such as NJISJ, NJ-BIC, Salvation & Social Justice, the NJ NAACP, Fair Share Housing, Rutgers Inclusion Project, New Jersey Policy Prospective and The Black Multi Faith Alliance all of the United Black Agenda Group. The Joint ABWL & GSBA Judicial and Prosecutorial Appointments Committee (JPAC) which was born out of the social justice agenda continues to work diligently to bring diversity to the Superior Court, Administrative Law, and Workers Compensation Bench in New Jersey as well as to New Jersey's Board and Commissions.

ABWL-NJ is also known for its Law Day programs in schools and other community based venues; its Pink and Black Affair to promote awareness of breast cancer prevention and provide financial assistance for medical care for women of color; and its annual Scholarship Jazz Brunch, the traditional forum through which it awards book grants and scholarships to Black women law students and also recognizes the professional achievements of those who have made significant contributions to the community. ABWL-NJ recently created the Law Student Emergency Needs Fund to address law student needs outside of grants and scholarships and has grown a robust law student mentoring program, as well as mentoring programs for girls in middle schools throughout the state. In addition, ABWL-NJ continues to advocate for increased access of persons of color and women into the legal profession, supporting efforts to preserve law school admission policies that promote their enrollment; encouraging employment practices that promote diversity; and as champions for equal rights under the law through active participation on NJ Supreme Court Committees, in specialty bar associations and in the New Jersey State Bar Association. In further keeping with its service mission, ABWL-NJ created the Honorable Anne E. Thompson American Inn of Court in March 2009 (renamed The Honorable Marie White Bell, JSC (ret) in 2019), which provides continuing legal education and fosters fellowship among the bar and bench. In sum, ABWL-NJ remains committed to:

- Providing forums to disseminate legal information on matters of interest to attorneys of color;
- Fostering communication, cooperation and understanding within the legal profession;
- Assisting in service to charitable organizations and the Bar;
- Encouraging and assisting students in the pursuit of a career in law;
- Encouraging its members to maintain high standards of conduct and professionalism.

For more information about ABWL-NJ, please visit our website at www.abwl-nj.org



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Dear Friends,

It is an honor to welcome everyone gathered for the 2022 Scholarship Golf Outing & Jazz Banquet, hosted by the Association of Black Women Lawyers of New Jersey.

As the State of New Jersey continues to guide and coordinate initiatives to strengthen diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging, these significant efforts are reinforced by the important work and outstanding leadership of the Association of Black Women Lawyers of New Jersey. Since its inception, this vital organization has encouraged and mentored Black women through educational and charitable programs, legal forums, and scholarships; empowering women to celebrate themselves and each other, center their needs and nurture their dreams.

Today's Golf Outing and Banquet serves not only as an occasion to honor the efforts of the Association of Black Women Lawyers of New Jersey but is an opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of past generations of Black women lawyers, and to show support for those in the future. I am proud to commend the Association, and all involved in organizing this spectacular event and for the role the Association of Black Women Lawyers of New Jersey plays in advocating for racial equity in the legal profession, celebrating the individual and their authenticity, and for enhancing the lives of countless women and their families.

Best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable event

My very best,


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DR. ARIANE THOMAS, PsyD., JD



Dr. Ariane Thomas is a PA licensed clinical psychologist who has been working in Philadelphia and surrounding communities for over a decade. Dr. Thomas received her M.A. and Psy.D. from the Institute for Graduate Clinical Psychology at Widener University, and simultaneously earned a J.D. from the Widener University School of Law in Delaware. It was during this training, that Dr. Thomas was able to indulge her love of writing and her passion for integration of the disciplines of psychology and law. Her work at the University of Pennsylvania, and in her private psychology practice, has given her the opportunity to integrate the fields professionally.

She began her time at the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education teaching Ethics in a one-week summer session. From there, she went on to teach a year-long Internship Seminar eventually joining that program's full-time faculty in 2014. Currently, Dr. Thomas is the Director of the Professional Counseling program, and she teaches a variety of courses including Counseling Ethics, Internship Seminar, and Advanced Psychology of Women. She is also the Associate Director for Professional Training, coordinating internship placements for students training to become Licensed Professional Counselors. Dr. Thomas also maintains a private

psychotherapy practice working with clients confronting a variety of challenges, including depression, anxiety, work stress, relationship issues, racial stress, and racial identity development. Dr. Thomas dedicates part of her time in her private practice to the cost-free treatment of military veterans with trauma disorders and other mental health issues through the organization Give an Hour. She also offers sliding scale and cost-free treatment for Black Lives Matter protesters. In her classes, Dr. Thomas emphasizes to students, that issues of social justice, including ensuring that counseling services are accessible to marginalized communities, are values at the very foundation of ethical counseling practice.

