Service Had an Impact on My Life

Bonners at an orphanage in Ghana

This past year the Bonner Scholars went on a “Mission for Nutrition." The students started by researching nutrition issues. Then they put this information to work in Charleston on Saturdays with the Fields to Families program and Bogarden. In February the Bonners hosted a health fair for our Upward Bound students and another in April for 150 elementary and middle school students. Next the Bonners took their “Mission for Nutrition” to San Francisco to learn about organic food and local farming. Then on to Ghana to better understand malnutrition.

For several Bonners, flying to San Francisco was their first time on a plane. And none of the Bonners had worked on a farm, a rooftop garden, a farm by the highway, or a farm wedged between three and four story buildings.

Ghana opened the students’ eyes to the difference between low income in the United States and poor in Africa. They saw children brushing their teeth with sewage water, sleeping 5 or 6 children to a two inch thick foam mattress on the ground, and still smiling and happy despite this. These experiences changed the students’ ideas and perceptions. For many it even changed their lives.

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“The trip to Ghana had an immense impact on my life. I have never been out of the country, and I will never forget my experience at the orphanage with such amazing children. I had always heard of poverty, but I had never been exposed to it. The poverty and living conditions of these people became a reality the day we arrived at the orphanage. My life will never look the same after this trip. Africa became a part of me, and I hope that others may have the chance to experience such life-changing events.” Dayse Garcia, Bonner Leader

Cougar Excursion Has Full Capacity
The Higdon Student Leadership Center announced that 105 students participated in the summer’s Cougar Excursion leadership retreat - the maximum capacity and a substantial increase from 43 last year. Through Cougar Excursion, first year students develop leadership skills that will ensure a positive and productive first-year college experience.

Student Affairs Publication Gains Greater Recognition
The publication, Division of Student Affairs Committed to the Overall Development of Exceptional Students, has recently received two more awards at the 17th Annual Communicator Awards competition: the Award of Excellence in Design and Award of Distinction in Photography.

These awards are in addition to two International Davey Awards and a CASE District III Special Merit Award.

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The Bonner Leader Program hosted its third annual Engage and Empower Awareness Week in April to open a dialogue that may lead to solutions for some of the community’s most pressing problems.

The three Engage topics were “Everybody’s Business” addressing the issues of domestic violence and rape, “Truth vs. Myth Immigration” and “Bully*B*Gone”. The Empower topics included “The Skin I’m In” with a viewing of Jean Kilbourne’s popular film, “Killing Us Softly”. This film illustrates the distorted images that the media portrays of men and women. The film was followed by the unveiling of “The Skin I’m In” Art Exhibit and Spoken Word selections. The last topic “Action. Awareness. Pride.” was a celebration of LGBTQ pride and support for the movement towards equality.

The Career Center announced that 1,312 students participated in internships for academic credit in Fall 2010 - Summer 2011 which is arranged through the academic departments. There were 19 students and 16 employers who participated in the Certificate Internship Program and 7 students and 5 organizations enrolled in a Co-op.

The Student Employee of the Year is Richard Comer. The Supervisor of the Year is Page Keller. The winners were named at the Career Center’s 2011 Student Employment Week. Congratulations!

On July 27, Norma Luden celebrated 30 years of service as the Coordinator for Business Services for Student Life at the College of Charleston and officially began her retirement. Her support of students and colleagues has been immeasurable and she has established herself as one of the unforgettable figures in our institution’s history that will be remembered fondly for generations to come. Although retirement will allow her to spend more time with her family and enjoy her many hobbies (including gardening and travel), Norma will not be leaving campus entirely. On August 1, she began her new role as a half-time Administrative Assistant with the Office of Greek Life.

Teresa Smith, the Director for the Office of Multicultural Student Programs and Services, recently earned her EdD from Nova Southeastern University. Teresa had this to say about her achievement: “It took three years to complete my coursework; one year to get my proposal defended and accepted, plus approval from the NSU and CoFC IRB offices. Then it took TWO LONG years to write and edit and write and edit some more!!! So a total 6 1/2 years. In addition, I was still working full-time... , there were many times when I said to myself, is this really worth all of this headache and stress? Now that I am done, I am glad I pushed through. It was not easy, but it was worth it.”

