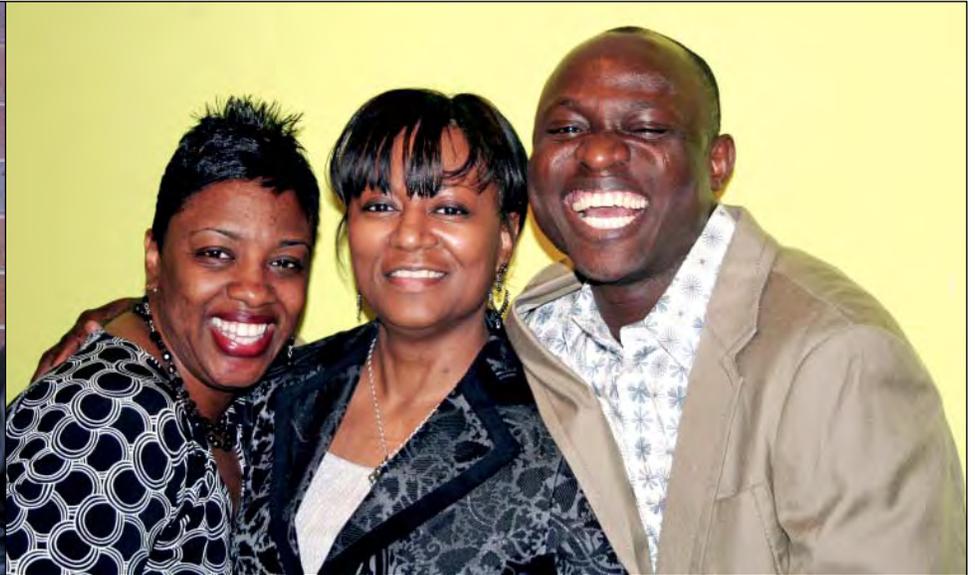




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Graduating from university with Bachelor's Degrees are (left to right) Dell Henderson, Loyola University, Andrea Scaggs, National Lewis University, and Joann Washington and Lukman Gbadamasi, UIC.

Bardwell Scholarship Graduates 2008



Graduating from HWC with Associate of Arts Degrees are (left to right) Debra Hawthorne, Lisa Ayala, Ashley Chapple and Trina Coleman.

Life is to be Enjoyed

I just want to take this time to thank my family and everyone who has helped me through my journey. This includes Hedy Cohen and the Bardwell Family for offering me the support and financial means to get through school, my professors for putting up with my inconsistencies especially Anthony Ealey, Cathy Willis and Jeffrey Daniels, and my co-workers for helping me understand my homework when I needed it. A special thanks to Keenan Andrews for spending one day talking to me about my future and how important it was. That talk seemed like forever but it really touched my heart. Also thanks to those I failed to mention who always pushed me not to stop attending school. Thanks to my supervisors Kyla Wilson and Phyllis Daniels for being so understanding of my goals and desire to finish school and for being so patient with the time that I had for work.

My success at Harold Washington is something that I'm pleased about. Since I've started attending Harold Washington College, I've made dramatic changes, from feeling so alone in life to having a caring and compassionate second family that really understood my desire to become a better student. My family and I struggled so hard to figure a way to get me in school and struggled to find the financial means for it. Then God blessed me with an angel that came in my life and saw that I was in need and was right there to help me. My mother used to always say God works in mysterious ways and this is it, Lisa, he is finally showing us that he and his angels are here. Since that day, my family and I couldn't have been happier and thankful for Hedy. This has been a journey for me; Hedy would push me so hard to finish up my schooling and push me to excel in life. There was never a time that I felt I couldn't depend on her to talk to. Not knowing what I wanted to do, Hedy helped me along. She helped me to realize that my skills and abilities really do go further than I gave myself credit for.

