

March 24, 2011 – BLACK ALUMNI CHAPTER

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 by President S. Jamila Buckner

Meeting held at: Harambee Kinship Center, 1515 Aurora Dr., San Leandro, CA – Denise Bradley, Hostess

Present: Greg Cantrell, Denise Bradley, Bettie Grandison, Chris Major, Faith Taylor

By Phone: Tammy Appling-Cabading, S. Jamila Buckner, Gail Garrett, Warren Parker, Tamika Workmon

Introductions:

Black Student Union Career Panel – Wednesday April 13, 8:00 – 9:00 pm

- Students have been working with the Career Center
- Frank Knight, Chris Major, Sylvia Harper and Obinna Uwakah are the scheduled panelists
- BSU would like to have speakers in the Social Work, and the Sciences fields
- Tentatively networking will be at the beginning of the event, open questions, and Alum present will be asked to share what they are doing

Undergraduate Admission Update – S. Jamila Buckner

- As of March 11, 174 Black students have been admitted
- Those admitted will have until May 1, to let the College know if they will be attending
- We'll be asking Alums to call potential students to 'encourage' them to come to SMC

Dean of Education – S. Jamila Buckner

- Phyllis Turner-Metcalf will be the new Dean of the Kalmanovitz School of Education. Start date is June 11, 2011
- Phyllis has an extensive background in education, private and non-profit areas
- Plan to have a reception with Phyllis and the Black Student Union and Black Alumni Chapter to introduce her to the Community
- Her bio is on the SMC website

Black Graduation Celebration – Thursday, May 19, 2011

- Would prefer a Black Alum for the speaker and need any suggestions ASAP
- If anyone would like to volunteer to help with any other duties, please contact Jamila – 925-631-4213

President's Club – Faith Taylor

- At this time, gifts of \$1,500 or more per year will get an invitation into the President's Club, the College's most generous community of supporters
- G.O.L.D. President's Club (Classes of 2002-2011) includes gifts from \$50 for class of 2011 through \$1300 for class of 2002.
- President's Club participants receive invitations to many events with the President on and off campus
- EVERY gift is important!
- We need yearly support from Alums to renew the Annual BAC Scholarship
- Please make a gift before June 30, 2011 to count as a donor for this academic year and be included in the "Honor Roll of Donors" in the College's next Annual Report
- Faith also read a thank you letter from Garrett Gilmore '12 who received the first BAC Annual Scholarship awarded this academic year. He is grateful for our support.
- In the future BAC would like to fund an endowed scholarship, which is a minimum of \$50,000.
- Any questions or for more information contact Faith at 925-631-4263 or ftaylor@stmarys-ca.edu

Alumni Round Table

- **Greg Cantrell** is selling tickets for his book signing fundraiser to be held at the Berkeley Repertory Theater in May. He will give us the specifics. A portion of sales will go to the Black Alumni Chapter Annual Scholarship Fund.

Greg's book is Capturing A Dream: The Power of 24. It is a book about empowerment, the experiences we have in our life and how these experiences guide us and make us powerful. Greg works for the County and The Development Board. He's on Facebook – "capture dream". He can be reached at 925-290-4776.

- **Rushell Gordon and Warren Parker** are members of Saint Mary's Alumni Board
- **Tammy Appling-Cabading** is on the Executive Board for Shelter, Inc. to help end homelessness in Contra Costa County. 4,000 people in CCC are homeless and half of them are children. The Board helps with job skills, addiction, what their needs are, etc. She would like to see more Alums do some type of service volunteering.

Baby Shower for **Cri and Lloyd Schine, III**

- Denise suggested that we have a baby shower for Lloyd and Cri
- We will talk to Lloyd and Cri and let them set the date – either at their home, SMC or someplace else
- (Tammy) We will get information out to anyone who can't attend to let them know what the babies needs are so they can contribute
- (Jamila) Lloyd misses everyone and would like to have been on this conference call but he is VERY busy

Next Meeting

- Denise recommended that we find someone to host the next meeting. We really need to recruit more BAC members. Perhaps a social at Pican Restaurant in Oakland -- It was suggested that we check with Ray Leon for access. (He is Administrative Aide to City Councilman Reed)

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.