Olivier Sees Market for Scholarship, Service

BY MELISSA BEECHER

From selling sugar and candy in a tiny general store in Saint Lucia to brushing elbows with financial titans on Wall Street, Gerrel Olivier, ‘10, has already experienced the great many facets of the finance world.

“A lot of people think you go into this industry for the money and that’s not really my motivation,” said Olivier, winner of the 2009 Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Award. “I actually love it. I like reading the Wall Street Journal. I consider it a hobby of mine. If I can work doing a hobby, then that would be greatly beneficial. It will help me obtain my longer term goals.”

A combination of service and scholarship helped Olivier rise to the top of an extremely competitive finalist pool for the award, which he received from University President William P. Leahy, SJ, at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Committee’s 27th Annual Award Banquet on Feb. 11.

Olivier grew up in Randolph, Mass., and spent summers with his grandmother in a small village in Saint Lucia, an island nation in the Caribbean. When he wasn’t playing with his cousins, he was helping in his grandmother’s shop, one that has since expanded to a thriving “mini-Walmart” shop, one that has since expanded into a thriving “mini-Walmart” shop, one that has since expanded into a thriving “mini-Walmart” shop, one that has since expanded into a thriving “mini-Walmart” shop, one that has since expanded into a thriving “mini-Walmart” shop, one that has since expanded into a thriving “mini-Walmart” shop, one that has since expanded into a thriving “mini-Walmart” shop, one that has since expanded into a thriving “mini-Walmart” shop, one that has since expanded into a thriving “mini-Walmart” shop, one that has since expanded into a thriving “mini-Walmart” shop, one that has since expanded into a thriving “mini-Walmart” shop, one that has since expanded into a thriving “mini-Walmart” shop. Olivier admits that he came to BC reluctantly, after being rejected from University President William P. Leahy, SJ, at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Committee’s 27th Annual Award Banquet on Feb. 11.

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“Olivier was on the trading floor right after Bear Stearns collapsed, Lehman Brothers was on its way down,” said Carrington, who interning at Morgan Stanley.

Gerrel Olivier,‘10, speaks at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Banquet after receiving congratulations from his parents Elizabeth and Ludolph (below) for winning the 2009 Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Award. (Photos by Justin Knight)