In the future, I plan to continue my schooling and receive my Bachelor's in Social Work and receive my Licensed Clinical Social Work License (LCSW); after I achieve my second goal, I'll move on to my third goal and receive my Master's Degree. I eventually would like to open up my own substance abuse facility as well as a nail salon. Many people struggle daily with substance abuse problems, some you may notice and some you

may not. Those who suffer with this, struggle to find themselves, to find the real person they were before they had an addiction. I want to be able to understand them, educate them, and give the support and care they need to overcome their addictions. Aside from that, I have been interested in becoming a nail technician but have never had time to do it. So I hope to choose an alternate route and that is opening up my own shop. Owning it will give me happiness just as if I was the one giving manicures and pedicures. Many people just need someone to be a friend, someone to listen to their ups and downs in life. I want to be able to give back what Hedy has given me and that is support and care. These are two fields that I feel I would be the happiest doing as well as successful doing; not only will it work for me but, most importantly, for those that are in need. This is my passion; this drives me crazy, knowing that I'm doing a positive thing for others and for myself. To be the happiest in life I feel you have to enjoy doing what makes you happy. **Life is to be enjoyed not endured.**

During my educational career I worked part time for Harold Washington College and part time as an uncertified nail technician on the weekends. The Bardwell Family was always good to me and supported me when I made mistakes and never gave up on me. In my eyes, these were the best years God could have given me; I've met the most beautiful people and the love and treatment I received from the Bardwell Family helped me get through some challenging times. This is not the end but the beginning of a lifetime of memories, happiness and sorrows all because Hedy and the Bardwell Family pushed me to dream big!! Thank you.▲

Lisa Ayala
AA HWC 2008
Bardwell Scholar



HWC graduates with AA degrees are (left to right) Trina Coleman, Debra Hawthorne, Lisa Ayala, and Ashley Chapple.

Dreams Do Come True

I cannot believe that I have finally made it to earning my Bachelor's Degree. I graduated high school thirty one years ago. I had hoped to go to college right after graduating, but my parents, though loving people, did not value education. Even if they had, there were six children and they could not afford all the costs associated with a college education. Instead, I was expected to find a job to help the family out. That's water under the bridge now. I am grateful and thankful that I never lost sight of my dream of getting an education. This is a journey that I had only dreamt about. There are many roads one can take on this journey called life. Some are winding with many turns, and forks in the road. If you, unfortunately, take the wrong fork in the road, it can take you so far off your intended path that it can take many years to get back on the right path, if ever. I experienced such a journey and it took me more than twenty years to find my way back. I am determined to never again go down the wrong road but to forge ahead to a more productive and meaningful life for myself, my family, and others by being an asset to society.

I feel that I must say that I would not have been able to make this accomplishment were it not for a wonderful person, Hedy Cohen, and Bardwell Scholarships. I am thankful for the day that she came into my life. She has helped to forever change my life for the better. I now have hope, after many years of doubt, that I would ever be financially able to get a college education. This was after being employed at dead end jobs that offered no room for promotion or financial growth due to my lack of education. I will be graduating from Loyola University with a Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Psychology and a minor in Criminal Justice on May 9, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. I plan to continue my education by attending law school.

Life for me has new meaning, and new vigor. I thank God for people like Hedy and Bardwell Scholarships and its contributors. **They give hope to the hopeless, and offer them a way out of no way.** I am forever grateful and indebted to this cause and will do my part to keep it alive and well. I feel that Hedy and Bardwell Scholarships represent some of the best people that the world has to offer. I feel honored to be a part of this family.

In closing, I would just like to encourage others to never give up if their desire is to get an education. Education

opens doors that have been closed, affords one endless possibilities to accomplish, achieves the good things in life, and contributes to the good of mankind and the world. I firmly believe that where there is a will, there is definitely a way. **Don't ever give up for I am proof that dreams do come true. ♣**

*Dell Henderson
AA HWC 2005
BS Loyola University 2008
Bardwell Scholar*



LaTanya Jackson, Lukman Gbadamasi, Dell Henderson and Andrea Scaggs at UIC Graduation.