One of Dr. Thomas' passions is providing stress management supports for individuals in the legal profession. For judges, early career attorneys, and even those with extensive experience, the challenges and stressors associated with the practice of law are distinct and can be impactful on both personal and professional lives. Supporting legal professionals by providing opportunities to debrief and process their experiences in discrete, supportive environments, enhances work satisfaction and improves their overall professional practice. It can also reduce stress levels, organizational discord, and turnover for law firms. Another one of Dr. Thomas' passions is working with elite athletes who confront distinct developmental challenges and stressors such as character and racial identity development early in their careers, and grief and loss experienced at the end. In her private practice, she treats athletes addressing these issues with the purpose of enhancing their functioning both on and off fields of play. While the work with lawyers and athletes can be quite different from the traditional therapy services she provides, offering these services integrates Dr. Thomas' knowledge of psychology, sport, and law and enables her to contribute to a healthier careers and lifestyles for individuals in both professions.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

M. BERNADINE JOHNSON MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Marie Bernadine Johnson Marshall was born in Trenton, New Jersey. Mrs. Marshall attended the Newark Public School System having graduated from West Side High School. She then went to Howard University in Washington D.C., graduating in 1944 with a degree in sociology. At a time when few women attended post-graduate schools, Mrs. Marshall did so and in 1947 graduated from Rutgers Law School. In 1949, Mrs. Marshall began on a journey of "firsts," when she and Martha Belle became the first African-American women admitted to the New Jersey Bar.

Mrs. Marshall began her legal career engaging in the general practice of law with her father, the late Jacob B. Johnson, Sr., a former Assistant Prosecutor in Essex County. She focused on matrimonial, immigration, landlord-tenant, estate and general trial law. In May 1955, Ms. Marshall was appointed Associate Counsel to a United States Senate Judiciary Sub-committee investigating juvenile delinquency. At that time, she was the youngest woman lawyer and only African-American woman lawyer practicing on Capitol Hill. In 1958, she rejoined the practice with her father until 1960. She continued to practice law on her own until her retirement in 1988.

Mrs. Marshall's commitment to the legal and African-American community is evidenced by her involvement in a number of professional and community organizations including, the Urban League of Essex County, the YM-YWCA of Newark, the North Jersey unit of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. and Zonta International, a business women's club. She was also a member of the Essex County Mental Health Association and Planned Parenthood of Essex County. In addition, Mrs. Marshall served on various boards and commissions. She was appointed the first female member of Newark's Alcoholic Beverage Control Board in 1961 and later served as the Board's chairperson. She also served on the boards of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield and the Girls Center of Essex County. In addition, she was a former counsel to the New Jersey State Federation of Negro Women's Clubs, Inc. The recipient of numerous awards, Mrs. Marshall was honored with a State Senate Resolution in 1995 in recognition of these and other trailblazing efforts in law and community service. She was a shining light who paved the way for African-Americans in the field of law. This light was dimmed in September 1997, but her legacy lives on.

MARTHA BELLE WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Martha Belle Williams was born January 9, 1924, in Montclair, New Jersey and graduated from local elementary, junior and high schools in that city. She attended Essex County Junior College in Newark and transferred to Upsala College, from which she graduated in 1945 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history, political science and economics. She received her L.L.B. degree from Rutgers University School of Law in 1948. In 1949, M. Bernadine Johnson Marshall and Martha Belle Williams changed African-American and New Jersey history by becoming the first African-American woman admitted to the New Jersey Bar.

Mrs. Williams started her legal career as a law clerk in the office of Sidney G. Grover of Newark. She later became an associate in the law firm practicing civil and criminal law. Thereafter, she was briefly associated with both J. Mercer Burrell of Newark and Louis E. Saunders of Jersey City in the practice of general law. In 1968, Mrs. Williams was named senior attorney for the Montclair Office of the Essex County Legal Services. In this position, she gained local notoriety for her uncanny commitment to economically disadvantaged people whom she counseled and advised. Mrs. Williams was a member of the Essex County and New Jersey Bar Associations, the American Judicature Society and the Montclair Chapter of the National Council of Negro Women. She also served as President of the Montclair Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) and at the time of her appointment, was the youngest woman in the United States to attain that position.

Mrs. Williams was highly respected for her ability to bring a ray of sunshine and hope to everyone she encountered. That ray was extinguished prematurely in June 1969, when she died at the age of 45. Mrs. Williams' legacy continues through the many attorneys she touched and the legal scholars who recognize her contributions to the profession.

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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

ASSOCIATION OF BLACK WOMEN LAWYERS OF NJ (ABWL-NJ)

In the 1997-1998 program term ABWL-NJ named its scholarships after two trailblazers:

M. Bernadine Johnson Marshall, Esquire: and Martha Belle Williams, Esquire. Over the

past four decades, ABWL-NJ Scholarship Awards to law students have now exceeded

\$150,000. We thank our members, sponsors and supporters for making this possible.

