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**BLACK
CONGRATULATORY
DINNER**

Thursday, May 9, 2019 | 6:30 p.m.

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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE: This award is given to the student with the highest G.P.A. of the graduating class.

ATHLETICS EXCELLENCE: This award is given to the student-athlete who has achieved the most recognition for their performance on and off the field of play.

BRIDGE-BUILDER AWARD: This award is given to a student who was committed to diversity and insistent upon cross-cultural conversation across campus with faculty, students and staff.

OUTSTANDING SCHOLAR: This award is given to an outstanding student with a 3.0 GPA or better, whose research has been presented in the form of a publication, public venue and/or a conference.

PAN-AFRICANIST AWARD: This award is given to a student whose advocacy and student leadership as an international student demonstrates service, compassion and justice across the Black Diaspora.

“PASSING THE LIGHT”: This award is given to a student of faith who exemplifies and promotes ministry in its best forms within the campus community.

PERSEVERANCE AWARD: This award is given to a student whose commitment to the completion of the degree, while overcoming obstacles along the journey, is awe-inspiring.

Special Awards

THE “JIMMY” WILLIAMS MEMORIAL AWARD: This award is given to a student/ staff or faculty member who consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty to their normal responsibilities on campus.

LIFETIME LEARNER: This special award is given to an exemplar of dedication as a non-traditional student.

CBS DEDICATION AWARD: This award is given to someone whose years of service, love and dedication to Wittenberg and Concerned Black Students has made this campus a much better place.

Lift Every Voice and Sing

WRITTEN BY JAMES W. JOHNSON

**PERFORMED BY WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY'S IMANI GOSPEL CHOIR
UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MR. KENT BROOKS**

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and Heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou Who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou Who hast by Thy might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee.
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee.
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

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October 24-27, 2019

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October 25, 2019

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