A Worthwhile Journey

I have been with the Bardwell Scholarship family for almost 2 years now and I have to admit it has been a journey, but the journey was worth it. Without encouragement and wisdom from Hedy, I don't know how I would have accomplished my goals. My experience as an RBS has been very inspirational and I have become even more confident about finishing my education. I have met so many wonderful people and have enjoyed all the experiences, including luncheons. In all, I truly feel that the Roger Bardwell Scholarship is a wonderful organization that Hedy has created for students to succeed in getting their education. I am very proud and honored to be a Bardwell Scholar and would like to thank Hedy and Janice for helping me through my journey. ♣

*Ashley Chapple
AA HWC 2008
Bardwell Scholar*



Bardwell Luncheon

On Friday April 4th I had the great pleasure of attending the Bardwell Scholars' Luncheon. As I looked around at the attendees, I felt honored to be one of them. Each of us had a reason and story as to why we were there to celebrate Roger Bardwell's legacy. Roger was my brother-in-law, a gentleman with a warm and welcoming way about him. Roger always took a personal interest in each person that touched his life. How proud he would have been of Hedy helping the Bardwell Scholars use their abilities to attain their life's goals no matter the hardships.

The colorful room where the luncheon was held was filled with Bardwell Scholars, educators, and donors. The group came together as if they were attending a large family reunion. You could feel of sense of camaraderie, respect, and admiration for each other as the scholars gathered. Each student had the chance to tell the audience a little about themselves and how they were proceeding with their studies. Their sense of pride showed as they each took their turn. As part of the tradition of the luncheon, each student brought a dish to share. The food and their sweet aromas enticed the group to enjoy the many dishes from around the world.

As we all know, Hedy does not like surprises, but she did like the T-shirt surprise. The scholars had shirts printed with the Bardwell Scholarship logo to sell as a fundraiser and what a hit they turned out to be. Six of the attendees put on the T-shirts and gave a few moments of Bardwell history to the group. Most of the people at the luncheon had not had the pleasure of knowing Roger, and this gave a bit of background so others could become more familiar with him.

I hope to travel from Pittsburgh to Chicago again next year to attend the luncheon. Taking time out of one's busy schedule to attend the luncheon is a gift we give ourselves. We are so involved with our lives that we forget to acknowledge others who have made great strides in their achievements. Hedy has been a support and a constant in the lives of her students at a time when it was most needed. She continues to be a cheerleader and an advocate for her students, and I salute her for her loving and determined efforts.▲

Barbara Udren, Pittsburgh, PA



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Like many others who are Bardwell Scholarship recipients, I felt so honored to be attending our luncheon on April 4, 2008. It was such a special event filled with sponsors, students, faculty and others. There was a wide variety of food prepared or bought by Bardwell Scholars, and Washington Hall was beautifully decorated. There were many RBS students there, even some that had already graduated. I carefully listened as each of them described their road to success and how the Roger Bardwell Scholarship had assisted them in their journeys.

Dell Henderson, a RBS scholar was moved to tears as she described how loyal the Bardwell Family had been to her over the years and how thankful she is. I could surely relate to how Dell felt. When I came to the Bardwell Family, I was able to contact Hedy Cohen in Africa and she got me started on the paperwork. When she returned, she accepted me into the Bardwell Family and has inspired me to achieve my educational goals.

The road for me has been somewhat bumpy, as there was a time when I came to Hedy's office and had to say "Things did not work out as planned." She kindly responded with, "What do we need to do to get you back in school?" It was at that moment that I knew being a RBS recipient was far more than being another student in need of assistance. Hedy is vested in helping us to succeed, regardless of obstacles, and I am one of many that she has extended her support to. Thank you!

