

Our vision is a university community that consistently and enthusiastically fosters, supports and celebrates the achievement of Black employees at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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#### **OUR EVENTS**

• Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 11:30 a.m. (Union 3206) – Caucus Meeting – "Conversations" with Special Guests – Our students! As the Caucus and the Black Student Movement both celebrate our November anniversaries, we will spend time discussing "who we are" and the importance of connection. Join us for fun interaction with America's future leaders. Also, new UNC leaders, Dwayne Pinkney, Associate Provost for Finance and Academic Planning, and Terri Houston, interim chief diversity officer and interim executive director of the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, will "reintroduce" themselves to the Caucus. Regular business agenda items include announcements and an update on the Caucus' Athletics Task Force work.

### YOU NEED TO KNOW...

- Carolina Black Caucus' Website is LIVE! Please visit <a href="http://www.unc.edu/cbc">http://www.unc.edu/cbc</a> today and provide us with your feedback. Special thanks to O.J. McGhee for his great work on the site's development. In the next update, the calendar will be interactive so that members will have the ability to post events of interest.
- Mark your calendar! Membership Meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month at the Union at 11:30 a.m. The remaining tentative schedule is 12.1 Room 3206, 1.12 Room 3102, 2.2 Room 3102, 3.2 Room 3102, and 4.6 Room 3102.
  - Thanks to Jimmy John's for their donation of sandwiches this year!
- It's time to JOIN the Caucus! Please don't delay. We need your support. We encourage your renewal as annual dues are \$25/year or \$40/2-years. Two-year paid memberships will receive a Caucus gift. Remember, your ideas and participation will help to make the Caucus what YOU need as a member of the UNC community. **Online membership is now available!**
- Exercise for Life! The Caucus Walking Club wants you. Note: Many groups of people walking at various times-- morning, noon, afternoon, weekdays and weekend is a good thing! The more the merrier! Friends can join Diane in her effort become active and healthy again. Contact Diane Webster to join in on the fellowship. (919-966-3616 or diane.webster@unc.edu)

- Habit For Humanity The coordination is still underway with the BSM. Stay tuned!
- The Caucus announces that the planning for the second annual "UNC Minority Business Expo: Engagement Through Entrepreneurship" is underway! The tentative date is February 5, 2011. If you know of vendors that would be interested in showcasing their products and services, please contact Expo Chair, Herb Richmond at <a href="herb.richmond@fac.unc.edu">herb.richmond@fac.unc.edu</a>. This wonderful initiative also supports the university's Innovate@Carolina Campaign.
- Discussions are underway with UNC's Performing Arts. We have formed a partnership with this
  wonderful resource and will have signature event in February 2011. Stay tuned for more
  details!
- The documentation of the history of the CBC is critical to our future. Representatives from the Library's Archivists and Center of the Study of the American South met with the Caucus chair to begin planning on the formal process. Thanks to Holly Smith for her leadership! If you are interested in serving on this important project please send a note to cbcinfo@unc.edu
- Save-the-date!! February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. (Stone Center Hitchcock Room) The CBC is working hard and smart to prepare for Black History Month. We hope to be the central aggregator of all Black events and programs so we can add them to our calendar. If you are interested in helping with the inaugural Black History Month Read-In, contact Wayne Blair at <a href="wblair@email.unc.edu">wblair@email.unc.edu</a>. This special event will feature readings related to or written by descendants of the African Diaspora. Black staff, faculty and invited guests will read the literature of their choice. Other activities include art, dance, spoken word, and drama presentations.
- ADVOCACY The Caucus Steering Committee represents you and your voice! We addressed the current situations surrounding athletics and the housekeepers with the Chancellor. Dr. Thorp is very supportive of the Caucus and appreciates the open dialogue regarding both matters. The Caucus is now seeking members who are interested in serving on an Athletics Task Force. An update from the first meeting will be provided at the next CBC meeting. The purpose of this advisory group is to design and implement solutions to assist in the positive development of Black student-athletes at UNC. Send an email to <a href="mailto:cbcchair@unc.edu">cbcchair@unc.edu</a> if you are interested!
- Save the date! Holiday Social on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Carolina Club. Free to all CBC members!
- Share the Good News! Caucus members will receive e-newsletters, communications, and access to the Caucus Sakai platform. We encourage participation, feedback and communication. Tell your friends and co-workers. The Caucus is YOU! Please let us know what activities you would like to see offered/organized by the Caucus. Thanks!
- Caucus Student Assistants Cameron Belton, Asia Johnson, and Malia Melvin. These students will work closely with the steering committee and serve as campus ambassadors.
- Interested in a road trip to see the NFL's Carolina Panthers this season? Send an email to <u>cbcchair@unc.edu</u>. In the subject line, add PANTHERS – Yes!

 Community News – Please send your organization's events and activity information to <u>cbcinfo@unc.edu</u>. We want to collect and share information concerning Black employees. Thanks!

**NON-CBC EVENTS** 

1. NC OPT-ED Alliance Day (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics, Social, Behavior & Economic Sciences) at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex on November 12<sup>th</sup>. All Graduate, Undergraduate, Community College, High School, & Middle School Students are encouraged to attend & experience this wonderful

conference. Alliance Day provides students the valuable experience of presenting scholarly research during the poster and oral presentation sessions.

