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DSU Sunday Best Awards 1st Place to Crossroad Choir

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CROSSROAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH CHOIR WINS DSU?s SUNDAY?S BEST GOSPEL EXTRAVAGANZA COMPETITION

DSU?s first ever ?Sunday?s Best? Gospel Extravaganza Competition rocked the campus? E&H Theatre on March 27 with the high praise and music of three outstanding music ministries, ending with the 1st place honors going to the Crossroad Christian Church Gospel Choir of Dover.

The Crossroads Choir, one of three finalist choirs, won the top spot with its powerful performance of a medley of songs that included ?Something About the Name of Jesus,? ?My Life is in Your Hands? and ?Wrap Me in Your Arms.? The winning choir is under the direction of James Brumble.

As the 1st place winner, the Crossroad Choir took the grand prize of $1,000 check back to their church. Each of the finalists also received a $100 gift certificate.

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Canaan Baptist Church Choir of Wilmington took 2nd place with its stirring performances of ?Praise Ye the Lord? and the old school gospel rendition of ?I?ve Got a Reason. The Canaan Choir is under the direction of Dr. Arvis Strickling-Jones.

The Straight Gate Youth Choir of Shiloh Apostolic Church of Wilmington took 3rd place with its impressive a cappella (without instrumental accompaniment) singing. Under the direction of Sherine Boswell, Straight Gate performed the songs "Jesus We Give You the Glory? and ?Be Magnified O Lord.?

In the competition held exclusively for Delaware-based choirs, the three finalists were each allotted a 10-minute performance during the Saturday evening gospel extravaganza.

In addition to the competition finalist, the gospel-loving audience was brought to their feet by the featured guest artist, 2010 Stellar Award nominee Coco McMillan. Her rousing performance was highlighted by her singing, her personal testimony and heartfelt expressions of praise for what the Lord has done in her life.

The audience was also impressed by two instrumental selections by Eldré Gladney, a 10-year-old guitarist from Crossroad Christian Church, and a solo dance ministry performance by Tiffany Stokes of the Resurrection Praise Dance Team of Dover. Following the invocation prayer by Rev. John Moore, youth minister of Calvary Baptist Church of Dover, the music evening was kicked off with an opening selection by the University?s own DSU Gospel Choir.

The Sunday?s Best mistress of ceremonies was Brenda Farmer, director of DSU Events and Ceremonies.

The proceeds from the Sunday?s Best event are going toward academic scholarships for DSU students. The gospel extravaganza?s planning committee was led by Charity Shockley, director of the DSU Annual Fund.

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