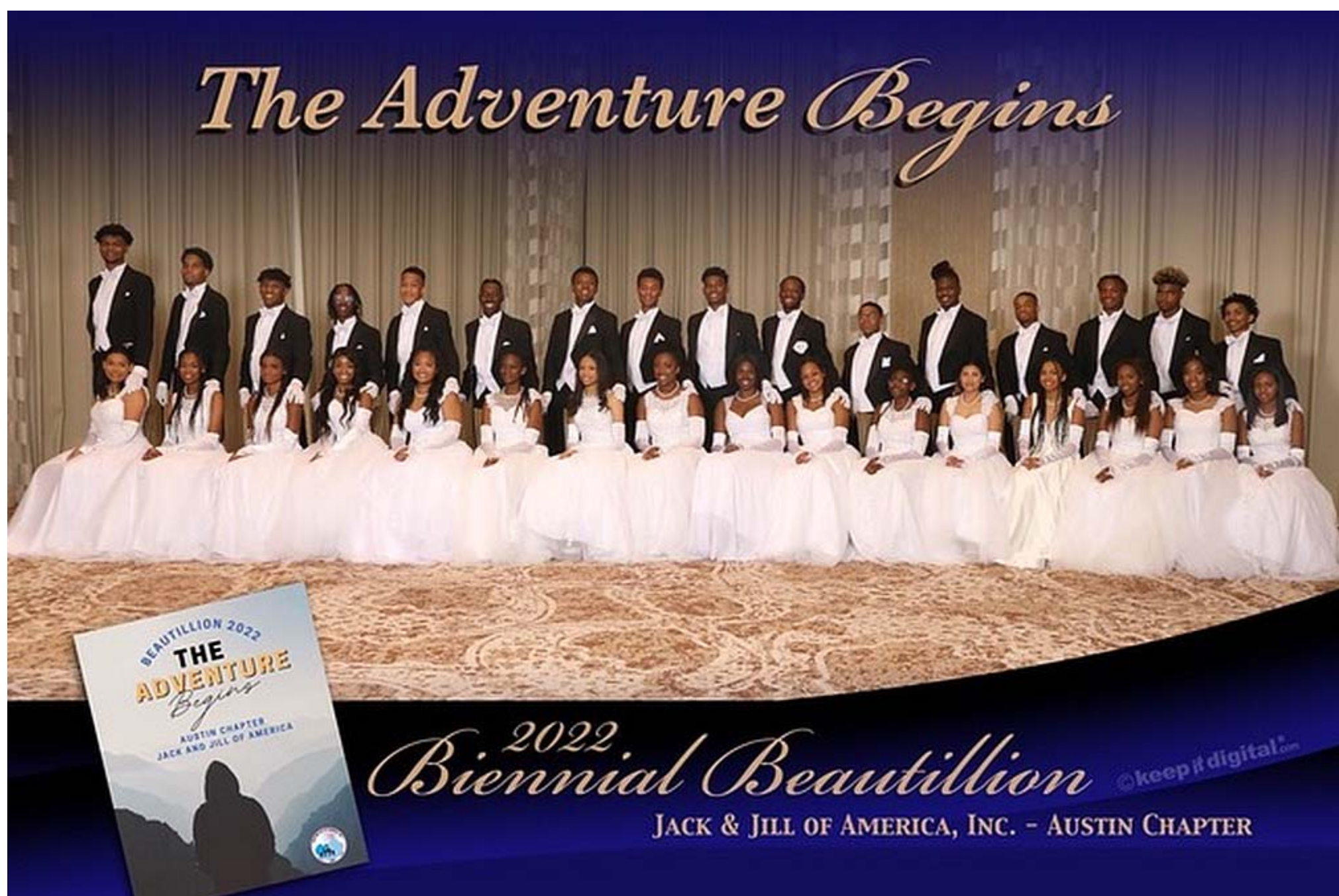


Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Celebrates 26th Biennial Beautillion



