



Black Girls Rock

April 30, 2015
INVOCATION
Brittany Taylor

MODELING DÉBUTE

INTRODUCTION OF MC
Lotte McNnane & Tierra Gilbert

PHENOMENAL WOMEN
Bria Ramsey

SONG
Jamea Rosenthal

SPEAKER
Mrs. Shauna Samuel

MIRRORS
Nikita Boyd

AFRICAN DANCE
Dorian Johnson & Jamea Rosenthal

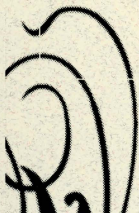
SONG
Alexandria Mitchell

SPEAKER
Dr. Lanise Rosemond

POETRY WITH PAINTING
Miki Noah-Wilson & Mariah Maxwell

PRESENTING OF AWARDS

SPECIAL THANKS



When I was a girl, I had parents that loved and believed in me, but those doubts still worked their way into my head. and I was always worried about something. Does my hair look right? Am I too tall? Do I raise my hand too much in class? So when folks said a girl like me shouldn't aspire to go to the very best colleges in the country I thought 'Maybe they're right.'

But eventually I learned that each of those doubts were like a little test ... that I could either shrink away from or rise up to meet and I decided to rise.

Yes, I decided to rewrite those tired old scripts that define too many of us. I decided that I wasn't bossy, I was confident and strong. I wasn't loud, I was a young woman with something important to say and when I looked in the mirror I say a tall, beautiful and smart black girl. ... and that's what I want for you, I want you to live life on your own terms. ... but anyone who's achieved anything in life knows that challenges and failures are necessary components of success. They know that when things get hard, that's not always a sign that you're doing something wrong, that's often a sign that you're doing something right. Those hard times are what shape you into the person you're meant to be.

-Michelle Obama