Islam Youths Hear Plans for Junior College Addition

Expansion Program Told Graduates at Impressive Commencement Exercises

The announcement by Sister Christene Johnson, Principal of Muhammad's University of Islam that a Junior College will be added to the school was among the high points of an impressive graduation exercise in Chicago last week.

In addition, the University will expand its curriculum for the next semester to include typing and sewing classes, and industrial training for younger boys, said Sister Christine Johnson, principal.

PROPOSED ALSO was an apprentice training program which will utilize various businesses for on-the-job training.

Guest speaker was Dr. Connie X. Cross, mathematician at Atlanta university, who told the graduates, "To you young people who are graduating tonight there is a bright and glorious future for you. Messenger Muhammad, who founded this university and its sister in Detroit, desires supremely that we get an education, to enable our people to help themselves.

"Messenger Muhammad has taught us that mathematics is Islam and Islam is mathematics. Lay hold to mathematics and you lay hold to that which can give you heaven on earth, freedom, justice and equality."

TOP SCHOLARS among the graduates were Sandra Ann X. Pickett, valedictorian, and Clara Marie Shariff, salutatorian.

Also members of the high school graduating class were Sharon Gay X. Riveraw, Ruth Helen X.
BOYS GRADUATING from the University of Islam elementary division, Chicago, are presented diplomas and congratulated by Sister Christine Johnson, principal (left) at commencement exercises. A portion of the girls who were graduated are seated. The University of Islam will add a Junior College in April or May, it was announced.


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