- 2. The Temptations and The Four Tops return to the DPAC stage February 9, 2011. These two legendary Motown vocal groups are cornerstones of 60s and 70s pop and rhythm-and-blues music. Sweet harmonies and precise choreography have always been a part of Temptations and Four Tops shows, and original Tempt Otis Williams and original Top Abdul "Duke" Fakir have kept their groups' sounds intact into the twenty-first century. Come for a great night of sweet soul music at DPAC. Tickets start at just \$38 plus ticketing fees.
- 3. The Office of Minority Health Research Coordination of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) has established a communication network of current and potential biomedical research investigators and technical personnel from traditionally underserved communities: African American, Hispanic American, American Indian, Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian, and other Pacific Islanders. The major objective of the network is to encourage and facilitate participation of members of underrepresented racial and ethnic minority groups in the conduct of biomedical research in the fields of diabetes, endocrinology, metabolism, digestive diseases, nutrition, kidney, urologic, and hematologic diseases. The NMRI South Regional Conference is Nov. 4 and 5. If you are interested in becoming a member of the NMRI, please send an email to: martinezw@mail.nih.gov.
- 4. Visit the UNC home page for a super article on Mr. Day. <a href="http://www.unc.edu/spotlight/thomas\_day">http://www.unc.edu/spotlight/thomas\_day</a>
- 5. The Institute of African American Research, along with co-sponsors the Carolina Women's Center and the Department of African and Afro-American Studies, would like to invite members of the public to a panel on race and criminalization in the United States. Panelists **Frank Baumgartner** (UNC-CH, Richard J. Richardson Distinguished Professor of Political Science), **Mark Kleinschmidt** (Mayor of Chapel Hill), and **Michelle Laws** (President, Chapel Hill/Carrboro NAACP) will discuss issues of race and sexual assault, racism in the criminal justice system, and the implications of racism in eyewitness testimony. Please join us for the discussion, refreshments will be provided.

What: Learning from Picking Cotton; A Conversation about Race, Sexual Assault, and the U.S. Judicial System

Where: Toy Lounge, Dey Hall

When: Thursday, October 28, 2-3:30pm



6. If you haven't heard by now... please visit the 50-foot mural at the School of Government that celebrates African Americans! A creative interpretation of the Greensboro lunch counter sit-in of 1960 is the first in a series of murals that will commemorate the contributions of African Americans and Native Americans to the state. Titled "SERVICE," the 5-by-50-foot painting by Charleston, S.C., artist Colin Quashie was dedicated at the School of Government this summer. The mural showcases 40 individuals and more than

eight events symbolizing North Carolina's African American history associated with civil rights, government, business, journalism and education. The painting shows a gathering of African-American leaders at the counter of a diner not unlike Woolworth's. More: http://www.sog.unc.edu/about/service/

7. Ladysmith Black Mambazo blends their South African musical traditions to the sound and sentiment of Christian gospel in a musical and spiritual alchemy that represents every corner of the landscape. See this incredible performance on Friday, March 11 at 8:00 p.m. at the Carolina Theatre. <a href="www.carolinatheatre.org">www.carolinatheatre.org</a>

8. Light on the Hill Scholarship Awards Banquet on Friday, October 29 at the Sheraton Chapel Hill. A cocktail reception will begin at 6:15 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. (attire black tie optional). This special evening will honor the accomplishments of outstanding alumni, faculty and students. Congratulations to these award winners! Should you need additional information, please feel free to contact Tanea Pettis '95 at the UNC General Alumni Association via tanea pettis@unc.edu or (919) 843-9694.

## Harvey E. Beech Outstanding Alumni

- Rochelle Riley '81
- Alfred "Al" White '76
- Phail Wynn, Jr. '89 (MBA)
- Michael Zollicoffer '85 (MD)

## **Outstanding Faculty**

Terri Houston

# Harvey E. Beech Outstanding Senior

Christen B'anca Glenn '11

### **Light on the Hill Society Scholars**

- Keia V. Faison '14 (Julius Peppers Scholar)
- Jared F. Giles '14
- Ceewin N. Louder '14
- Brandon D. Neely '14
- Vashti N. Robinson '14

## 9. Carolina Seminar with Margaret C. Lee



October 28th | 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM | FedEx Global Education Center, Room 3024

Hear from Margaret Lee, Associate Professor in the Department of African and Afro-American Studies. Lee's current research focuses on Africa and the international trade regime. She is also a member of a research project entitled The New Scramble for Africa, which is sponsored by the Dag Hammarskjold Foundation, the Nordic Africa Institute, and the Institute for Security Studies. Lee completed the first publication of the project which is entitled The 21st Century Scramble for Africa, The Journal of Contemporary African Studies, Vol. 24, No. 3, 2006. This talk is part of the Carolina Seminar in African Ecology and Social Processes. Light dinner is served.

Open to all area faculty and graduate students in any discipline. For more information, contact Barbara Anderson at <a href="mailto:barbara">banders@email.unc.edu</a>.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 1. Congratulations Debra Watkins! She has been spotlighted in the October WELL publication. Debra has been with the UNC community for almost 20 years and, throughout her time here, has worked her way up to be the Senior Associate Director for Events Management at the Carolina Union. She states, "Being a woman does not define who I am, nor does it limit what I can achieve."
- 2. Read the October 14<sup>th</sup> Gazette! A picture of our special guests and the chair are included in this week's publication.

"In every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal.

In every heart, there is the power to do it." M. Williamson