Kesha Cobb is not just another pretty face. She is also smart, motivated and goal-oriented.

Cobb enrolled at Shorter College in Spring 2017 and is currently pursuing an associate degree in Entrepreneurial Studies. At the suggestion of a college administrator, Cobb entered the Miss Shorter College pageant and won in April of this year.

Cobb will represent the college as an ambassador, both on and off the campus this year, advocating for health, wellness and sustainability for single mothers. She has plans to develop a community garden at the school and is also in the process of writing three books.

Her book entitled “Broken Chains” chronicles her journey as a triplet born in East St. Louis nearly 42 years ago. She was adopted, as were her sister Kura and brother Kevin. Although the three siblings were separated, they were adopted by two best friends (Cobb and Kura by one and Kevin by the other). It was almost like living in the same household, and the triplets are still very close.

With a doctoral degree in psychology as her ultimate goal, Cobb is working on a second book called “Invisabuse” focusing on rising above all kinds of abuse.

Her planned third book will be a cookbook entitled “Grow, Cook, Eat.” It correlates with her pageant platform centering on gardening, preparing food and eating right.

Cobb’s son Kemarius will be joining her at Shorter this fall semester. She plans to graduate from Shorter College May 2018 and then continue her education at either Philander Smith College or Paul Quinn College in Dallas. Both are historically black colleges.

“I really enjoy Shorter College. It feels like home – like I'm part of a family...”
- Kesha Cobb
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Faculty Profile

Dr. Gibson happy to give students a second chance at education

Dr. Howard Gibson has joined the Shorter College faculty as a Professor of Business courses in the Entrepreneurial Studies Department. His career has mainly been at two-year educational institutions. Gibson thinks Shorter College is a good fit for him.

“Shorter College is a small, close-knit population of students – mainly nontraditional – who are eager for a second chance,” Gibson said. “I think that is quite fitting since the college received its second chance in 2013 when it was granted full accreditation from Transnational Association for Colleges and Schools (TRACS).”

A native of Jackson, Miss., Gibson earned his bachelor’s, master’s and doctorate degrees from Jackson State University. His first job was as a Business Development Specialist at Hinds Community College in Raymond, Miss. After his tenure at Hinds, he was hired as Dean of Business and Director of the Scott Ford Center for Entrepreneurship at Arkansas Baptist College and served as the interim Vice President for Academic Affairs.

In 2012, Gibson left Arkansas for Baton Rouge Community College in Louisiana where he was the Executive Assistant to the Chancellor. In 2015, he had the opportunity to return to Little Rock and serve as the Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs at Arkansas Baptist College.

Gibson will be splitting his teaching responsibilities between one of Shorter’s teaching sites, Ouachita River Unit of the Arkansas Department of Corrections, and the college campus. The Second Chance Pell Program taught at prisons gives inmates an opportunity to be educated, which will help them when they are released.

“I’m going to be learning as much as I can about the Second Chance program,” he said.

Gibson is the father of two teenage sons, Isaac and Cameron.

Inspiring Quote of the Month

"We all have dreams. In order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline and effort."

- Jesse Owens
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
Black History Day (an iconic African American)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
Way Back Wednesday (Choose a decade to represent)

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
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Yolanda Washington, Director of Director of Activities/Recruiter
Dr. Nichols returns to his roots, joins Shorter College

Dr. Broderick Nichols happened to be in the right place at the right time when he was hired recently as the Chair of the Criminal Justice Department and Interim Dean of Student Affairs at Shorter College.

“The timing was incredible,” Nichols said.

A native of Carlisle, Ark., Nichols was retired from the University of Memphis as the Dean of Undergraduate Programs and Director of Paralegal Studies. His mother-in-law was living in Little Rock and Nichols’ wife wanted to help care for her, so the couple moved to Little Rock, where Nichols had attended Dunbar Junior High and graduated from Central High School.

“I had always wanted to work at a historically black college and had applied to many of them, but for some reason it had never worked out,” Nichols said. “I have a strong belief that God had other plans for me.”