New this year is a summer softball league for faculty and staff sponsored by Campus Recreation. The seven teams play twice weekly at the Patriot’s Point complex. The teams are: Admissions, Athletics, English, Free Agents (a combination of many departments), IT, Marketing and Communications, and Public Safety.

After five years at the College of Charleston, Bethany Wendler has left the Office of Student Life to begin a new adventure as the Coordinator for Student Involvement and Leadership Development at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. This new opportunity will allow Bethany to bring her many talents and vision to a larger campus environment as well as a location that is closer to family in the St. Louis area. During her tenure as Assistant Director of Student Life at C of C, Bethany had a tremendous impact on the growth and development of Cougar Activities Board and was instrumental in the creation of new Homecoming traditions for the College.

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Dr. Meredith Drummond is a board certified Internal Medicine physician who works full time at the College of Charleston Student Health Services (SHS). Dr. Drummond has been working at SHS since 2005, and recently became the Associate Medical Director. Dr. Drummond has jumped into this new position with a complete commitment to providing the best and the most up-to-date medical care to our students. She recently collaborated with Marnette Bowen, the Technology Coordinator for the Division of Student Affairs to update the SHS website. The newly renovated website is much more interactive and user-friendly for our students, and is packed with useful health information.

Dr. Drummond and her husband, who is also a physician, recently returned from a medical mission trip to Thailand. They spent two weeks working at the Kwai River Christian Hospital (KRCH) in Thailand; the same Kwai river made famous by the film, “The Bridge over the River Kwai”. The hospital was located near the Thai-Burma (Myanmar) border providing care to many people who come from the refugee camps near this area. The KRCH is a small, rather rudimentary hospital with no air conditioning, and limited medications, supplies and equipment. Even with these limited facilities, the staff at KRCH make a tremendous impact on the health of their patients. Dr. Drummond felt she was able to considerably broaden her knowledge of tropical medicine and diseases. She treated many infectious diseases including malaria, dengue hemorrhagic fever, intestinal round worms, and active tuberculosis. She also took care of patients of all ages, from a premature infant to elderly patients with a wide variety of medical and psychiatric conditions. Dr. Drummond was also able to provide pap smears to many of the female staff members at the hospital who had never had one previously.

Dr. Drummond thoroughly enjoyed her time in Thailand and was inspired by the people she met. It was such a great opportunity for learning and gaining an entirely different perspective and she found it to be incredibly rewarding. She hopes to apply what she learned to address our students’ travel medicine needs and she also hopes to return to the KRCH in the future.

This year there has been a significant increase in the number of students, faculty and staff traveling abroad. The Traveler’s Health Consultation Service provided by the Student Health Services staff has met with numerous groups and individuals traveling all over the world. Many of these trips are humanitarian missions that students are undertaking at their own expense to help with building projects, digging wells, working in orphanages and teaching in schools, to name a few. Many trips are organized by our brilliant colleagues in the Center for Civic Engagement. Student Health Services staff are also taking on this work. Over Spring Break in March, Dr. Trish Hutchison and Family Nurse Practitioner, Bridget McLernon Sykes traveled to Honduras with a group bringing medical supplies and providing care at a clinic in Honduras. Additionally, Dr. Meredith Drummond, our Associate Medical Director, and her husband, Dr. Fitz Drummond traveled to Thailand to work for a few weeks providing care in a rural hospital. (See article to the left.) We are really proud of all of their work.

As part of the Alcohol and other Drugs Grant initiatives, Counseling and Substance Abuse Services (CASAS) created a Campus Community Coalition website http://counseling.cofc.edu/cc-coalition/index.php, hosted AET (Alcohol Enforcement Training) for campus Public Safety and law enforcement officers in the community, offered bi-weekly activities for students hosted by CofC LateNight as alternatives to drinking during high-risk hours and during Cougar Countdown, and planned a Welcome Week activity hosted by LateNight. CASAS also applied for a one year no-cost extension for a 4th year of grant funding at, or above the amount of $66,980, to run through Sept. 30, 2012. CASAS added two new student members to Campus Community Coalition in 2011 (first student members to join!). So far, the Parent Orientations sessions are very receptive to efforts to offer alternatives to alcohol activities, and the new LateNight organization. And many parents are willing to pass on the message to their son or daughter so they will get involved.
James E. Clyburn, South Carolina’s 6th District Congressman, was the keynote speaker at the College of Charleston’s Nurturing Emerging Leaders: Pathways to College Access Luncheon in March, 2011. The event benefitted Upward Bound and Pre-College Programs.

