Graduation Spring 2007—A new era begins

The recent commencement ushered in a new, highly anticipated graduation experience for Spencerian College. The Louisville and Lexington campuses combined at the Frankfort Convention Center for the Spring 2007 graduation, marking the beginning of an exciting new tradition.

Jan Gordon, Executive Director of Spencerian College-Louisville, and Buddy Hoskinson, Executive Director of Spencerian College-Lexington, worked tirelessly to fine-tune the dignified and entertaining event. The amenities at the Convention Center were ideal for the two groups. Attractive banners and greenery adorned the dais and surrounding areas. Family and friends appreciated the comfortable and plush seats and the graduates were thrilled because thanks to the spacious atmosphere, everyone could attend. Enhanced by the wonderful vocal entertainment by Rachelle Phillips, Miss Kentucky 2007, the evening was a huge success for the graduates and their guests. The commencement speaker was Laura Ehrhagen Owens, Secretary of the Education Cabinet, Commonwealth of Kentucky, who eloquently reminded everyone to never lose sight of their dreams.

From the Fall 2006 and Winter 2007 graduating classes, Spencerian College-Louisville presented diplomas to 285 students and Spencerian-Lexington to 160. The theory of true partnership between the two Spencerian College campuses became a reality this spring.

Spencerian College Cares

The Clothesline Project

Students and staff at Spencerian College repeated last year’s “Clothesline Project” and made a solemn impression on students, employees and guests at the Louisville campus. Dr. Kentro, a Spencerian College counselor and instructor, initiated the project to allow students from all programs to display tee-shirts in the Student Lounge, honoring themselves or people they know who are victims and survivors of various types of violence during Domestic Violence Awareness Week.

This variety and number of exhibits was astonishing. Nearly 80 students honored themselves, friends and family members by displaying various colored shirts, each color representing a specific type of violence. White shirts honored women who died as a result of the violence; yellow was for those who were battered; red/orange were in honor of rape victims; blue identified survivors of incest; green recognized victims of child sexual abuse; and purple for individuals who were attacked for their sexual orientation.

The display was shown during the entire week. The normally noisy and bustling lounge was somber and quiet as students and staff alike paused to recognize the victims and reflect on the individual stories the shirts told. Representatives from the United Way and several shelters visited the campus and spoke about domestic violence and various available resources.

Big Brothers & Big Sisters Bowl for Kid’s Sake

Recently, two teams of bowlers from Spencerian, consisting of students, staff, and administrators, met at Dixie Bowl to celebrate raising $1,900 through raffles, luminarias, and collections for the Big Brothers & Big Sisters (BB/BS) organization. BB/BS pairs youngsters with older mentors for companionship, support, citizenship, and fun. The vision is successful mentoring relationships for all children who need and want them, while contributing to better schools, stronger communities, and brighter futures. Spencerian College has been a supporter of this organization for several years. Before the bowlers turned in pledges, Spencerian had collected $350 from various fund-raising campaigns and each bowler collected at least $80 in pledges, which entitled them to a free bowling party, free pizza, soft drinks, door prizes, and an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Left to right: Alice Phillips, Beverley Gooselens, Joanne Vaow, Rebecca Bernard, Carol Wigginton, Doug Smith, Nicole Goodin, and Eric Goodin. Not pictured was Tracy Smith.