Dear AHANA Alumni,

July 11, 2014

Since the AHANA Leadership Summit last October, the AHANA Alumni Advisory Council (AAAC) has made significant progress in organizing our structure, goals, and objectives. The AAAC extends a special thank you to those who attended the summit. Your input was instrumental in the formation of the AAAC. We are proud to share with you below some of the details of the council. We look forward to engaging you further in the coming months as we prepare for our official launch in the fall.

MISSION STATEMENT

The AHANA Alumni Advisory Council (AAAC) of Boston College promotes the involvement of AHANA (African-American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian-American, and Native American) alumni in all aspects of the University. The AAAC plans, communicates, and executes educational programs, activities, and networking events for AHANA alumni and others who further the mission of Boston College.

AHANA is more than an acronym. It is an ideology of interconnectedness between Boston College students, staff, faculty, and alumni of color who represent communities worldwide and who, through various programs and activities, show how intertwined and similar their cultural histories, traditions, and experiences remain.

COUNCIL GOALS

- Engagement: Solidify the connection between AHANA alumni and Boston College
- Participation: Encourage greater participation of AHANA alumni in worldwide alumni chapters and across all Boston College volunteer activities
- Financial Investment: Encourage greater AHANA alumni multi-year giving to Boston College
- Student Mentorship: Provide in-person and remote mentoring opportunities and a community of support for undergraduate students of color
- Professional Development: Promote a stronger network of AHANA professionals and develop AHANA leadership that will enhance the mission of Boston College
- On-Campus Diversity: Assist Boston College in its continued goal of promoting institutional diversity initiatives by advocating for representation of people of color at all levels of the University

AAAC STRUCTURE & CO-CHAIRS

There are four standing committees within the AAAC, each led by two co-chairs: Engagement (Membership), Communication & Marketing, Professional Advancement & Mentoring, and Programming. The eight co-chairs along with a floating chair constitute the AAAC Executive Committee.

Engagement (Membership)  Communications & Marketing  Programming
Darcel Clark ’83             Wynndell Bishop ’00            Eva Boyce ’77
Tanji Marshall ’86          James Hairston ’04

Professional Advancement & Mentoring  Floating Chair
Bob Marshall ’88             Juan Concepcion, Esq. ’96, MEd’97, JD’03, MBA’03
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We are extremely excited and passionate about the work ahead, but we cannot do it without you. In order to be successful, we will all need to spread the word, volunteer, and participate in AAAC programming and other Boston College Alumni events. Please stay tuned for our future updates on the Council. We look forward to cementing the bond between AHANA Alumni and Boston College, and amongst each other.

Best Regards,

Wynndell Bishop ’00
Co-Chair Communications & Marketing Committee
Boston College AHANA Alumni Advisory Council

Fr. James Hairston ’04
Co-Chair Communications & Marketing Committee
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