“The goal of Upward Bound and other pre-college programs is to expose middle and high school students to the college experience and to provide them with the tools and resources they need to excel in school,” said Leroy Lewis Jr., Director of Upward Bound and Pre-College Programs at the College of Charleston. “We help these students academically, map out their career paths and generally try to break down the barrier that first-generation college students tend to have.”

The Nurturing Emerging Leaders initiative is a collaboration between the Pre-College Programs and the School of Education, Health, and Human Performance. Initiative activities familiarize potential education majors and their guidance counselors with the College of Charleston’s academic programs and resources – including the Call Me MISTER and Teaching Fellows programs – so that there will be an increase in the number of under served students who see teaching as a viable career option.

About Congressman Clyburn, President Barack Obama has said he is, “One of a handful of people who, when they speak, the entire Congress listens.” As Assistant Democratic Leader in the 112th Congress – the number three Democrat in the House – James E. Clyburn is the leadership liaison to the Appropriations Committee and one of the Democratic Caucus’ primary liaisons to the White House. Working with the internal caucuses, he plays a prominent role in messaging and outreach.

As the eldest son of an activist fundamentalist minister and an independent civic-minded beautician, Rep. Clyburn’s humble beginnings in Sumter, S.C., grounded him securely in family, faith and public service. He was elected president of his NAACP youth chapter when he was 12 years old, and he helped organize many civil rights marches and demonstrations as a student leader at South Carolina State College.
ExCEL = Excellence in Collegiate Education and Leadership

The 2011 Excellence in Collegiate Education and Leadership (ExCEL) Awards honored more than 30 students, staff, faculty and community members for their commitment to creating a campus environment that promotes diversity and excellence. The winners were chosen from nearly 100 nominations. Proceeds from this event provide scholarships for multicultural and first-generation students to study abroad.

Student of the Year
School of the Arts - Laura Reece
School of Business - Caquisha Burton
School of Education, Health & Human Performance - Jamar Brown
School of Humanities - Hayley Harrell
School of Languages, Cultures, & World Affairs - Angelina Phebus
School of Sciences & Mathematics - Madison Hohman
Graduate School - Adam Paul Johnson
Female Student Athlete of the Year - Tonia Gerty
Male Student Athlete of the Year - Jesse Mesa
Student Organization of the Year - Black Student Union
Septima P. Clark Award - Robin Blake
Lucille S. Whipper Award - Annastesia Mims
Eugene C. Hunt - La'Asha Burgess & Maxine Coleman

Faculty of the Year
School of the Arts - Janine McCabe
School of Business - David Desplaces
School of Education, Health & Human Performance - William Veal
School of Humanities - William Schonbein
School of Languages, Cultures, & World Affairs - Lei Jin
School of Sciences and Math - Aspen Olmsted
Graduate School - Barry Stiefel

Below: Tonia Gerty - Outstanding Female Student Athlete of the Year, Fredricka Dillard and Sara Daise, Black Student Union (BSU) President. BSU is the Outstanding Student Organization of the Year.

Outstanding Staff Members of the Year
Cassandra Foster and Debbie Counts

The Good Neighbor Award
Maria Fox

The Unsung Champion Award
Brent Laing

The Eddie Ganaway Distinguished Alumni Award
Sam Stafford III, M.D.

The Presidential Legacy Awards

The President Leo I. Higdon Outstanding Leadership Award
Isaiah Nelson

The President Alex Sanders Outstanding Public Service Award
LaQuunya Baker

The President Theodore Stern Visionary Award
Marcia White

The President Harry Lightsey Humanitarian Award
Ashley Montano

Photo Below: Victor K. Wilson, Executive VP for Student Affairs.

