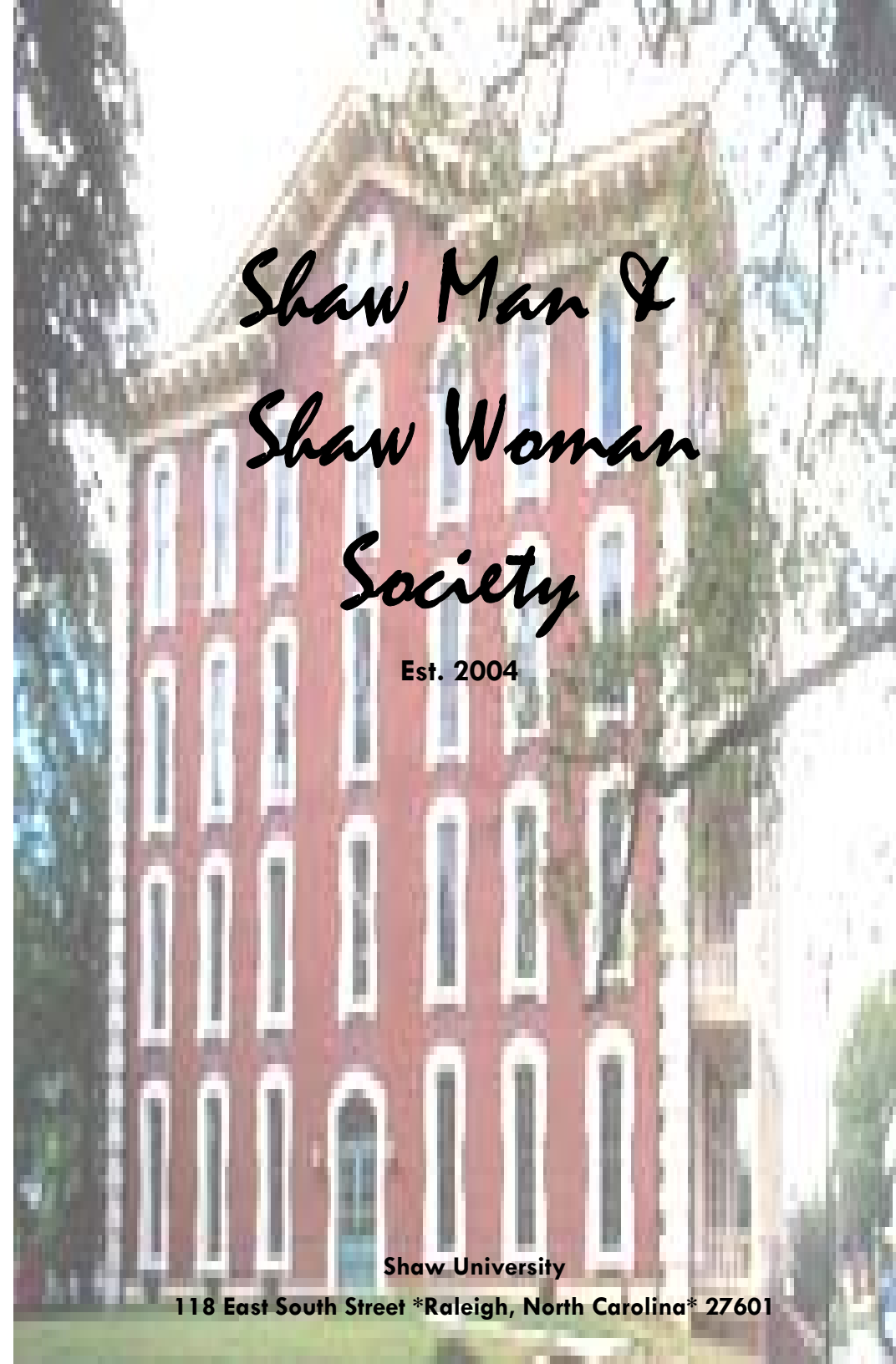


Historic view of Estey Hall, the first building constructed for the higher education of black women in the United States.