M. BERNADINE JOHNSON MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

AKOSUA OPONG-WIREDU



Akosua Opong-Wiredu is a 2L at Fordham University School of Law where she is concentrating in International, Comparative and Foreign Law, in pursuit of a career in International Human Rights Law. At Fordham, Akosua acts as the Vice-President of the Black Law Students' Association, is a member of both the Crowley Scholars Program in International Human Rights and the Stein Scholars Program in Public Interest Law & Ethics, is a Board Student Advisor, and is a competing member of the Dispute Resolution Society on the VIS International Arbitration Competition team. Akosua has also interned at the New York City Commission on Human Rights, the New York Civil Liberties Union, and is currently in Fordham's International Human Rights Law Clinic. This summer, she will be at Neufeld Scheck & Brustin, LLP working on civil rights claims such as wrongful convictions, police shootings, and jail and prison suits.

Prior to law school, Akosua graduated from The American University (AU) in 2018 where she studied Law & Society, International Relations, and was a member of the Politics, Policy and Law (PPL) Scholars program. During her tenure at AU, Akosua worked as a legislative intern at the Drug Policy Alliance advocating for the end of mass incarceration of Black people due to the War on Drugs and at the Fund for Global Health advocating for increased federal funding for tuberculosis treatment in developing countries. Akosua also studied abroad in Chengdu, China where she studied Mandarin, took courses on human trafficking and international criminal organizations, and interned at Tahota Law Firm. After graduating, she became a Litigation Legal Assistant at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP where she worked on several pro bono cases such as asylum requests and assisted the National Law Center on Homelessness' COVID-19 response team.

MARTHA BELLE WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

NKORA CARR



Nkora Carr is a second-year law student at Rutgers Law School-Camden. She was born in Brooklyn and raised in Long Island, New York. Nkora attended Penn State University, where she double-majored in Creative Writing and Sociology. Her undergraduate research on deviance, the school-to-prison pipeline, and recidivism led her to law school.

At Rutgers, Nkora is part of the Social Justice Scholar Program and the Minority Student Program. She is also a 2L Representative and Diversity and Inclusion Liaison for the Association of Public Interest, a 2L Representative and Bar Association Liaison for ALIANZA, the Latin American Law Student Alliance, and a 2L representative for the Student Bar Association. Nkora is also an Associate Editor for the Race & The Law Journal.

She has volunteered for Street Law and the Conviction Review Unit. Nkora was a Summer Associate at Reed Smith's Philadelphia office in 2021 and will be joining the firm again for the summer of 2022. Nkora wants to use her law degree to advocate for minority children in the juvenile "justice" system. In her free time, Nkora likes to cook and travel.

ZAHIRAH SABIR



Zahirah is currently a 2L student in the evening program while balancing a career with Burlington County Department of Human Services, overseeing workforce development outreach and administration. Raised in a family that always emphasized the importance of helping others and being an advocate, Zahirah is a member of the Board of Directors for CONTACT of Burlington County, a suicide and sexual assault prevention non-profit organization. In addition to her work with CONTACT, Zahirah volunteers with the Burlington Vicinage's Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Samaritan Hospice's Committee on Inclusion, and is a Social Justice Scholar working with the SJ Coalition of Legal Services.

Zahirah formerly worked as a Legislative Aide for Assemblyman "Whip" Wilson of the 5th Legislative District where she was tasked with serving as a direct liaison for the Assemblyman to the Governor's Office, Executive Branch Departments and Agencies, NJ Senate, Federal Representatives, County and Municipal officials as well as managing constituent cases. While advocating for constituents, she realized her passion for education and housing equity issues as well as linking community members to necessary resources. This passion for advocacy lead Zahirah to law school and the SJS program.

2022 ABWL-NJ SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

ANGELICA RICHARDSON



Angelica Richardson is a lifelong resident of Trenton, New Jersey. She graduated from Trenton High School – West Campus. She attended Fairleigh Dickinson University – Metro Campus where she obtained a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration.

Angelica has just completed her first year as an evening division student at Widener University Delaware Law School in Wilmington, DE. At Delaware Law, Angelica is a member of the Black Law Student Association. She recently placed second in the 1st Annual Moe Levine Trial Team 1L Closing Summation Competition. She subsequently had the pleasure of serving as a witness for the Moe Levine Mock Trial Competition.

She has worked professionally in the public sector for over ten years. Angelica currently works for the New Jersey Economic Development Authority where she is a Human Resources Officer. At the completion of her legal education, Angelica hopes to have a career as a Federal Public Defender.

Her commitment to public service has been exemplary. This was most recently demonstrated through her participation in the highly successful expungement clinic co-hosted by the ABWL-NJ in Burlington County. Angelica is also a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Trenton Alumnae Chapter.

JORDAN DUNBAR



Jordan is a second-year law student at Rutgers Law School. She is a graduate of American University, where in May 2019, she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Justice, Law and Criminology with a minor in Chinese language. During her third year at American, Jordan studied abroad in Chengdu, China where she interned at Beijing Deheng Law Offices. Her responsibilities included legal research and writing, translating key documents from Mandarin to English, reviewing and editing correspondence, and providing general legal and office support.