Below: Dr. Angela Cozart and Jamar Brown: Outstanding Student of the Year for the School of Education, Health, and Human Performance.
2011 Greek Borelli Awards

Greek Awardees left to right: Tyler Kirby - IFC Greek President of the Year, Jennifer Testi - Greek Woman of the Year, Marty TenHoeve - Greek Man of the Year, Alexander Henderson - IFC New Member of the Year, Sarah Vande Kamp - Female Greek Scholar of the Year

Greek Scholar of the Year
Male: Don Schneider, Sigma Chi
Female: Sarah Vande Kamp, Kappa Delta

New Member of the Year
IFC: Alexander Henderson, Phi Gamma Delta
Panhellenic: Chandler Miler, Alpha Delta Pi

Greek President of the Year
NPHC: Whitney Gibbs, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
IFC: Tyler Kirby, Kappa Sigma
Panhellenic: Alexandra Moor, Zeta Tau Alpha

The Panhellenic Executive Board Receives Excellence in Programming Award

The Panhellenic Executive Board received the Excellence in Programming for Risk Management Award at the Southeastern Panhellenic Conference in Atlanta. They were the only Panhellenic Council from the entire southeast region recognized for their efforts and great work in planning and educating our Greek community in Risk Management!

Greek Man of the Year
Alexander TenHoeve, Kappa Sigma

Greek Woman of the Year
Jennifer Testi, Kappa Alpha Theta

Advisor of the Year
Mike Ladd, Sigma Chi

Greek Courage Award
Laura Grady, Phi Mu

Special Recognition
Sam Orelove, Order of Omega Scholarship

Greekelodeon 2011

Greek Week is a time in which the members of fraternities and sororities of our three Greek Councils, Panhellenic, IFC, and NPHC, come together for fun and celebrated events. Our theme “Greekelodeon” was derived from Nickelodeon. Fraternities and sororities were paired together, then chose their themes. This years themes were: Ahh!! Real Monsters, All That Doug, Hey Arnold, Keenan and Kel, Legends of the Hidden Temple, Rocket Power, Rug-rats, Spongebob, and the Wild Thornberrys. Our events included a Banner Competition, Dodgeball tournament, Trivia Night, Bowling Tournament, Southern food Cook-off, Greek Idol, Rely for Life, a toy drive, and attendance at the student Police Day at the Police Station. This spring’s winner was the “Legends of the Hidden Temple” team. Greek Week was a wonderful success.
The 2nd Annual Salute to Student Affairs was held in May providing an opportunity to recognize outstanding staff members. Award winners are listed left to right in the above photo. Ed Short, Michael Duncan, Denny Ciganovic, Norma Luden, Susan Payment, Melantha Ardrey, Joe S necinski, Rachel Marsh, Mimi Owens, Leroy Lewis, Deborah Mihal, Eric Anderson.

**Young Professional of the Year:**
Leize Gaillard - Dean of Students Office

**New Employees of the Year:**
Eric Anderson - Career Center
Deborah Mihal - Center for Disability Services

**Administrator of the Year:**
Leroy Lewis - Upward Bound

**Outstanding Support Staff:**
Mimi Owens - Counseling & Substance Abuse Services
Mimi received this award for the second year

**Excellence in Programming:**
Jason Mraz Concert - Office of Student Life: Susan Payment / Ed Short

**Unsung Heros:**
Melantha Ardrey - Residence Life & Housing
Joe S necinski - Office of Student Life

**Outstanding Campus Collaboration:**
Higdon Student Leadership Center

**EVP for Student Affairs Outstanding Service Award**
Denny Ciganovic - Career Center

**George Haborak Award for Professional Development**
Rachel Marsh - Greek Life

This year’s Salute also offered the following personnel development conference sessions:
- Serving the Millennials by Dr. Rick Brewer
- Lean Times with Linda by Linda McClenaghan
- FERPA by Dr. Jeri Cabot
- Social Media by Dr. Doug Ferguson
- Victim Services by Robin LaRocque
Career Center News

Career Fair
In February, 2011, 245 College of Charleston students and alumni took the opportunity to meet with and talk to representatives from 63 organizations participating in the Spring, 2011 Career Fair, sponsored by the College of Charleston Career Center and in cooperation with the Career Services Office of The Citadel. Organizations in attendance were recruiting for career and internship opportunities from a wide range of business, technology, government, and research areas. The recruiters in attendance indicated that they were favorable impressed with our students’ preparation, and that most had conducted research on the organizations prior to the fair. Many of the participating organizations held interviews soon after the Fair, and many College of Charleston students/alumni were able to land interviews - and some have reported receiving job offers as a direct result of the contacts they made at the Career Fair. This event has been held annually since 2001, and provides both students and recruiting representatives a rare opportunity to meet face-to-face, which is even more important in this competitive job market.

