

IN THE COMMUNITY

The Boys Choir of Hampton Roads gave a magnificent performance



The Norfolk Chapter of the Norfolk State University Alumni Association (NSUAA) presented the 32nd Annual Noah F. and Georgia A. Ryder Commemorative Concert featuring the Boys Choir of Hampton Roads. This wonderful concert was held, Saturday, April 20, 2013, at the Historic Bank Street Memorial Baptist Church. Under the direction of Julius E. McCullough, these young men performed magnificently. In the absence of Geraldine

T. Boone, founder and accompanist of the Boys Choir of Hampton Roads, Cecilia B. Hamlin was a wonderful accompanist.

Suzanne Johnson Goosby was the Mistress of Ceremony, gave the occasion and introduced the performers. During her occasion remarks, Goosby recognized Melvin Holloman for having the foresight to recommend, to the Norfolk Chapter of NSUAA to honor, for his musical genius, Noah Francis Ryder. The

inaugural concert was held, in 1978, with Noah Ryder as the first honoree. Eunice G. Woods, Concert Committee Chairperson, brought greetings; and Sarah Sweatt, chaplain of NSUAA, did the invocation and offertory prayer.

All of the young men in the choir represented several Southside Hampton Roads cities. The audience was very appreciative of the time and effort put forth by these young musicians. Every song, which included "Brothers Sing On," "Let There Be Peace on Earth," and "One World," was a joy to hear. Devarr Brickhouse was the soloist for "Jesus Christ is the Way;" and Dontae X. Broadus was the soloist for "City Called Heaven." President of NSUAA, Alfred Stewart, presented this year's honoree - ELIZABETH V. ECCLES - who had guests representing various aspects of

her life. In addition, Steward made acknowledgements. Rev. Dr. Joseph P. Lee, Jr., pastor of Bank Street Memorial Baptist Church, rendered the benediction. A reception followed the concert in the John B. Henderson Fellowship Hall.

If you have not heard the Boys Choir of Hampton Roads, please make an effort to attend one of their concerts. They can be heard at Daniel's Blessing Springtime Tea, on April 27th, at Town Point Club/101 West Main Street in Norfolk; or at Covenant Presbyterian Church, on May 26, located at 913 Covenant Street in Norfolk.



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