Prior to Law School, Jordan worked as a legal assistant at Jeff Fannell & Associates, a sports and entertainment firm that mainly worked with the MLB and MLBPA. Upon entering Rutgers Law School, Jordan joined the Minority Students Program and the Black Law Students Association. Jordan spent her 1L summer with Prudential, Inc., working with their Individual Life Insurance and Annuities group and volunteering for multiple pro bono clinics. She currently mentors two first-year law students, is the Vice President of the Black Law Students Association, serves as a Teacher’s Assistant for Civil Procedure, and is currently a Trial Advocacy Research Assistant for Professor John Lore. Throughout

her educational career Jordan also worked for various community service organizations serving as counselor, teacher, mentor and tutor to local youth in New Jersey, Washington D.C., and Cape Town, South Africa.

Jordan is a native of Charleston, South Carolina, but spent majority of her life in Southern New Jersey where she currently resides.

GABRIELLA GREENHOWARD



My name is Gabriella Greenhoward and I am a rising 2L at Rutgers Law School in Camden. I was born and raised in Rockaway Beach, Queens, NY. In addition to my love of spending time at the beach, I also enjoy leisurely reading, trying new recipes, and making collages with old magazines. A few years ago, my family and I relocated to Bethlehem, PA, where I stayed for college. I received my Bachelors of Arts in English from Moravian University in 2021. I was the second Moravian University student to be selected to participate in a 3+3 B.A./J.D. program that allows me to receive both degrees in six years.

As a law student, I proudly serve as the President of the Black Law Students Association. Being able to lead such an incredible group of individuals has been an invaluable experience that I will forever cherish. Additionally, I serve as the Secretary for the Latin American Law Student Alliance. I enjoy acting as a bridge between these two powerful affinity groups on campus.

Lastly, I am a Marshall Brennan Constitutional Literacy Fellow. I’ve had the opportunity to teach constitutional law to 11th grade students in Camden. They never fail to impress me with their intelligence, engagement, and leadership in the classroom. Teaching my students has been the most meaningful experience of my law school career. I am looking forward to completing my legal education at Rutgers Law and achieving my dream of becoming an attorney.

KRISTINE BAFFO



Kristine Baffo was born and raised in Somerset, New Jersey. She is a first-year student at Rutgers Law School - Newark, where she is a merit scholar recipient. Kristine is a member of the Association of Black Law Students and 1L representative for the Health Law Society.

Kristine has interest in exploring the intersections of the corporate law, healthcare, and diversity, equity, and inclusion in the legal space. Prior to entering law school, she attended Rutgers University-New Brunswick, where she graduated cum laude with a Bachelor’s in Political Science and an associate’s certificate in American Politics and Public Policy from the Eagleton Institute of Politics. Kristine also was a member Pi Sigma Alpha, Cap and Skull Senior Honors Society, and the student body president.

After college graduation, Kristine worked in government contracting and the healthcare space. Her work focused primarily on budgeting, fundraising, community engagement, and DEI strategy with corporate entities. Kristine will spend her 2022 summer as Legal Summer Analyst at Goldman Sachs and 2023 Summer as a CLASP intern with Paul Hastings.

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JAMAYRAH MOORE



At age fifteen, Jamayrah "Jammy" Moore turned her life into a movement. Because of her love for her hometown Trenton, NJ, Jammy created the My Life Movement (MLM), a grass-roots non-profit that hosts leadership forums, self-development workshops, coat drives, and implements after-school mentoring programs in public schools in Trenton, NJ.

MLM allowed her to transform her most traumatic obstacles into programming to aid children in the foster care system; children who live with or have parents with AIDS; children who suffer the loss of a loved one; immigrant children, and children affected by chronic disease. Partnering with other organizations like The Age out Angels, New Jersey Department of Corrections, Stacey Blount Rising Stars, and more enabled her to serve roughly 642 students over the last seven years.

Jamayrah is a graduate of the College of Saint Elizabeth. During her time at CSE, she studied Communications and Mathematics. In working to achieve her lifetime goal of becoming a lawyer, Jamayrah participated in the Seton Hall Law School Pre-Legal Summer

Institute and the 7-week Bianchi Law Group Program. She also completed a one-year Paralegal studies program at Fairleigh Dickinson University Paralegal Certification Program.

In 2020, Jamayrah began her legal career as a Legal Assistant with VLJ, supporting the Reentry Legal Service Program, Children's Representation Program, and the Promise Neighborhood Program. As a legal assistant, she worked with clients who were facing evictions, bankruptcy, and criminal records that prevented them from obtaining employment, housing, or seeing their children.

Jamayrah is currently a 2L at Rutgers Law School (Newark Campus). Since beginning law school, she has participated in several several student organizations including serving as the Vice President of Community Affairs for the Association of Black Law School Students, Street Law, and the Tax Law Society. Jamayrah is also a staff editor for Rutgers Law and Religion Journal.