Career Center Uses Linkedin
The Career Center has created a professional networking group on Linkedin called the College of Charleston Alumni & Student Career Network. This is a forum for alumni and undergraduate students to share career-related knowledge, information, referrals, and advice across industries and geographic locations. Currently there are nearly 500 members covering a wide variety of industries and locations. All alumni, faculty, and staff are welcome - so join us! For more information, please visit: http://careercenter.cofc.edu/students/careernetwork.php.

The Charleston Development Academy Has Media Smart Youth
The Charleston Development Academy (CDA) is a Public Charter School, where students and teachers engage in cooperative activities with parents and community partners. This spring, the College of Charleston partnered with CDA to present “Media-Smart Youth: Eat, Think, and Be Active!” This is an interactive after school education program that teaches young people about the complex media world around them. Today's youth spend 7 hours each day watching TV, using computers and playing video games. They see ads for high sugar products and fast food. As a major component of Media Smart the students analyzed and evaluated media messages while learning to make smart choices about nutrition and physical activity. Media-Smart Youth was created by the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and is sponsored by the National Institutes of Health. College of Charleston graduate student, Kymberly van Laar presented the Media Smart curriculum accompanied by undergraduate McNair Scholars Manale Patel and Lenise Bennet. Once a week Kymberly spoke to a class of eleven and twelve year olds about nutrition, exercise and evaluating the media message. The students participated in physical activities to show how easy and fun it is to get the appropriate amount of exercise each day. They also made trail mix with dried fruit and whole grains and learned that healthy snacks could be appealing and easy to make. Students worked in groups to create posters about nutrition and composed a rap they performed in front of the class. This activity encouraged creativity, cooperation and composure in front of their classmates. The class was fun and informal while educating students about healthy food alternatives, introducing physical activity as something that is fun and implementing a heightened awareness of healthy living habits into everyday life.
Dance Marathon is the College of Charleston’s largest student run philanthropy benefitting the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Children’s Hospital and Children’s Miracle Network.

Each year participants pledge to raise $150 and celebrate their fundraising efforts in an all night long Dance Marathon. For 17 hours and 70 minutes, to honor the year the College of Charleston was founded, students stay on their feet in order to gain a greater understanding and appreciation for the struggles children in the hospital face every day.

We dance for the hospital and we dance for the families but, most importantly, we dance for the kids!

On March 25th, nearly 200 students gathered in Carolina First Arena for the fifth annual Dance Marathon. They danced all night to raise more than $62,000 for the MUSC Children’s Hospital.

The Dance Marathon is the largest student-run fundraising event at the College. Since 2007, it has raised more than $260,000 for sick children. Through this and other community service activities, the College of Charleston students continue to strengthen the College’s connection to and impact on the Charleston community.

5th Annual Dance Marathon Raises $62,536

ODK National Leadership Honor Society

Omicron Delta Kappa initiated over 1,000 students, faculty, and staff at the College of Charleston between 1975 and 2001, when it became inactive. In 2009, the staff of the Higdon Student Leadership Center began inquiring about the possibility of bringing the circle back to campus and house it in the Leadership Center. In the fall of 2010, the charter was approved to move forward with the process and, after a campus visit from the national organization in the spring of 2011, which included a visit with President P. George Benson and Executive Vice President for Student Affairs, Victor K. Wilson, the circle initiated its first new class in Fall of 2011 and was chartered in December, 2011. The student involvement in reinvigorating the circle as well as serving as an executive board was crucial to the success of the honor society and several prominent leaders on the College of Charleston campus have stepped up to help the circle form and succeed!

The purpose of Omicron Delta Kappa Society is threefold: first, to recognize those who have attained a high standard of efficiency in collegiate activities and to inspire others to strive for conspicuous attainments along similar lines. Second, to bring together the most representative students in all phases of collegiate life and thus to create an organization which will help to mold the sentiment of the institution on questions of local and intercollegiate interest. Third, to bring together members of the faculty and student body of the institution, as well as other Omicron Delta Kappa members, on a basis of mutual interest, understanding, and helpfulness.