Shaw Man & Shaw Woman Society

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Our Motto:
The Dedicated
The Professional
The Aware

Membership

*Must be composed of the full-time and part-time students of Shaw University, including transfer students and students of the C.A.P.E. sites
Must be selected based on their completed application form and subsequent interview.*

New Members:

Must have at least sixty (60) credit hours (transfer students must have at least thirty (30) credits from Shaw)

Must have at least a 2.0

Must be in good academic standing with the University; any student who is on academic probation will not be accepted into the Society

Must have high moral character

Must display the character traits of a SMSW through integrity, intellect, resourcefulness, love, care, determination, thoughtfulness, and graciousness

SMSWS Pilgrims:

Must have a maximum of fifty-nine (59) credit hours

Must have a 2.0

Must complete a one-page application

Must actively participate within the Society

Maintaining Membership:

Must have Sixty (60) or more credit hours

Must remain in good academic standing with the University

Must have at least a cumulative grade point average of 2.0

Must live up to the duties of the SMSWS



History of the Shaw Man & Shaw Woman Society

Established 2004



The question “Who are you?” asked of Leon D. Parker in the summer of 2004 by Martel Perry, Executive Vice President of Shaw University, sparked conversations among Mr. Parker and his peers centered on defining how one would distinguish a Shaw University student before and after graduation. They decided that - in a world where people seemed sloppy in their morals, values, and convictions - they themselves would be persons of principle who would consistently live according to the highest ethics, morality, and principle.

This group of pioneering young men and women, looking to rise to a higher level of excellence characterized by special values for each gender, created the Shaw Man & Shaw Woman Society designed not just for students but also for alumni, faculty, staff and friends of the Society, who live up to the established standards. All Shaw University students are welcome to apply for membership.

An offshoot called the Shaw Man & Shaw Woman Society Pilgrims was

Thoughtful

A person slow to act who enjoys analyzing, interpreting, and patiently summarizing; characterized by careful reasoned thinking. A Shaw Woman can always be defined as a leader. The thoughtfulness of a Shaw Woman is always evident by her behavior and mannerisms. A Shaw Woman has the mental capacity to equal anyone in any subject and is not limited by others. A Shaw Woman spends her time thinking about life and what she can do to improve not only her own existence, but the existence of others. She is not hasty in her decision making process and rarely regrets the outcome. She plans her future while acknowledging the present and reflecting on the past. Her thoughtfulness inspires others to make careful decisions about their lives and their futures. Thoughtfulness goes hand in hand with intelligence. A Shaw Woman engages in wise thoughts and because of this engagement, she is intelligent. Her intelligence breeds her thoughtfulness and her thoughtfulness breeds her wisdom.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed people can change the world: indeed it’s the only thing that ever has!”

Margaret Meade

Gracious

Someone deemed to be dignified or honorable; marked by an attractive or pleasing character or appearance. Before speaking, a Shaw Woman makes her presence known by her elegant appearance and charismatic disposition. Her attire inspires the female community to take pride in themselves and in their appearance. The respect that she has for herself keeps her a lady despite any temptation. Her relentless passion to uphold the values and principles that this prestigious institution was founded upon has caused her to be an outward testament, evident by her caring, determined, thoughtful, and gracious spirit.

Caring

A state of being that is characterized by deep concern, enduring love, empathy and attentiveness toward others. A Shaw Woman is one who is wholeheartedly unselfish and gives true definition to caring. Never wanting to be self-seeking and consistently giving of herself for the betterment of her institution. The very being of this distinguished institution lies within her actions and her existence creates an environment suitable for growth. Through her concerned nature, she has given of herself to those who may lack what she has in excess. A Shaw Woman understands the importance and the grave necessity of caring and being attentive to her surroundings. She is her own person and she is unique, she is original and she is excellent. A Shaw Woman is neither traditional nor conventional; instead, she is totally and completely independent and will never conform to outside opinions. A Shaw Woman gets her opinion from the infallible and unadulterated Word of God. She realizes that God knows all, sees all, and is all. Therefore, she respects and acknowledges His presence in her everyday life. To please God is the aim of a Shaw Woman and through her caring, she is confident that it is pleasing to Him. A Shaw Woman cares to live and lives to care.

Determination

A state of being characterized by a firmness of purpose, and an unrelenting resolve to reach one's goals. A Shaw Woman possesses determination in every aspect of life; she is a woman of fortitude. Through hardships, discouragements, and pain, a Shaw Woman's determination supercedes all barriers enabling her to accomplish her mission in life. A Shaw Woman does not need a male counterpart to succeed. Determined in her schoolwork, a Shaw Woman seeks "Only the Best" for failure is never an option. Equipped with the necessary tools to succeed, she becomes an essential resource to Shaw University. A Shaw Woman does not bear the personification of a quitter. A Shaw Woman is determined to change the world.

"Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no help at all."
Dale Carnegie

set up for students with less than 60 credit hours who are in good academic standing with the University and have the same aspirations as their parent group.

Wealth and status are not factors here. Instead, high moral standards and character are the qualities the Shaw Man & Shaw Woman show the world – A "Shaw Bear" personified. The Shaw Man & Shaw Woman Society and the Pilgrims strive to be a road map for character, citizenship, and individual development. By joining the Society, each is expressing a desire to move towards a higher plane of excellence here at Shaw, where our motto is "Strides to Excellence: Only the Best!"