One of Jammy's lifetime goals is to become a Congresswoman. She believes her work as a community advocate coupled with her law degree and professional legal experience will allow her dream to one day become a reality.

CHLOE ST. ETIENNE



Chloe St. Etienne is a first generation, first year evening law student at Rutgers University School of Law, Newark. She was raised in New Orleans, Louisiana and attended the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts along with an academic high school, Benjamin Franklin Senior High, having auditioned for NOCCA before Hurricane Katrina. Chloe then attended New York University, where she majored in Photography & Imaging with a focus on the Business of Entertainment, Media, and Technology.

After completing her NYU thesis, she participated in the Joan Mitchell Center's premiere artist residency as its youngest accepted participant, scheduling public programming with filmed interviews and studio visits. She has participated in projects for the New Orleans Black Chamber of Commerce with her father David St. Etienne, President of the Louisiana Chamber of Commerce Foundation.

Currently, Chloe is in the Rutgers Association of Black Law Students and the acclaimed Minority Student Program. She has completed volunteer training in the Courtroom Advocates Program to help victims of domestic abuse file petitions for protective orders.

Chloe thrives on promoting community health, art, mental health, and environmental efforts.

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The Members of The Links, Incorporated, Rancocas Valley (NJ) Chapter congratulate our member, Dr. Jewelle Sutherland, on receiving this award. All who know Dr. Sutherland are aware of her compassion and willingness to serve her fellow man and woman. She is a virtuous woman who quietly goes about her life sharing her medical skills and kind heart with everyone she encounters. Her cape is her doctor's coat and her power source is her heart.

Congratulations Jewelle!! You are certainly deserving of this honor.

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Ann Giles, *President*



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DR. JEWELLE R. SUTHERLAND



I am a child of Jamaican immigrants. My Dad, a cabinetmaker, and my Mom met in London where I was born. We immigrated to "the States" when I was four years old. I grew up in Jamaica, NYC in the bosom of Grace Episcopal Church. It was there that lifelong friendships began. The congregation was comprised of Caribbean families who all became my bonus parents and siblings. My life was enriched by the church choir, GFS girls club, EYC youth group, and so many more.

I am a product of NYC public schools. I was destined to enter a nursing career like so many women in my family. I attended the University of Pennsylvania where I earned a BSN. My nursing career began at Cornell Medical Center on a medical-surgical unit where my clinical experience quickly clashed with the intellectual endeavors of the prior four years. I moved on to the Coronary Care Unit (CCU) where nursing was an integral part of the studies in the clinical management of heart attack victims. I became certified as a Critical Care R.N. The CCU had several private rooms that, when the AIDS epidemic struck, we retooled to care for patients who had acute respiratory failure. I was always cognizant of the very limited nursing career ladder which existed at that time. I had to try to go to medical school. I attended CCNY-Queens College (a known pre-med factory) four days a week and worked 12-hour nursing shifts 3 days a week.

Three years later, I matriculated at Temple University School of Medicine. My internship and residency were done in Internal Medicine at the Medical College of Pennsylvania. A fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine followed.

The COVID pandemic certainly stressed every physician in my specialty. All of healthcare was under siege and I was fortunate to be a member of a great team at Virtua Garden State Pulmonary. We were all use to long stressful days but the pandemic created the unimaginable. I have been a member of Jack and Jill, Links Incorporated-Rancocas (NJ) Valley Chapter, and Jack and Jill Lifetime Associate. I also served on the board of Samaritan Hospice for three terms where we built a free-standing inpatient hospice. I have received the Superstar Physician Excellence Award, Physician Recognition Award, and Superstar Team Award.

My story has only been possible due to the love and support of my Mom Hilda, my sister Trina, and my fabulous friends and family. My sheepskins are eclipsed by my most wonderful accomplishment, my son Jarred Cannon.

2022 HONOREE

BLACK GIRLS RUN!



Black Girls RUN! increases equity, justice, and belonging for people outside by creating a safe space for African American women to participate in the sport of running no matter where they are on their fitness journey. We live the mantra of leaving no woman behind and promote community, sisterhood and unity.

Our organization was created to combat the obesity epidemic among women in the African American community because that is where the disparities lie: Four out of five African American women are overweight or obese. We are here to confront this epidemic, which is disproportionately affecting our Black community.

Running can be an expensive sport, so Black Girls RUN! provides support and resources that equip and empower women across the country to start on the right path to become the best version of themselves. Our organization helps people adopt a healthy and active lifestyle through offerings including but not limited to training programs, nutritious snacks, clothing and shoe stipends, race registration scholarships and professional development opportunities.

To address the current social climate, Black Girls RUN! created the eRACE Racism Virtual Challenge in 2020 to show the world that we run together against discrimination, prejudice, and racism. We believe that real change occurs when you team up and reach across racial lines.