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Photos are as follows

- ① *Lukman Gbadamasi and RBS Supporter Julie Bowman*
- ② *Trina Coleman and Joann Washington*
- ③ *T-shirt presenters Barbara Udren, Anthony Foster, Dean Anna Blum, and Chriselda Bell*
- ④ *Yjimizia Jones*
- ⑤ *HWC College Advisor Terry Pendelton with LaTanya Jackson*
- ⑥ *Delger Tumenjargal*
- ⑦ *Sisters Barbara Udren and Scholarship Administrator Hedy Cohen*
- ⑧ *Diane Richardson*
- ⑨ *2008 Bardwell Scholars*

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As I looked around Washington Hall, I felt reassured that with support like this, I would surely succeed. Sometimes mentoring and motivation are key ingredients to success. Failure is not an option in the Bardwell Family. I could tell as I listened to the many RBS graduates that it did not matter where we came from or what we had been through; all Hedy asks is that we have the determination to succeed and she will exhaust every avenue trying to assist.

While at the luncheon, I even had the pleasure of meeting the president of our college, Mr. John R. Wozniak. He came over to our table, sat down and talked with us for a few minutes. That was great; I felt honored, as this was the first time I had ever met him. I learned from the pamphlets that our president is a co-founder of Bardwell Scholarships.

I also had the pleasure of sitting next to Hedy's sister, Barbara Udren. She was absolutely delightful and very friendly, too. She made me feel so welcomed and she was moved to tears as she described how committed to excellence Roger Bardwell was. I found myself thinking I really wish I had an opportunity to meet him; if he was anything like Hedy, he must have been phenomenal.

Aside from shedding tears of happiness, we had opening remarks from Mr. John R. Wozniak and a very heartfelt speech from Lukman Gbadamasi, one of our RBS scholars. Delger Tumenjargal performed a Mongolian Folk Dance that was so beautiful. She was so graceful and very flexible. I must also give a big thanks to Joann Washington and Lukman Gbadamasi who spent countless hours making this a special event for all of us. There is a lot of talent, support and education amongst the Roger Bardwell Family and I am happy to be a part of it.▲

Chriselda A Bell
HW College
Bardwell Scholar



**RBS Johnny Phan, now a
research associate at HWC.**

Introducing the Bardwell T-shirts and Polo shirts

After many long months of hard work, we are excited to announce the launch of the brand new Bardwell t-shirt and polo shirt. Our new teal shirts feature the Bardwell logo, a sail boat on the upper left crest. This awesome tee was started by the scholars as a way of generating revenue for the organization.

The t-shirts were printed and partially financed by Greg Smith of Propaganda Custom Printed Products, a local Chicago company. The balance of the funding was provided through charitable donations from Professor Ahmed-Rufai, Syed Ali, Anna Blum, Chris Clark, Lukman Gbadamasi, Dell Henderson, Yolanda Hopkins, Johnny Phan, and Joann Washington.

The polo shirts were printed by Eddie Metoyer and donated by the Thomas Woods Foundation which is administered by Helene Woods.

We, the Bardwell Scholars, want to personally thank those who contributed to the materialization of the long awaited Bardwell shirt. Your generous donation has allowed us to take our first step towards being active participants in our own funding.

Both shirts are 100% pure cotton and range in sizes from medium to x-large. They are available at Harold Washington College, Room 1139. T-shirts are \$10.00 and Polo shirts are \$20.00. *For more information or to purchase these amazing shirts, contact Hedy at 312-553-3049 or Johnny Phan at 312-553-6064.*

Joann Washington, Bardwell Scholar

With Much Appreciation

First, I want to give credence to my God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit for my life. I want thank my husband, Marcius Scaggs, family and friends for their loving support which provided me with the courage and strength to successfully complete my Bachelor's Degree. I am forever grateful to Hedy Cohen, a.k.a "Mama Hedy" for opening doors of opportunity for myself and others to advance to the next level in our education. Her inspiration and motivation accounts for part of our success. Special thanks to the Bardwell contributors, without you we wouldn't have made it. My future plans are to obtain a dual Master's Degree in Social Work and Divinity. Again, thanks, Hedy Cohen, for your labor of love.▲

Andrea Scaggs
AA HWC 2005
BA NLU 2008
Bardwell Scholar

Reclaiming Hope

How did I get here? Only God above can truthfully answer that question, but what I can say is that I wouldn't change places with where I am right now, for anything in the world. So, one might just ask-where is she?