Beaux & Belles of the 2022 Biennial Beautillion

The 2022 Beautillion Honorees are pictured left-to-right are: Beau Caden Powell - Belle Alicia Dania Rosenburgh, Beau Samuel Lamar Hill - Belle Dhiara Berkley, Beau Jonas Maurice Eaton - Belle Alyssa Coffey, Beau Josiah Williams Hollis - Belle Sydney Arnold, Beau Noah Marcellus Hutchinson - Belle Clarke Arnold, Beau Toby Jordan Brodie - Belle Carrie Agboga, Beau Lacey Wayne Johnson - Belle Jadyne Adamson, Beau Vincent Otti - Belle Ashlyn Wilson, Beau Desmonde Michell Thomas II - Belle Taylor Bernard, Beau Solomon Sterling Starkes - Belle Campbell Earley, Beau Joshua Douglas Mathis - Belle Cecilia Agboga, Beau Joseph Overton - Belle Alexa Villasenor, Beau Artist Webster Tyson - Belle Malesa Khabele-Stevens, Beau Oscar Gordon III - Belle Arielle Anderson, Beau Simon Hemby - Belle Sydney Hill, and Beau Bryce Garrison Deary - Belle Julianna Anderson. All Photos courtesy of Keep it Digital.

Austin, Texas - On the evening of June 18, 2022, the city of Austin was formally introduced to 16 accomplished and brilliant young African American men. The 2022 Beautillion is the Jack and Jill of America, Inc- Austin Chapter's signature event. The young men of the Biennial Beautillion fundraiser, exemplified the theme "The Adventure Begins". Austin resident and former Austin Chapter President Mrs. Dorothy Madison founded the Austin Chapter Beautillion in 1972, to recognize young African American men of character, achievement, and integrity. The current Chapter President, Maureen Oyiriaru paid tribute to Mrs. Madison and recounted the continued need to uplift the young Black Males within our community, especially while we continue to emerge from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In spite of the pandemic, our community sponsors and members continued showing up and giving to our 2022 Beautillion Class. Because of the communities extended generosity, the Austin Chapter was able to provide over \$20,000 in total donations to three not-for-profit organizations, two serving the Austin area: the African American Youth Harvest Foundation (AAYHF), the Sickle Cell Association of Texas Marc Thomas Foundation and the Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Foundation.

The hybrid (offered in-person and live streamed) gala was hosted by Spectrum News Anchor, Nicole Cross, as the Mistress and 2006 Beau Kevin Overton Hadnot as Master of Ceremony. In addition to the formal presentations, dinner and dancing, academic incentive grants were announced to two members of the 2022 Beautillion Class: Beau Artist Webster Tyson (first place) and Beau Toby Jordan Brodie (second place). The Austin AKA Foundation presented a scholarship to Beau Joseph M. Overton; the Jack and Jill Austin Chapter Associates presented Beau Bryce Harrison Deary with a scholarship.

The beautiful 2022 Belles were Alicia Dania Rosenburgh, Dhiara Berkley, Alyssa Coffey, Sydney Arnold, Clarke Arnold, Carrie Agboga, Jadyne Adamson, Ashlyn Wilson, Taylor Bernard, Campbell Earley, Cecilia Agboga, Alexa Villasenor, Malesa Khabele-Stevens, Arielle Anderson, Sydney Hill and Julianna Anderson. The Austin Chapter of Jack and Jill extends a very special "thank you" to the Belles and their families.

The 2022 Beaux Honorees are:

Beau Toby Jordan Brodie (*North Carolina A&T University*), son of Mr. Toby Brodie and Dr. Kim Brodie, **presented by** Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated Gamma Eta Lambda Chapter;

Beau Bryce Garrison Deary (*Prairie View A&M University*), son of Mr. Michael and Mrs. Robin Deary, **presented by** Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated Austin Associates;

Beau Jonas Maurice Eaton (*Austin College*), son of Dr. Terrence Eaton and Dr. Lynn Eaton, **presented by** Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated Austin Fathers' Auxiliary;

Beau Oscar Gordon, III (*Texas Southern University*), son of Mr. Oscar Gordon, Jr. and Mrs. TeKeisha Gordon **presented by** The Links, Incorporated Lonestar (TX) Chapter;