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The 7th Annual S.A.L.A. Awards and Reception was hosted by the Higdon Student Leadership Center (HSLC) on the Addlestone Library’s Rivers Green on Wednesday, April 20, 2011. This event recognizes and honors students and staff who have contributed their time and energy to the campus and their communities. Through their leadership and accomplishments, they have brought distinction to the College of Charleston.

This year’s event recognized six first-year students with the New Student Leader Award, fifteen seniors with the Cistern Award and one Advisor of the Year. Fifteen students from varying organizations were inducted into the HSLC Hall of Leaders which recognizes student leaders within their organization. The Friends of the Higdon Student Leadership Center recognized eight students’ dedication and participation in specific HSLC sponsored programs.

The award winners are selected by a committee that is not affiliated with the Higdon Student Leadership Center. The number of awards given each year for the Cistern and New Student Leader Awards is dependent on the applicant pool. The Friends Award is selected by the HSLC staff.

2011 Hall of Leaders Inductees

- Alternative Spring Break Program - Alex Carroll
- Black Student Union - Sara Daise
- Bonner Leader Program - Jazmin Garcia
- CofC Radio - Mackenzie Armstrong
- Cougar Activities Board - Megan Alder
- Cougar Television - Katie Ricart
- Dance Marathon - Laura Reece
- George Street Observer - Sam Graebner
- Honor Board - Valerie Finlay
- Interfraternity Council - Marty TenHoeve
- Miscellany Art Literary Journal - Kirsten Allen
- National Pan-Hellenic Council - T.J. Fielder
- Panhellenic Council - Amy Clemens
- Student Government Association - Isaiah Nelson
- Volunteer Corps - Sydney Ramsey

2011 S.A.L.A. Award Recipients

Advisor of the Year

Marcia Snyder, Advisor of the Year, with Michael Duncan, HSLC Director.

New Student Leader Award

Eliza Blades
Angela Dapremont
Justin Lyons
Briosha Sanders
Tyler Pedersen
Paul Weisenbach

Cistern Award

Kyle Boggs
Amy Clemens
Corry Doyle
T.J. Fielder
Erica Flores
T.J. Fielder
Monique Dyer
Samantha Kubinski
Maria Martin
Lauren Moore
Nick Ogden
Sam Orelove
Katie Ricart
Marty TenHoeve

Friends of the Higdon Student Leadership Center Award

Sarah Andrews
Sean Bear
John Capelle
Mary Ellen Graves
Sam Orelove
Dil Patel
Laura Reece
Thomas Savage
The College of Charleston hosted its inaugural Nia Rite of Passage Celebration in May. Nia, the Swahili term for purpose, means “to make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional great- ness.” This program honors not only the graduates themselves, but also those that helped them to get where they are today, including parents, family, and loved ones while reminding us “to whom much is given, much is required.” The event is sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Student Programs and Services. “We want to provide a celebration that is representative of African American and African tradition, heritage, culture, and legacy and reaffirm the campus and community’s commitment to encourage and support students,” says Teresa Smith, Director of the Office of Multicultural Student Programs and Services. “This ceremony marks a tradition of valuing our cultural offerings to the College and beyond. This inaugural program is a celebration of this philosophy, and reinforces the bonds of scholarship, and extends the sense of community that was created from the time the students first arrived on cam- pus.”

The “nia” principle encourages citizens to commit themselves to the glorious duty of restoring families, neighborhoods, and people to their historical great- ness. As a life-long member of the College of Charleston family, through the Nia Rite of Passage Celebration, graduates will be charged to do the same.

Kente is an African textile produced by the Asante people of West Africa. The cloths come in various colors, sizes and designs and are worn during important social and religious occasions. It is a visual representation of history, philosophy, ethics, oral literature, moral values and the social code of conduct, religious beliefs, political thought and aesthetic principles.

Stole Colors and Symbolism
The colors and the bird on the Kente Stoles are important sym- bols.

Black is symbolic of maturation and intensified spiritual energy.

Gold symbolizes royalty, wealth, high status, glory, spiritual purity.

Green is for vegetation, planting, harvesting, growth, spiritual renewal.

Maroon is the color of mother earth and is associated with healing, purification, sanctification rites and festive occasions.

The Sankofa is the bird with its head turned backwards symbolizing the importance of remembering your past.

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