



Seventh Annual Multicultural Sankofa

Valdosta State University celebrated the accomplishments of the 2008 VSU graduates and professors at the *Seventh Annual Multicultural Sankofa* on Friday, May 2, 2008, in the Powell Hall Auditorium. Graduates, their families and friends and VSU administrators, faculty and staff were in attendance.

The guest speaker for the occasion was the illustrious *Dr. John C. Gaston*, Professor of Communication Arts and Dean of the College of the Arts. Dr. Gaston earned the B.A. and M.Ed. from Wichita State and the Ph. D from the University of Colorado. Other program participants included Ms. Ashley Davis, who delighted the audience in song; Ms. Jasmine Calhoun (Assistant Program Chair); Ms. Janelle Collazo (Graduating Senior, Mass Media); Mr. Kerry Laster (Mass Media Major); Dr. Erin Huskey, Professor of English, and Dr. Matthew Richard, Professor of Anthropology.

Dr. Shirley Hardin, Director of African American Studies, presided over the program and presented the following Sankofa Awards for 2008:

***Multicultural Sankofa Award: Ms. Tiffany C. Blake*
Graduating Senior, Mass Media Major and African American Studies Minor**

***AFA Student of the Year Award: Ms. De’Jhan Supreme Miles*
Graduating Senior, English Major and African American Studies Minor**

AFA Teacher of the Year Award: Dr. Erin Huskey

Interdisciplinary Professor of English and African American Studies

Appreciation Plaque: Dr. Linda T. Calendrillo

Former Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

Ms. Lakeasha Brown, president of the Black Student League, presented the *2008 BSL Academic Award* to freshman member, Jeremy C. Hardin, for having the highest GPA among BSL members for the 2007-2008 academic year.