# PILGRIM JOURNEY BAPTIST CHURCH COLLEGE GRADUATES &

**POST GRADUATES** 



#### **Camille Waddey**

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### **Rev. Tyrone Woodberry**

Master of Divinity Virginia Union University, Richmond, VA

May God Bless You, Graduates!

#### THE GRADUATION LITANY



<u>Leader:</u> You are God's daughters and sons, together set free to be Christ's body in a world of need.

**People:** Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

**Leader:** You are a part of each one of us here today. With you we have shared tears and doubts, and now we can rejoice as you complete a path of your journey and begin something new.

**People:** The Lord goes with you in every direction. Go with this blessing for you have been appointed for such a time as this.

<u>Leader:</u> As you leave today, you go out in many directions; some of you will go from this place to Grade School, Middle School, High School, and Universities. Some of you will leave for places yet to be determined.

**People:** The Lord goes with you in every direction.

**Leader:** You are leaving the safety of your learning environment to go and meet the challenges that lie ahead, taking with you more memories and knowledge than you ever imagined would be yours when you began your studies.

**People:** May God continue to strengthen and teach you.

**Leader:** And now, as you begin this new journey, remember the words of Jesus to His disciples. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives, Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid."

**People:** Go in peace, with the arms of God surrounding you and the love of God leading you on your journey. Amen

### **2010 High School Graduates**



Mikayla Nayirah Gunner graduates from Henrico High School on June 16, 2010. This fall Mikayla will be attending George Mason University in Fairfax, VA, where she will major in Biology and minor in Sports Management. At Henrico High School, Mikayla is an Honors Student; she has played volleyball and softball, and participated in numerous clubs and organizations such as National Honor Society, Sophisticated Ladies, Distributive Education

Clubs of America (DECA), Community Awareness, Y-Street and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Mikalya also attended Hermitage Technical Center, where she was a student in the Nurse Aid and Sports Medicine programs. Mikalya also participated in a debutante ball for Alpha Omega Christian Sorority, in which she was names "Miss Pink Dazzle," for her bubbly personality and pretty smile. Mikalya's volunteer service includes Meals on Wheels and VCU Medical Center. She performed clinicals for Nurse Aid at Crump Manor Nursing Home, and has over forty volunteer hours with the Richmond Revolution arena football team for Sports Medicine. At Pilgrim Journey Baptist Church, Mikalya is an active member who sings with the Young Voices of Praise, a Girl Scout Troop 38, and helps lead Children's Moment. Mikalya's advice to the youth is Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on you own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct you paths."



**Theandra Chioma Madu** graduates from John Randolph Tucker High School on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010. In the fall, she will be attending the University of Virginia, as a Biology major, Pre-Med track. During the last four years, she has been involved in various activities at her high school, including Captain of the JV Girl's Volleyball, Historian of Key Links, Secretary of Keyettes, Secretary

of Ecology Club, Secretary of the National Honor Society (NHS), member of the National Beta Club, National Art Honor Society (NAHS), Art Club, & Future Educators of America (FEA). At PBJC, Theandra has served as Youth Superintendent for the past 4 years, member of the Movements of Praise for 5 years, and also a member of the Young Voices of Praise for 13 years. She also spent time as the President of Youth Council, aide in the Children's Moments Ministry, as well as a fellow Girl Scout. Theandra's community service involvement includes serving at the Central Virginia Community Kitchen/ Food Bank, the Dumbarton Branch of the Henrico County Public Library, the Children's Museum of Richmond as well as participating in canned food, cereal, and toiletries drives at PJBC. While doing all of these activities,

Theandra has been able to sustain a cumulative GPA of 4.25 in the course of the last 4 years. Ranked 39 of 388 in her high school class, Theandra has completed over 140 hours of community service. Theandra's advice to the youth of PJBC is: "Remember that each and every one of you was made in the image of God, made to be individuals. Do not let others lead you astray or diminish your character. Stand firm in your beliefs and always have faith, because even when you may think you are hopeless, you always have one reliable friend, Jesus."



*Chelsea Ja'Nae Waddey* graduates from Varina High School on June 17<sup>th, 2010</sup>. This fall she will be attending Virginia State University, where she will major in Biology and minor in Nursing. During her time at Varina, she was a member of the Cheerleading team, Volleyball, and also was the captain of the Indoor and Outdoor Track team. Chelsea has been very active in her church; she is a Girl Scout Ambassador in Troop 38, aide in the Children's Moments, as well as

President of the Youth Usher Board. Chelsea's advice to youth is, "If you trust in the Lord, he can help you through anything and everything."



**Shavon Shontae Vanloo** graduates from J.R. Tucker High School on June 15<sup>th</sup> 2010. This fall she will be attending Virginia State University, majoring in Psychology. While attending Tucker High School, she was a member of Key Links, an all sophomore girl community service club, as well as Circle of Friends, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), Skills USA, and was manager of the JV and Varsity Football team. She also attended Highland

Springs Technical Center where she obtained her Cosmetology license. At Pilgrim Journey Baptist Church, she is a member of the Youth Choir, she assisted in instructing Vacation Bible school, Summer Academy, Children's Moments, and she has served as a hostess at several banquets. Shavon has volunteered at the Parham Health Care & Rehab Center and with the YMCA Youth Back to School Program through Target's community involvement. As a member of Key Links, her community service involvement also included collecting clothing for young girls in need for her school's Herrity House, participated in bake sales, and cleaning her school campus. Shavon's advice to the youth is, "Never be afraid or let the obstacles of life hold you back from what God has planned for you, because He will never leave you and He's always there when you need him."