

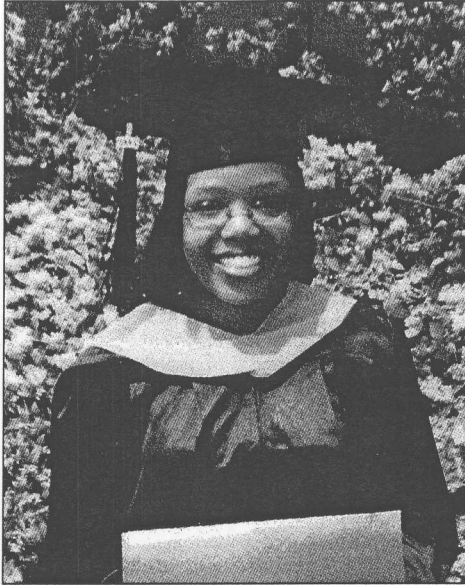
# , Urban League assists Black scholars

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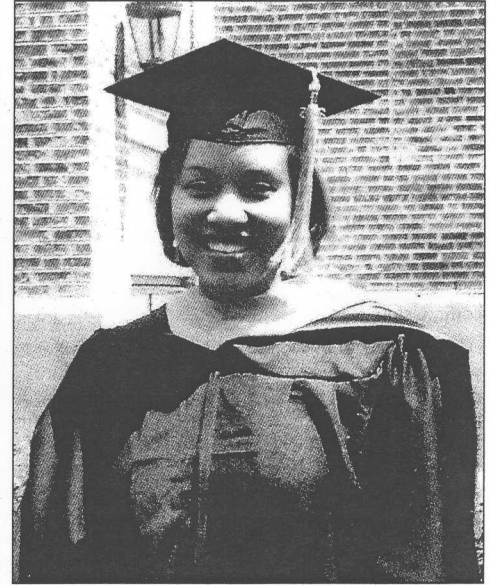
The Weston sisters are local success stories and the Urban League, of Metropolitan St. Louis was financially instrumental in helping them to achieve their educational goals. Both received Beatrice T. Hurt Scholarships from the Urban League and the Federation of Block Units through its annual fundraiser the Ebony Fashion Fair.

Through the Ebony Fashion Fair, scholarships totaling more than \$500,000 have been awarded to more than 550 students. The Beatrice T. Hurt Scholarship Fund, which was established in 1964 by the Federation of Block Units, provides assistance to students who, for financial reasons, might not otherwise be able to attend post-secondary institutions ..

Erica D. Weston graduated from Kenyon College, Gambier, the oldest private institution of higher education in Ohio, in the fall of 1999. During her undergraduate study years, she was a recipient of the prestigious B. T. Hurt Scholarship awarded annually by the Urban League. While at Kenyon College, Erica co-founded, sang and served as a pianist for the Kenyon Gospel Choir; actively attended the Christian Women's Group, volunteered with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and received honors for her strong academic performance. Erica received a



Beatrice T. Hurt Scholar Erica Weston



Beatrice T. Hurt Scholar Dana Weston .

chose to continue her education at the University of Kansas in Lawrence where she received merit scholarships for academic excellence. Erica then received a Specialist in Education degree in May 2005 and is currently employed as a School Psychologist in the Topeka Public School System.

Dana M. Weston graduated from Emory University, Atlanta, in the fall of 2000. She was the recipient of the highly coveted Anheuser Busch Urban Scholars Award, the B.T. Hurt Scholarship and the Leslie Scholarship

Louis. While at Emory, Dana was a National Merit finalist; a member of the women's basketball team; and editor in chief of Emory's only African American magazine, The Fire this Time. Dana received a B.S. degree in Neuroscience and Behavioral Biology with a minor in Religion. She, like her sister, chose to continue her education in graduate school and enrolled in the Health Policy and Administration department at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she received merit scholarships for

Administration Degree in May 2006 and currently serves as an administrative fellow at Duke University Hospital in Durham, NC.

"We are thankful that these sisters have benefited from the scholarships offered through the Urban League. This is why it is crucial for the community to support our young African American scholars through the Ebony Fashion Fair," said James H. Buford, president and C.E.O. of the St. Louis Urban League. For more information about the Ebony Fashion Fair, please call

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