The founding members of The Shaw Man & Shaw Woman Society are Fabrice Blackson, Daryl Garrett Jr., Idoreyin Montague, Leon D. Parker, Dannel Rolle and Asha Wilson.

The Society was first introduced to the general University community at the Cultural and Spiritual Enrichment Seminar (CASES). The charter members were inducted in the spring of 2005 at the annual Awards Day Ceremony where 74 members took their oath of commitment to the ideals of the society. President Clarence G. Newsome conducted a special induction ceremony for all Board of Trustee members. Attorney David Walker, member of the Board of Trustees became the Society's first benefactor when he donated \$1,000.00.

Each member receives a certificate signed by the President, Chaplin, Vice President of Academic Affairs and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, a pin with the Society's motto "Esprit de Corps" engraved on it, and a picture of Estey Hall. Graduating seniors of the Society are adorned with garnet and white stoles that have The Shaw Man & Shaw Woman Society on one side and their class on the other.

Message From The President

Dear Shaw Men and Shaw Women:

My heart sings as I call to mind the ways in which you have developed into purpose driven men and women. The principles you live by: integrity, intellect, resourcefulness, love, caring, determination, thoughtfulness, and graciousness reflect the truest sense of our University motto: "Pro Christo Et Humanitate--For Christ and Humanity that Religion and Learning may go hand in hand and Character grow with Knowledge." Your interest to meet the challenges and opportunities that focus on excellence and honor demonstrate your strength of character, your desire to provide distinction to humankind, and to demonstrate value.



I am proud of the examples that each of you extends to others, not only in this University, but in our city, our country, and indeed the world. Your steady progress is the result of your hard work, but what stands out most is your dedication to moral excellence---a beautiful example to all people. Continuing to conduct your life through the God-given precepts set forth in the Shaw Man & Shaw Woman Society will help to revolutionize your life and find your place in the world. God made you unique, God made you valuable, and God invites you to an incredible future as your talents, personality, values, and passions to do what God designed you to do.

We are proud of you and believe that you will make a difference in this world.

Best wishes for continuing success that I know you will earn.

Clarence G. Newsome, President

Characteristics of a Shaw Woman

Caring

Determination

Thoughtful

Gracious

A Shaw Woman

By: Fabrice Blackson, Idoreyin Montague, Dannel Rolle, and Asha Wilson

The following pages are comprised of four principles by which “A Shaw Woman” lives. The word principle can be defined as a motivating force or rule of conduct. If one adheres to these four principles, one will experience a favorable outcome in life. Everyone wants to belong, to feel wanted and needed. No one is for themselves, of themselves, or by themselves. Everyone has been given a voice; however, only a few are heard. Here at Shaw University, we voice our beliefs; we deny any person or any thing the right to define us. Circumstances and challenges are welcomed. As Shaw Women, we face them victoriously and win effortlessly.

Purpose

To bring about awareness and define a Shaw Woman and to assist Shaw University women seeking to define themselves on campus, in the church, community, and in the workplace by providing them with concrete principles to govern their everyday lives.

Mission

The mission is to challenge each woman in the Shaw family to “Strides to Excellence: Only the Best!” as expressed in the administrative motto by Dr. Clarence G. Newsome, President. This means at the home of “Pro Christo et Humanitate” the expectation of moral excellence is self-giving, transforming, and empowering the love of Christ. For where Pro Christo seeks to empower principles of character and conduct; Caring, Determination, Thoughtfulness, and Graciousness will be the common principles shared and valued all for God’s Glory.

Message From The Executive Advisor

Dear Shaw Man and Shaw Woman Society,

I am proud to write this letter, and I am proud of you. The Shaw Man & Shaw Woman Society is a program fostered by students with support from the University. The program serves to instill positive values and growth in students’ lives while demonstrating the highest standards of Shaw University. This is the only student program that the University attests to the demonstrated character of students.



I congratulate you on the work you have done to bring this program to fruition. You embraced the concepts of the Society to respect human dignity and work together for common good. You worked long hours to help develop the program, and you have taken it to unprecedented heights.

I am delighted at the commitment you have made and the examples you have set. Indeed, I feel like a proud father who has diligently nurtured his children to maturity. You are ready to fly for you exemplify the values set forth by the Society, and your positive image serves as a shining example to everyone who meets you.

When you prepare to leave Shaw University, I encourage you to continue to live your life in all its fullness. Continue to live the promise set forth by the Society to maintain integrity, intellect, resourcefulness, love, caring, determination, thoughtfulness, and graciousness.