We believe equity is important because all people deserve to experience the outdoors regardless of race, gender, age, body type, and/or socioeconomic status. No one should live in fear of being judged or harassed because they take up space in the outdoor community. An active and healthy lifestyle should be afforded to all, because our health is our wealth.

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As a non-traditional law student, Ms. Ford worked full time as a Human Resources Manager at Rutgers University while attending law school in the evening. After graduating, Ms. Ford began her legal career as a Judicial Law Clerk at the Superior Court of New Jersey – Essex County Vicinage in the Criminal Division under the Honorable Harold Fullilove, Jr., J.S.C. She then took a role as a Special Deputy Attorney General/Acting Assistant Prosecutor where she worked in the Bail Reform Unit, then in the Special Victims Unit, on Domestic Violence matters and occasionally with Juveniles. From there, Ms. Ford ventured out on her own to build a full-service law firm where she specializes in family law and complex matrimonial/custody litigation.

Ms. Ford is a very active as a servant and mentor in the legal community. Ms. Ford was recently named as a Trustee of the IOLTA Fund of the Bar of New Jersey for a five-year term beginning in March of 2022. She was also named as a 2021 “New Leader of the Bar” by the New Jersey Legal Journal for her bar leadership work and was featured by Essence Magazine on her experience as a black women in law: <https://www.essence.com/lifestyle/celebrate-black-women-in-law/>.

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RENEE RIDDLE-DAVISON



Renee Riddle-Davison is married to the love of her life Derick “Tony” Davison who encourages her every dream and helps her be the best she can be every day.

To say that Renee loves dance is an understatement. There are few professions more rewarding and exciting than getting to teach skills to dancers, from the youngest to the more mature. Regardless of what you teach, it’s always thrilling to see the way that lessons empower and inspire them to make the most of their own talents and creativity.

Dance is a unique art form that allows students to express their thoughts and emotions using nothing but their own mental, spiritual and social talents. Working at the Capital Area YMCA allows me to present a number of opportunities to empower the children in our community to use movement to express themselves.

Dancing is storytelling: Whether it’s through the slow, elegant movements of ballet or the more contemporary and involved motions of jazz, every single dance and every single movement is aimed at telling a continuous, relatable story. In a huge way, this is the tribute I pay to my mother who danced with me down this glorious and wonderful path since the age of 4. This kind of connection enables you to develop control, responsibility, and plenty of other positive traits,

for which I am so very grateful for myself. Those are memories that sustain us and bring a smile to our face.

In my mom’s honor, I started the Doris T. Riddle Dancing from the Soul Fund to support everyone who has a desire to dance. I also continue to serve by being the Praise Dance President at Calvary Missionary Baptist Church for over 10 years.

Another proud accomplishment is my award-winning competition team at the Community Dance Academy of the Capital Area YMCA. When Covid took hold of the world, we took hold of our spirit and determination and started preparing for competition. Our team is strong and we cannot be ignored.

And without a doubt, being a dancer is another reason why my position at the YMCA interacts with the community. Dance is a huge piece but so is staying healthy and fit and engaged. I received my first fitness certificate over 40 years ago and always used it for good. My fitness classes are designed to deliver safe, fun, dynamic, and effective group exercise classes, while also providing outstanding hospitality to ensure a positive user experience.

As the head of Fitness and Membership, it is all about the power of overcoming hurdles—especially in health goals. We’re more motivated; we push ourselves further, and we’re more inclined to, honestly, show up. This is why I continually encourage a sense of belonging so that classes are enriching, not intimidating.

From every event to every day, I’m invested in our community.

Previous awards:

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- Calvary Missionary Baptist Church - Unsung Hero
- NAACP - Outstanding Service Award
- Never Give Up Organization - Humanitarian Award

2022 HONOREE

ANTONIA WINSTEAD, MSW



Antonia Winstead gave her life to the Lord at the age of 8. She was ordained on October 19, 2006. For the past 7 years, she worked as the Director of Pastoral Care Counseling and Membership for The First Baptist Church in Lincoln Gardens in Somerset, New Jersey, where the Rev. Dr. DeForest B. Soaries, Jr., is the Senior Pastor Emeritus.

Winstead teaches at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey for the Program in Criminal Justice. She is also the Internship Lecturer and Coordinator for undergraduate Criminal Justice majors. She earned her Master of Social Work degree from The Rutgers, Graduate School of Social Work in New Brunswick, NJ, and her Bachelor of Science degree in Government Pre-Law from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

She has over 25 years of pastoral care experience in Individual and Family Counseling. Furthermore, her specific social work interests include Mental Health, Mental-Wellness, Spiritual-Wellness, and Self-Care. Another passion of Winstead's is traveling and examining social work practices in other countries and cultures. She has traveled to both Israel and South Africa for extended periods of time to complete research on various projects comparing social work practices there to those in the United States.