I am a faithful and dedicated student who just around a year ago had no real direction as to where my next educational endeavor would take place. It was around that time I came to know Hedy Cohen and the Bardwell Scholars. Hedy talked to me about the services I could receive as a Bardwell Scholar. Fortunately, I didn't need her to provide tuition assistance for me as I was on the Harold Washington College Scholastic Scholarship. But Hedy was able to provide a service that proved to be, among other things, a very significant part of the changing point of my life-MENTORING!

At a point and time when I really didn't believe in myself, it was amazing to meet someone who saw in me something that needed just a little nurturing to manifest. I was overwhelmed with family problems, worrying about maintaining straight A's within my course work, and struggling with what direction I wanted to go upon completing my tenure at HWC. Fortunately and truly sent by God, Hedy began to do what comes naturally for her. She began to talk to me about coping with my family problems, dealing with not getting straight A's, and introducing me to the idea of attending Smith College.

Of course, I took Hedy's advice and applied. Yes, I was matriculated, and I am currently on my way to pursue my Bachelor's Degree at Smith. I am most grateful to Hedy and her commitment to assuring that all students reach their highest potential. She is definitely a beacon of light for Harold Washington College, and I am grateful to have crossed her path. Because of the HOPE Hedy has assisted me in reclaiming, I can openly embrace each and every challenge I am confronted with knowing that I am in control of my fate as well as destiny.

As I prepare to embark upon my challenging journey, I welcome the difficulties that lie ahead. To the extent that all human life is dependent upon other human life for its natural growth and development, it is important that given responsibility be done with understanding and knowledge. I believe the lives and future of our children are at stake and the need for more caring and compassionate educators is evident. I feel tomorrow has

been canceled for lack of interest; this lack may be due to some feeling of lost hope, if there ever was such. As a graduate of a four (4) year university, I know I will possess the tools necessary to give HOPE back into the lives of the lost. I know I will gain the knowledge necessary to educate and empower the lives of a "lost generation". I know high standards will be required of my work and the expectations of my professors will help me to develop a standard of excellence to empower future generations.

Hedy and the Bardwell Scholars, thanks for your compassion and leadership. I will forever be grateful to you and your organization! ♣

Trina L. Coleman
AA HWC 2008
Bardwell Scholar



Trina Coleman with her son, Joell Davis.

A Life Long Dream Fulfilled

First of all, I would like to thank God for allowing me the opportunity to fulfill one of my life long dreams by graduating from college. Its because of you, Earl Singleton, and the Bardwell Family that this dream came true for me. I was one class from graduation and financially I was unable to afford the class. Earl Singleton, one of the advisors at Harold Washington College told me about Hedy Cohen and her scholarship program. I then asked myself, "Would she accept me in her program?" Earl Singleton stated, "There's always a ram in the bush", and the rest is history. So I would again like to thank the Bardwell Scholarship Family for this dream come true.

I plan to attend Chicago State University this fall, 2008, to obtain my Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. ♣

Debra Hawthorne
AA HWC 2008
Bardwell Scholar

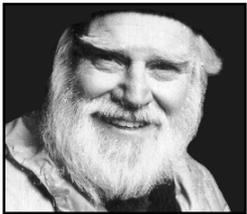


Joann and Lukman (and the other Bardwell Scholars) want you to buy a T-shirt or Polo Shirt! See page 6 for details!

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