Remember, that above all, as a Shaw Man and Shaw Woman, you possess esprit de corps—a common spirit that exists in each member of the group that inspires enthusiasm, devotion, and strong regard for the honor of the group, and toward the legacy and value of Shaw University.

With all my love and care and God’s blessings,

Martel Anse’ Perry, Executive Vice President

What is Esprit de Corps?

The common spirit existing in the members of a group and inspiring enthusiasm, devotion, and strong regard for the honor of the group.

What is our purpose?

To bring about awareness as to who and what a Shaw Man and Shaw Woman is on campus, in the church, the community, and workplace by providing them with concrete principles to personify their everyday lives.

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Resourcefulness

The quality of being able to cope with a difficult situation; the quality of being able to deal with a problem. A Shaw Man’s resourcefulness is the key to unlock any door of opportunity. It is understood that life is about overcoming challenges and obstacles while remaining steadfast in the pursuit of one’s goal. As a Shaw Man, accepting life’s challenges is a part of your nature. Financial, academic, family, and mental struggles are simply acknowledged as a part of God’s plan to make us into what He wants us to be. Nevertheless, the tools necessary for us to achieve the desires of our hearts are already in place. A Shaw Man realizes that God is the source! We are used as resources to help one another for God’s greater purpose.

“And to one he gave five talents to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability.” -Matt 25:15

Love

A Shaw Man knows that love cannot exist without relationship. He knows the divine order of love: God, himself, mankind, and his university. He devotes his life to being a man after God’s own heart. In an effort to know his Creator intimately, he spends time daily in prayer, reading, and studying the blueprint for successful living. SMSW applies the “Word” to his studies and strives for academic achievement. He demonstrates his love through giving. Giving is love’s corresponding action. His mandate in life is to “live to give, and give to live.” He first and foremost gives himself completely to God. He then becomes a conduit which God uses to build His Kingdom. A Shaw Man loves mankind by “doing as he would be done by.” He knows that whatever seed he sows will harvest. Therefore, he sows acts of kindness, compassion, and generosity towards others. He is always looking for opportunities to display knowledge to others. He teaches by precepts and example. “A Shaw Man’s” love for his university will be the ultimate motivator to achieve academically and, as an alumnus, give back to his alma mater. “Love never fails,” and because of this truth, the love SMSW possesses for his university will not allow him to fail as a student, administrator, faculty or staff member. “Love sees the best in all people.” As “Shaw Men,” we shall lift one another and uphold the principles that bind us forever.

Integrity

A state of being of sound moral principle, upright, and honest. A Shaw Man lives and breathes integrity. He lets integrity be his everyday guide. Integrity guides him to the whole truth. Shaw Man realizes the importance of honesty. He is committed to this standard of integrity. He always analyzes and judges his day to day actions. He is his own person, unique and original. A Shaw Man constantly reminds himself that he is "Fearfully and wonderfully made by the handy work of God." He is totally independent from outside opinions. He does not conform, but transforms his mind through the "Word." A Shaw Man of integrity is an example setter. He always does the right thing regardless of the circumstances. He knows nothing is hidden from God. He takes integrity personally. He is totally committed to pleasing God. Therefore, he sets safeguards in life to stay focused. He develops biblical traits, which consequently will provide spiritual nourishment. Shaw Man discovers integrity is the ultimate guarantee to magnificent living.

"The integrity of the upright will guide them." -Proverbs 11:3

Intellect

The ability to learn and reason; the capacity for knowledge and understanding; the ability to think abstractly or profoundly. From the classroom to the yard, a Shaw Man's intellect must be on display. Shaw University is an institution that allows intellectual growth in many different ways. Shaw Man should be knowledgeable in subjects such as politics, business, law, technology, health and fitness. The mind capacity of Shaw Man has neither limits nor boundaries. A Shaw Man should always be hungry for the food of thought and knowledge. In addition, "A Shaw Man," must remember that learning is a life-long journey.

"For attaining wisdom and discipline; for understanding words of insight; for acquiring a disciplined and prudent life, doing what is right and just and fair; for giving prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the young." -Proverbs 1:2-4

Alma Mater

By Harry Payne

Class of 1935

Hail, Dear Old Shaw U,
Thy Sons revere thy name.
Long shall thy works be proud,
Undimmed by fame.
Time shall thy praises sing,
Glory repay thy tears,
And loud thy praises ring,
Thru all the years.
Noble thy hallways,
Noble thy grassy plains,
Nobler the hearts of men,
Where thou dost reign.
All we who love thy name,
Stout hearts that shall not fail,
All rise and loud proclaim
Alma Mater, Hail!

A Shaw Man

By Darryl Garret, Jr. and Leon D. Parker

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