

The Debutante Cotillion

The Ingram Room of the Lockhart-Taylor Center was the setting for the 2018 Debutante Cotillion. Family and friends of the debutantes were entertained by the debutantes and escorts with an array of precise dances. The room was decorated extravagantly with beautiful flowers, greenery and trees which transformed the room into an illusion of the theme, 'The Impossible Dream.'



Erica Hatcher



India Wall



Destiny Robinson



Adriene Kersey



Jamayah Stanback



Shymari Robinson

Marlene Richardson was chorographer. Curtis Rorie served as photographer and videographer. Entertainment was provided by the MyLites.

The Debutante Cotillion and Scholarship Program is to enhance personal, civic and leadership development through educational workshops while promoting community service and scholarship. This year, the Alpha Eta Chapter of Alpha Pi Chi National Sorority, Inc. provided programs, workshops and community service activities for young ladies who participated in the annual Debutante Cotillion. Funding for the scholarships is made possible through patron donations and solicitations.

Alpha Pi Chi National Sorority, Inc. is a non-profit, 501(c) (3) service organization for "professional and business women" dedicated to the principles and ideals of a true democracy.

The beautiful Miss Erica Hatcher, seventeen year old daughter of Eric Hatcher and Crystal Brown, was crowned queen of the debutante cotillion. She is a rising senior at Anson County Early College. Her career goal is to attend college to become a pediatrician or an OB/GYN. Her escort was LaTravius Tyson, the son of LaSonya Clark and Richard Tyson. Allyne Hatcher was her sponsor. Last year's queens Kari Johnson and Mianna Debery returned to crown Erica.

The first runner up, first attendant, was the stunning Miss India Wall. She is the daughter of Melissa Robinson and Jason Wall. She is a rising senior at the Anson High School. Her career goal is to attend college to receive an associate degree and then join the United States Air Force. Her escort was Christian Spencer, the son of Tyrone and Crystal Spencer. Cheryl McLeod was her sponsor.

The second runner up, second attendant, was the lovely Miss Destiny Robinson. She is the daughter of Jermain and Katricia Robinson. She is a rising senior at Anson High School. Her career pathway is information technology. Her escort was Bryson Hailey, the son of Gwen Little and Bryant Hailey. Kim Richardson Nesbitt was her sponsor.

The Honor Court was made up of three beautiful young ladies:
 • Miss Adriene Kersey is the daughter of Tabatha Kersey. She is a 2018 graduate of Anson High School. Her career goal is to attend NCCCU in Durham to major in Mass Communication for Radio Broadcasting. Her escort was Isaiah Melton, the son of Alva Melton. Brenda Broadway was her sponsor.

• Miss Jamayah Stanback is the daughter of Tony and Lakesha Stanback. She is a 2018 graduate of Anson High School. Her career goal is to be in the United States Army. Her escort was Adrian Clark, the son of Stephanie Crump and Dale Clark. Juanita Webster was her sponsor.

• Miss Shymari Robinson is the daughter of Shannon Davis. She is a rising senior at Anson High School, where she is an honor student. Her career goal is to attend college to major in science and math. Her escort was Benjamin Tillman, Jr., the son of Cynthia Tillman and the late Benjamin Tillman, Sr. Marlene Richardson was her sponsor.

The Debutante Cotillion raises money to help young women with education beyond high school and provide cultural experiences throughout the year. This year, over \$12,000 in scholarships and educational awards were presented.

Other awards presented were:
 • Miss Congeniality - Shymari Robinson
 • Citizenship - Shymari Robinson and Erica Hatcher
 • Talent - Erica Hatcher
 • Scrapbook - Erica Hatcher and India Wall
 • Fashion - India Wall

Sorority members are Shirley Allen, Kim Baldwin, Brenda Broadway, Allyne Hatcher, Carolyn James, Sharon Knotts, Judy Little, Cheryl McLeod, Donna McNair, Mary Neal, Kim Richardson Nesbitt, Marlene Richardson, Miranda Richardson, Carolyn Rosebud, Heather Spencer, Shirley Streater, Iris Stillard and Juanita Webster.

Marlene Richardson and Brenda Broadway were program event chairpersons for this event. Leon Gatewood provided the music. Marlene Richardson was chorographer. Curtis Rorie served as photographer and videographer. Entertainment was provided by the MyLites.

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Last Weekend for Ansonia Theatre Play Big River

The Ansonia Theatre is presenting the 1985 Broadway Hit Musical *Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, based on Mark Twain's beloved classic, this Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. The story centers around Huck, played by Tyler Baucom, and a runaway slave named Jim, played by Indiana native Anachebe Asomugha, as they travel down the mighty Mississippi River in a search for freedom.

Huckleberry Finn is a wild child in 1840's Missouri. He roams freely in his small town of St. Petersburg, even under the watchful eyes of the Widow Douglas and Miss Watson, played by Gina Clarke and Emily Litaker Privette. Trouble arises, however, when his alcoholic and violent father Pap, played by Donald Pekins, suddenly demands custody of the boy in order to get at his trust fund. Fearing for his life, Huck takes off on a raft down the Mississippi River. Along the way he meets up with Jim, who is trying to find his wife and children up North. Soon Huck and Jim gain two new compatriots, the Duke and the King (who are really escaped convicts) played by Matthew Thompson and Steven Chipper (long after a series of adventures and a brief reunion with his best friend Tom Sawyer, played by Paige Mercer, Huck discovers that although he and Jim are worlds apart in many ways, they are actually very much alike.

The Ansonia Theatre is proud to welcome professional actor/singer Anachebe Asomugha who is originally from Evansville, Indiana. He earned his BA in Theatre Arts from University of Southern Indiana. He now lives in Orlando where he studied and performed at the prestigious Orlando Shakespeare Company. There he was seen in *A Night in New Orleans*, *Nicholas Nickelby*, *It's a Wonderful Life* and *Taming of the Shrew*.

Big River features a score from country music legend Roger Miller and is certain to become a fan favorite! The show is directed by Tommy Wooten, with musical direction by Gail Litaker and choreography by Gina Clarke. The Ansonia is able to host professional actor Anachebe Asomugha with the help of a generous NC Arts Council Grassroots Grant. Other talented cast members from five different counties include Teri Brown, Kianna Ellerbe, Robert Graves, Caden Clarke, Persia Harrison, Isaac Clarke, Greyson Helms, Nancy Leavitt, Nancy Lowery, Maggie Gibson, Glenn Caulder, Mark Traywick, Anna Rape, Lela Chaney, Scout Perkins, John Polk, Ayla Perkins and Cali Gray.

Tickets can be purchased at 704-694-4950 or online at www.ansoniatheatre.com.

Anson Middle School Athletics for Fall 2018-19

- **Golf** - Tryouts will begin on Wednesday, August 29, 4:15 until 5 p.m. at Twin Valley Golf Club
 - **Cross Country** - Tryouts will begin on Monday, September 10, 3:45 until 5:30 p.m. at Anson Middle School.
 - **Volleyball** - Tryouts will begin on Wednesday, August 29, 3:45 until 5:30 p.m. at Anson Middle School.
 - **Football** - First practice will be on Monday, August 20, 4 until 6 p.m. at Anson Middle School.
 - **Cheerleading** - To be announced
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