



Black Alumni Society

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<http://www.ncsublackalumni.org>

Pack Preview Minority Recruitment Receptions

By Shonaka Ellison

NC State sponsors a number of programs and activities to increase student enrollment among underrepresented populations. The most successful of these are the Pack Preview Minority Recruitment Receptions hosted by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Minority high school students, including African Americans, are invited to the receptions to learn more about NC State in a friendly, intimate atmosphere.

These Pack Preview events give prospective students information about the admissions process, financial aid, scholarships and campus resources. Current students and alumni also are on hand to share their experiences and advice about how to be successful at NC State.

In 2006, 391 students attended nine Pack Preview receptions. Among them, 77 percent applied for the fall 2007 semester.

Nearly 60 percent of the African American applicants were admitted, and 40 percent chose NC State to continue their education. Beginning in September, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions will sponsor six Pack Previews in Raleigh, Greensboro, Charlotte, Greenville, Lumberton and Roanoke Rapids. We invite alumni to participate in these events and share their NC State experience with students and their families. If you're interested, contact Shonaka Ellison at shonaka_ellison@ncsu.edu or call 919-515-2434.

We also invite alumni to give back to the university by becoming a Pack Partner. Alumni can participate in the recruitment process as a Pack Partner by attending college fairs, calling accepted students and sponsoring senior send-offs for incoming students. For more information, please visit admissions.ncsu.edu/pack_partners.

Homecoming 2007

THE BAS GENERAL BODY MEETING. THE TAILGATES. THE REUNIONS. THE JAZZ SOCIAL. IT ALL BEGINS AS THE PACK CRUSHES THE CAVS.



Read more information about Homecoming 2007 and special events hosted by the Black Alumni Society on page 2.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 4th ANNUAL
BLACK ALUMNI CONFERENCE**

April 4-5, 2008

nc state 2007 Homecoming

By Keon Pettway '05

Join the Black Alumni Society for Homecoming 2007. We plan to kick off our celebration with a Friday night social at Yancey's. On game day, we'll host our tailgate and annual General Body Meeting at Carter-Finely Stadium. The fun and networking continues Saturday night with your choice of events—you can join DJ Lil D and 9th Wonder as they spin today's music and tunes reminiscent of the 80s and 90s (location TBD) or catch up with the Legacy Group, along with alumni from the 60s, 70s and 80s, at the Ramada Inn.

For more information about the homecoming or ordering tickets, visit www.ncsublackalumni.org/homecoming. The registration deadline is Oct. 1. If you have questions, please contact the Black Alumni Society at bas_president@yahoo.com.

Your membership matters

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 to connect, stay informed and share your pride in NC State.

4th Annual Black Alumni Conference

Planning for the fourth annual NCSU Black Alumni Society Conference is currently under way! The planning committee is already working on conference activities that will be memorable and more inclusive of children and families. Among the possible events are college reunions and a cabaret. The tentative date for the Black Alumni Conference is April 4-5, 2008. To date, SunTrust is one of our event sponsors.

Visit www.ncsublackalumni.org/conference to get more information about conference events, sponsorships and advertising opportunities, and registration. If you want to join the planning committee, contact Keon Pettway at bas_president@yahoo.com, Tashima Garner at tgarner@mrppinc.com or Maria Thorpe at mthorpe1@wcpss.net.



SAVE THE DATE homecoming

Date: October 21 - 27, 2007

Football ticket package: \$55.00
(meal and ticket)

Tailgate: Meals are available for members and non-members. Members will receive a discounted price. Ordering information (online and via mail) is available at www.ncsublackalumni.org/homecoming

Final registration deadline:
October 1, 2007

Complete list of reunion events:
www.alumni.ncsu.edu/reunions

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www.ncsublackalumni.org/homecoming

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Darryl E. Hardy Jr. is a senior majoring in communication with a public relations concentration. He's also a Park Scholar, representing NC State's most prestigious scholarship program. Throughout his time at NC State, Darryl has found many ways to serve his university and community. Most recently, he received the 2007

Leadership Award at the April 27 Ebony Harlem Awards of Excellence program. It was his second time receiving this award. Darryl is a native of Boliva and plans to work in the field of entertainment and public relations. Some of his leadership and community activities are:

- 2007-08 President, Black Students Board, Union Activities Board
- Summer Intern, VIBE magazine, Louis Carr Internship Foundation
- Student Media Authority Board Member
- Co-chair, Relay for Life
- Peer Mentor, Department of Multicultural Student Affairs
- Director of Community Service, Student Government
- Society of African American Culture, Public Relations Chairman
- (Founder) Collegiate Chapter of 100 Black Men of America Inc. (Mentor)
- CHASS (College of Humanities and Social Sciences) Senator, Student Government

Some of his academic accomplishments are:

- Dean's List
- University Scholar
- Park Scholar



Niccoya Dobson is a senior at NC State majoring in communication with a public and interpersonal concentration. Throughout her time at NC State, Niccoya has found many ways to serve her university and community. She recently received the 2007 Leadership Award at the April 27 Ebony Harlem Awards of Excellence program. Niccoya

is a native of Magnolia and plans to attend law school after completing her undergraduate degree. Some of her leadership and community activities are:

- University Tuition and Fees Committee (2007-08)
- Chair, African American Student Advisory Council (2007-08)
- Mu Omicron Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.
- Member, President's Roundtable
- Member, Chancellor's Liaison Committee
- Participant in Alternative Spring Break Dominican Republic Orphanage Trip
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Campus Pals Program
- Former African American Symposium Counselor
- Peer Mentor, Department of Multicultural Student Affairs
- University Judicial Board

Some of her academic accomplishments are:

- Dean's List
- University Scholar

Looking Ahead

The Black Alumni Society has some exciting initiatives ahead, which include awarding scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students, supporting and partnering with the African American Cultural Center, and establishing our 2008-10 strategic plan.

For information about the Black Alumni Society and how to get involved, visit www.ncsublackalumni.org. Sign up for our listserv to receive updates and information about our events and initiatives.