However, Nichols met Rev. Reginald Henderson, pastor at Greater Shiloh Baptist Church in North Little Rock, and a full-time faculty member at Shorter College, who encouraged Nichols to apply at the college.

“I am honored to be at Shorter College,” he said. “I want to assist the school in any way I can to help fulfill its purpose and mission of educating our students. I want to make sure our students get the education they need and deserve. My goal is to make Shorter College the best institution it can be.”

Nichols earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR), majoring in criminal justice and minoring in political science. He then received his law degree from University of California at Los Angeles in 1984. His first job was teaching political science at UALR.

Student Affairs Department enhances customer service

As the new Interim Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Broderick Nichols will be a staunch advocate for all students who have chosen to attend the historic Shorter College. This fall semester, students can expect an enhanced level of customer service and transparency as they interact with the various offices on campus. Nichols says students deserve nothing less.

“Students will also have a swift means of alerting my office about any notable interactions – good or bad – with all offices on campus via a Cheers or Jeers electronic survey,” Nichols said. “While the Division of Student Affairs has no authority beyond its purview, I can certainly speak to the heads of other offices on behalf of students who have complaints or would like to give kudos to an exceptional staff member, professor or administrator at Shorter College.”

Another notable change in the Division of Student Affairs is that appointments will be necessary for those who need assistance. Given the wide array of duties undertaken by a small number of staff and administrators, this common business practice ensures that everyone who seeks assistance, gets it in an organized, complete and timely fashion, Nichols said.
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It took a few years for Yolanda Washington's 70-year-old aunt to persuade her to enroll in Shorter College, but once she did in 2014, she hasn't left. She graduated in 2016 with an associate degree and was hired in February 2017 as the Director of Student Activities at the college.

Washington works closely with students to plan and coordinate events. The move from student to employee was seamless since she had served as President of the Student Government Association (SGA).

“Being President of SGA led me to getting this job,” Washington said. “I just love being involved with the students. My job feels more like I’m a student aide. I think I was a great SGA president, because I worked to get other students involved. In this job I’m still trying to get all the students involved in campus activities. The more they are involved, the more they will enjoy their Shorter College experience.”

In 2013, Washington’s aunt encouraged her to enroll at Shorter College. However, Washington says attending school at that time was the last thing from her mind. The next year in March both of Washington’s parents suddenly passed away.

“I began to look at life differently and decided to try Shorter College,” she said. “I love going to school. Shorter has such a loving atmosphere. The faculty is very nurturing and has all the tools one needs to get a quality education.”

Washington is continuing her learning at Philander Smith College, where she is pursuing a degree in business with a focus in organizational management. She plans on graduating with her bachelor’s degree next August. She is the first generation of her family to earn a college degree.

“I want to educate and encourage other people with similar backgrounds as myself that possibilities are available if you go to school,” she said.

Although Washington was born in Little Rock, she grew up in East St. Louis. She returned to her native city about 20 years ago to be close to family.

Yolanda Washington (left), Director of Student Activities, and Corinthian Williams-Adams, Student Accounts Coordinator, are thankful for a recent $1,600 donation to Shorter College from Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Maumelle. Ernestine M. Evans, Chairperson of the Council of Christian Education at the church, said the money was raised at the church’s Fifth Annual Youth Explosion.

Each year the event organizers select a historically black college or university to be the beneficiary.
Attention Shorter College constituents! Did you know that many Arkansans struggle to provide a quality life for themselves and their families? Also, did you know that approximately “145,000 adults in Arkansas cannot read this sentence” (Literacy Action of Central Arkansas, 2017)? You can help change their direction in life and empower others to overcome those daily obstacles many of us take for granted by building a stronger community.

The Literacy Reading, Writing and Math Labs are seeking enthusiastic and dedicated students to serve as Literacy Tutors for the fall 2017 semester.

Tutors gain invaluable experience by: working with other students, participating in community and campus literacy initiatives, and becoming a certified Literacy tutor (recognized by the state).

Hours of operation for the fall 2017 semester are 8am to 4pm Monday thru Friday. See Mrs. Lockhart and Mr. Egwim for more information about this opportunity.

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