Antonia has six years of experience working as a Project Manager for the Department of Law and Public Safety with the Division of Criminal Justice in New Jersey. Many of her projects and roles involve working with crisis intervention, victims' rights and assistance, law enforcement, and counseling. She has also served as a career counselor for students preparing to enter the professional field of Criminal Justice.

In 2008, Winstead launched The Clarity Legacy Institute, LLC, dedicated to teaching men, women, executive leaders, and clergy how to leave a legacy for generations to come through mental wholeness. S.U.R.E. PRAYER AT THE SHORE, a professional women's sunrise service was birthed through Clarity. For six years, young and mature women's lives were transformed through the power of prayer and unity. Strength and resilience were given for each year's challenges. Remarkable change, challenge, and confirmation launched women into next-level living.

Winstead's professional mission is steeped in collaborative efforts to bring about radical change. Her target audience is faith-based organizations, state mental health services, hospitals, universities, church leaders, clergy, social workers, psychologists, and psychiatrists, becoming a part of an educational holistic approach to legacy-building while removing the stigma attached to counseling and mental health services.



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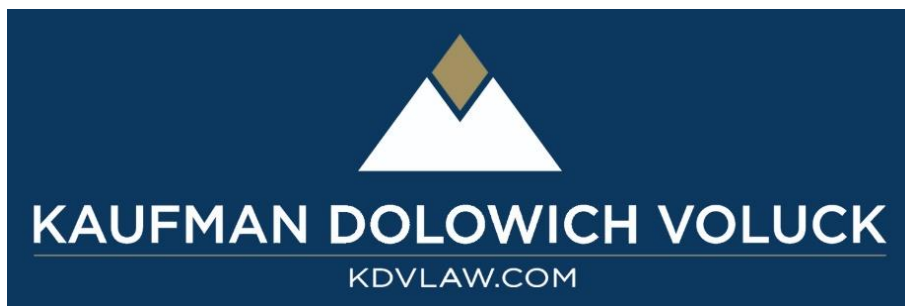
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Thank you Past-Presidents and members who remain loyal to the greater good. New members, I hope post-pandemic life allows us to fellowship more intimately so you can feel the love and warmth of a sisterhood that has been planting and harvesting for over 46 years.

