

2008 Annual Report

NC State University Black Alumni Society

2008 Executive Board, Chapter President, and Representatives

OFFICERS

President - Keon Pettiway (2005)

Vice President - Dr. Tracey Ray (1993, 1997, 2001)

Secretary - Tovah McDonald (2003)

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Athletic - Elwood Becton (1973)

4th Annual Black Alumni Reunion and Conference - Maria Thorpe (2006) and Tashima Garner (2006)

5th Annual Black Alumni Reunion and Conference - Marcus Belvin (2001)

Business Development - Johnny Chapman (1985)

Faculty/Staff Relations - Dr. Orlando Hankins, Sr. (1980, 1985)

Historian - Diane Becton (1973)

Immediate Past President - Marcus Belvin (2001)

Membership - Ashley Washington (2005)

Scholarship - Carlos Goins (2004)

Social Programs – Amelia Royster (2002) and Will Joyner (2001)

Student Development - Al Leaston (2005)

CHAPTER PRESIDENT AND REPRESENTATIVES

Washington, District of Columbia (D.C.) - William Johnson (2002) President

Charlotte, North Carolina - Myron Marsh

Atlanta, Georgia - Nick Harris (2001)

Los Angeles, California - Shequeta Smith

Brooklyn, New York - Jolon Shields (2001)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings alumni/alumnae, students, faculty, staff, and university friends.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered and supported the Black Alumni Society in 2008. We had some great programs and events and received constant feedback about how we can best serve the NC State community.

Looking back on 2008, many historical events occurred ranging from an environmental crisis, unstable economy and the 2008 presidential race. Through it all, it was evident that coming together as one and contributing to the betterment of our communities is of great importance. As the 2009-2010 executive board transitions into their new roles, we will continue to create opportunities for alumni and students to get involved through the Alumni Mentor Program, Career Development Seminar, Homecoming and other events.

In 2009, the Black Alumni Society will celebrate 30 years since inception and focus on the achievements of NC State alumni internationally. The theme is "From NC State and Beyond: Achievements Across the Globe". Our alumni have made remarkable strides and we want to share this with the NC State community in 2009.

Sincerely,

Keon Pettiway
President, Black Alumni Society

JOIN THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

There is no membership fee to be a member of the Black Alumni Society, although, all alumni/ae are encouraged to become an Alumni Association member. The Alumni Association supports the Black Alumni Society with funding for events and newsletters. Membership dues make this possible, so please make sure that your Alumni Association membership is current. You'll be contributing to the BAS and joining a family of alumni and friends who support NC State and one another. The resulting network strengthens your alma mater and increases the value of your NC State degree. Join today at www.alumni.ncsu.edu/join to connect, stay informed and share your pride in NC State.

GIVING BACK

The Black Alumni Society promotes the growth, progress, and general welfare of alumni and students of African descent at North Carolina State University. Through our service and dedication to NC State, we are positioning the organization as a vital part of the university community.

AFRICAN AMERICAN SYMPOSIUM

Each year, the African American Symposium is offered to African American students as a part of the university-required New Student Orientation. The Black Alumni Society executive board assists Multicultural Student Affairs by serving as welcome speakers. The symposium fosters a sense of community for incoming first-year students and provides them with information about campus resources, support personnel, coping strategies, and African-American cultural heritage and contributions as a basis for helping ensure their academic, social and emotional success at NC State.

AFRICAN AMERICAN VISITATION DAY

Accepted students are invited on campus to learn what NC State has to offer from the perspective of faculty, staff and students. The Black Alumni Society participated with other departments and organizations to provide information to students about which services and opportunities are available to them. We provided information about our undergraduate and graduate scholarships, Alumni Mentor Program, Career Development Seminar, importance of focusing on graduating and what is available to them after graduating.

BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

The Black Alumni Society developed a free online business listing that serves the growing demand of alumni to promote their businesses and services. The Business Marketplace allows consumers to easily find quality businesses and services, while also providing companies' with a valuable resource to reach markets.

HELPING STUDENTS BE SUCCESSFUL

Students are the leaders and masters of the future. The Black Alumni Society established and participated in initiatives to help students with leadership, professional, and educational development.

ALUMNI MENTOR PROGRAM (AMP)

BAS launched a pilot mentoring program in 2007 to assist students with professional and career development. The program was evaluated in 2008 to determine how we will implement the full launch. In 2009, we will begin another pilot with alumni volunteers and students from the Peer Mentor Program to re-evaluate the program for a full launch.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

The Career Development Seminar occurred during the Homecoming Cookout on Harris Field. Alumni volunteers provided students with the opportunity to take control of their future by enhancing their career preparation skills.

SUNTRUST PROMOTION FOR UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Black Alumni Society participated in SunTrust's My Cause promotion to increase the number of Black Alumni Society undergraduate scholarships. SunTrust donated \$100 to the scholarship when alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends opened a SunTrust personal or business checking account.

CONNECTING WITH OUR ALMA MATER

Events such as the Black Alumni Conference and Homecoming festivities allow the Black Alumni Society to foster opportunities for African American alumni, students, faculty, staff, and university friends to become actively involved in enriching NC State now and in the future.

4th ANNUAL BLACK ALUMNI REUNION AND CONFERENCE

The 4th Annual Black Alumni Reunion and Conference was a celebration of our shared connections with each other and NC State, and provided an avenue for participants to be active agents in the NC State community. Our major sponsor was SunTrust and our events included:

- ✓ Black Alumni Reunion Social
- ✓ State of the Black Alumni Union
- ✓ Scholarship and Awards Banquet
- ✓ Reunion Celebration Cookout

2008 HOMECOMING

We hosted events during Homecoming 2008 and NC State faced Boston College on the gridiron. Events included:

- ✓ Holt Brothers Alumni and Student Cookout
- ✓ Participant in the Homecoming parade
- ✓ Alumni Welcome Reception
- ✓ Tailgate
- ✓ Bowling for Charity