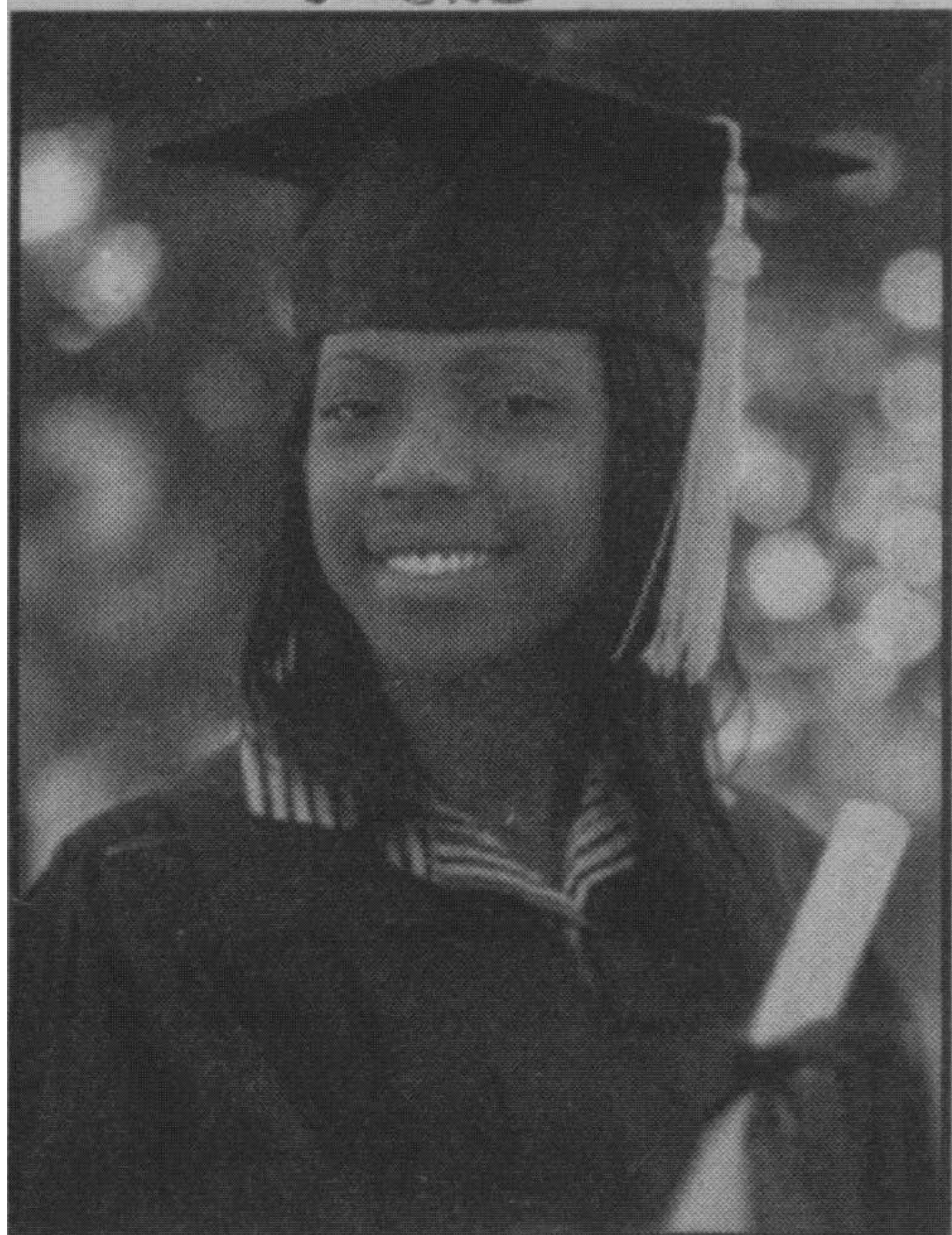


HBCU students share the joy of science



The Siemens Foundation today announced the winners of the 2008 Siemens Teacher Scholarships, the third year of a collaboration between the Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCFF), the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) and the Siemens Foundation. The program encourages students at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) that plan to pursue teaching careers in science and math. It also provides them with an interactive classroom experience through the Siemens

Foundation's Siemens Science Day program, which has reached 36,000 students nationwide with the help of Siemens employees in the past two years. Through Siemens Science Day, Siemens Teacher Scholarship winners are sharing their passion for science with elementary school students and leading experiments developed by Scholastic.

"We believe it is important not only to encourage future science and math teachers with scholarships, but to also give them an early opportunity to enter the classroom and experience the joy of discovery with elementary students," said Jeniffer Harper-Taylor, Vice President of the Siemens Foundation and graduate of Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., one of the country's 85 HBCUs. "By providing the tools and resources to students who have expressed a genuine interest in teaching math and science, we get a step closer to increasing the number of teachers and role models for our next generation of leaders," she said.

The Siemens Foundation is providing \$1 million in scholarships over five years to undergraduate and graduate students through the Siemens Teacher Scholarships. The funds are administered by the TMCFF and UNCF, with each organization receiving

\$500,000 to be awarded to students accepted to any one of America's 85 Historically Black Colleges and Universities that are members of the two organizations. Student recipients are selected by the two organizations. This year, 31 students will receive scholarships to help supplement his or her higher education costs toward a teaching degree in math and science. To date about 120 students have received scholarship awards. As bachelor degrees awarded in science, technology, engineering and math decline, HBCUs play a vital role in meeting America's need to increase and diversify science professionals.