Beau Simon Hemby (*Austin Community College*), son of Mr. Simon Hemby, Jr. and Mrs. Loretta Hawley **presented by** The Links Incorporated, Town Lake (TX) Chapter;

Beau Samuel Lamar Hill (*Morehouse College & Georgia Tech University*), son of Mr. Edward and Mrs. Valerie Hill **presented by** Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated Austin Fathers' Auxiliary;

Beau Josiah Williams Hollis (*Austin Community College*), son of Mr. Philip and Mrs. Teresa Hollis **presented by** The Law Office of Mark A. Sampson, P.C.;

Beau Noah Marcellus Hutchinson (*University of Southern California*), son of Dr. Jeffrey and Mrs. Deneitra Hutchinson **presented by** Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated Austin Fathers' Auxiliary;

Beau Lacey Wayne Johnson (*University of Tulsa*), son of Ms. Lana Johnson **presented by** Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated Austin Fathers' Auxiliary;

Beau Joshua Douglas Mathis (*Xavier University- Ohio*) son of Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Douglas Dwayne Mathis, MD **presented by** Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Douglas Dwayne Mathis, MD and Greta Hawkins-Mathis, RN, BSN, MD;

Beau Vincent Otti (*Stevens Institute of Technology*) son of Mr. Vincent and Mrs. Tanya Otti **presented by** CrossWork Christian Center;

Beau Joseph Overton (*West Texas A&M University*) son of Mr. Hardy Overton, Jr. and Mrs. Stephanie Overton **presented by** Austin Alpha Kappa Alpha Foundation;

Beau Caden Powell (*University of Wyoming*),

son of Mrs. Connie Powell Nichols and the late Mr. Dorian Powell, **presented by** Mrs. Connie Powell Nichols and the late Mr. Dorian Powell;

Beau Solomon Sterling Starkes (*Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*) son of Mr. Frederick Starkes and Mrs. Sheldy Starkes **presented by** Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated Austin Fathers' Auxiliary;

Beau Desmonde Michell Thomas, II (*Georgetown University*) son of Mr. Desmonde and Mrs. Edith Thomas **presented by** Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated Alpha Kappa Sigma Alumnae Chapter;

Beau Artist Webster Tyson (*Texas Southern University*) son of Mr. Louis and Mrs. Paulette L. Tyson **presented by** Top Ladies of Distinction Incorporated Capital City Chapter.

Seven workshops were incorporated into the 2022 season, a special thank you to all of our dedicated workshop contributors including: "Beau Orientation" (Tasha Philpot, Kathy Burrell); "College 101" (Dr. Terrence Eaton and Dr. Lynn Eaton); "Image Cultivation" (Mrs. Pam Owens); "Golf 101" (Mr. Frederick Starkes and Dr. Garrett Scales); "Social Etiquette" (Mrs. Mary Castleberry); "Dress for Success" (Capra & Cavelli-Kenneth Miller); "Beaux Performance" (Jordan Hadnot, 2006 Beaux Keith Overton-Hadnot and Kevin Oveton Hadnot) and "Ballroom Dancing" (American Academy of Music and Dance- Dean Kline),

Finally we want to acknowledge the community partners who nominated and introduced us to many of these young men. Beautillion is about a circle of support and these organizations make up a powerful community: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Gamma Eta Lambda Chapter; Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated. Austin Associates; Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated Austin Fathers' Auxiliary; The Links, Incorporated Lonestar (TX) Chapter; The Links Incorporated, Town Lake (TX) Chapter; The Law Office of Mark A. Sampson, P.C.; Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Douglas Dwayne Mathis, MD and Greta Hawkins-Mathis, RN, BSN, MD; CrossWork Christian Center; Austin Alpha Kappa Alpha Foundation; Mrs. Connie Powell Nichols and the late Mr. Dorian Powell; Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated Alpha Kappa Sigma Alumnae Chapter and Top Ladies of Distinction Incorporated Capital City Chapter.

**Thank you, Austin,
for your generous support!**