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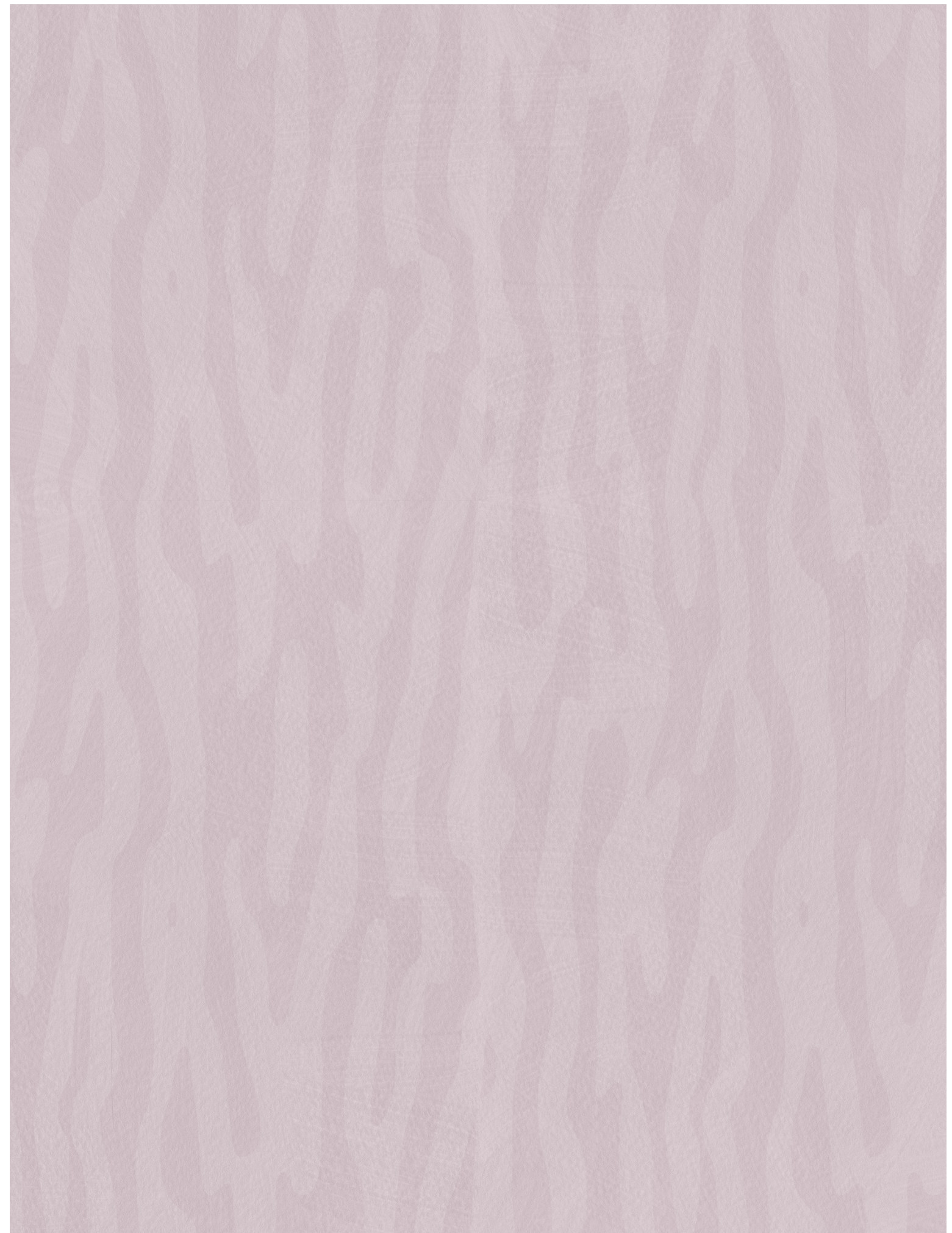
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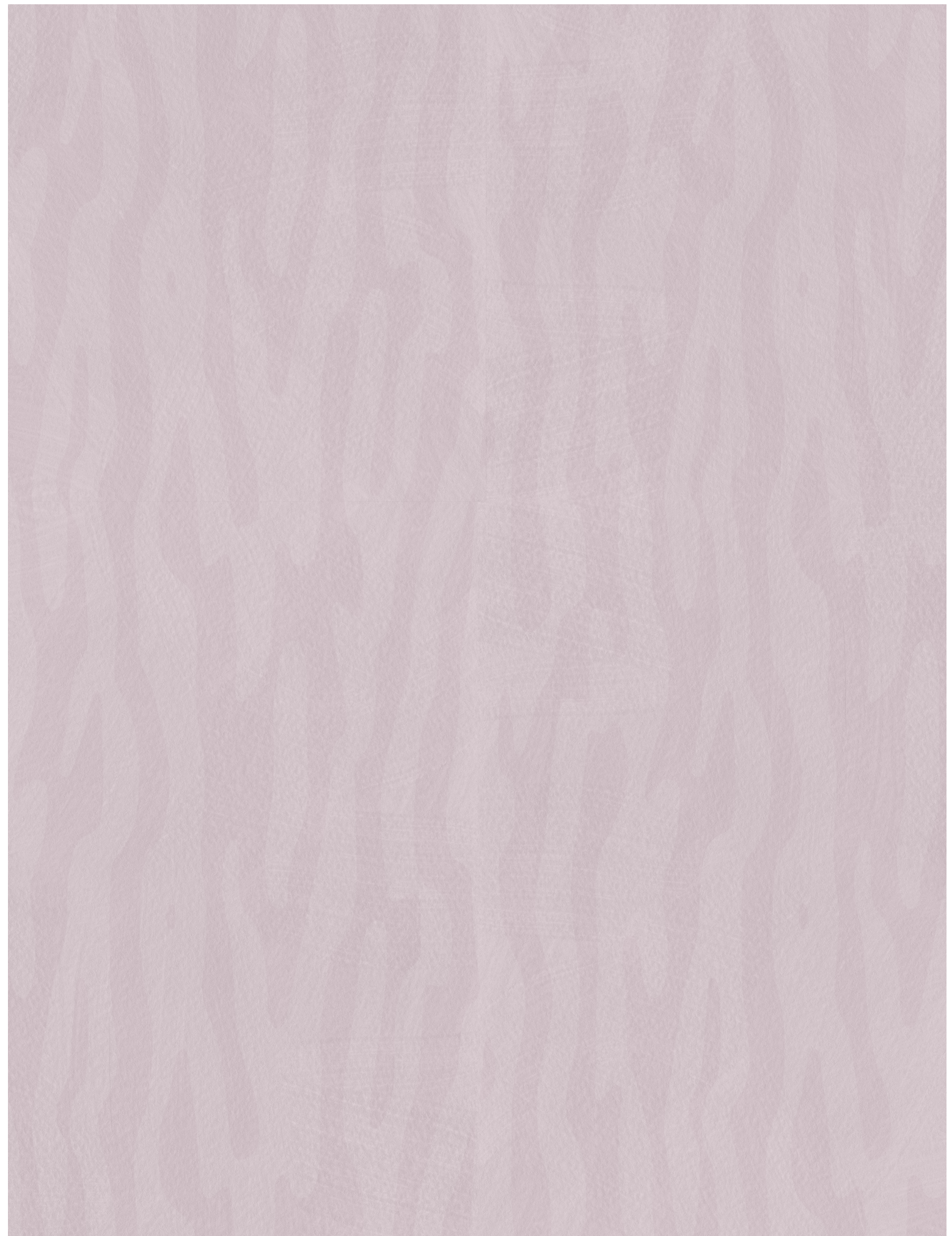
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