

Alumni of Color Enjoy Return to Oz III



Parents and children at Return to Oz III gathered for an Oswego family picture with President Deborah F. Stanley, right. Photos by Jim Russell '83

Memories, fun and giving back were recurrent themes when alumni of color returned to campus Sept. 28 to 30 for Return to Oz III. A faculty/alumni mixer, a picnic at Fallbrook with a Caribbean steel band, and a grand dinner-dance, including a performance by the Praise Dance Group and Gospel Choir members past and present led by **Kahan Sablo '90**, marked the first reunion of color since 2002.

"You are such an important part of the history of this campus," President Deborah F. Stanley told the alumni at a dinner she hosted. She urged them to share their experiences with current students.

"Everything I've become I can in one way or another tie to Oswego," **Errol Taylor '77**, a speaker at the dinner, said. Taylor, an expert in intellectual property law, is a partner in the New York City law firm of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP.

He encouraged his fellow alumni to become more involved. "Find a way to get back in touch with the school and give back to students."

One way Taylor is giving back is by an

innovative challenge he has announced. He will match any gifts up to \$15,000 from alumni who attended the Return to Oz reunion or were eligible to attend. For more information contact the Office of University Development at give2@oswego.edu or call 315-312-3003.

Kendis Gibson '94, co-host of the HGTV show "I Want That!", was presented with the GOLD Award for Graduates of the Last Decade. He was chosen for the recognition in 2004, but was unable to come back to campus to receive his award at that time.

Gibson also urged his fellow alumni to get involved with the college. "It's really important to give back [to Oswego]," he said. "I hope a lot of other people will decide to do that, too." ●

— Michele Reed



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Gospel Choir members, past and present, sang songs of praise during the grand dinner-dance and ball.

