



Dear Alumni and Friends:

The University of Arizona Black Alumni (UABA) Club is alive, well, and continuing to make impressive strides. We have undergone some restructuring to increase our efficiency at recognizing our alumni and friends.

We are continuing to deliver scholarship awards to deserving students and each year, the UA Alumni Association Black Alumni Club (UABA) awards scholarships to aid-eligible students. Last year, the UABA awarded approximately \$95,000 in scholarship monies, with 30 students presently receiving UABA scholarships; but there still are a great number of students in need of financial assistance. With significant tuition increases for the 2009 – 2010 academic year, more and more students seek UABA scholarships to help with their academic goals.

For a second year in a row, African-American enrollment has increased. The UABA presently boasts a graduation rate conservatively estimated at 90 percent. The community's support is vital to the continued success of these students.

The UABA continues its goal to be the University's and the Alumni Association's strongest link to African-American communities and networks. All of these efforts require alumni energy, enthusiasm, and participation. We have several upcoming events and opportunities to keep you connected to the UABA and the University:

UA Black Alumni Cat Café, Sunday, February 15 at Paradise Bakery, 845 N. Park Avenue. Join us as we network with current UA African American students about professional endeavors and community connections. **RSVP to uaba@al.arizona.edu by February 12, 2009.**

UA Black Alumni *Let's Talk Series*, "Your Money, Our Money: Where Is The Money?", Wednesday, February 25 at Noon, Martin Luther King Center, Conference Room. Join us for lunch as we discuss the current economic crisis and understand President Obama's goals and challenges for rebuilding our economy. **RSVP to uaba@al.arizona.edu by February 23, 2009.**

UA Black Alumni General Board and Networking Breakfast Meeting, Saturday, March 28, at Heritage Hall, McKale Center, 3rd Floor, at 9:30 a.m. Join us to learn about current University of Arizona news, receive an update about the UABA and learn how you can become more involved! **RSVP to uaba@al.arizona.edu by March 25, 2009.**

UA Black Alumni *Let's Talk Series*, "What Happened to My Son?", Wednesday, March 25, Swede Johnson Alumni Building, 1111 N. Cherry Avenue, Room 205. Join us as we discuss the African American male, the challenges, the accomplishments and what to do to understand their unique position in American society. **For more information, email uaba@al.arizona.edu.**

2009 UA Black Alumni Phenomenal Woman Dinner, Friday, April 24 at the UA Student Union Grand Ballroom, 6:00 p.m. No-Host Reception, 7:00 p.m. Dinner. Join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of Leslie Porter, Director of Recruitment and Employee Advising at the University of Arizona. This is our annual scholarship fundraiser and we look forward to your support. Tickets are \$75. **Contact Tanisha at 520.626.8626 for more information.**

If you attended the University of Arizona, you are our Alumni. If you are a member of our community, a friend of UABA, or a supporter, you are important to us. As part of the UABA restructuring, we are

realigning our programs with the calendar year. We invite you to participate in our upcoming events and ensure you make the list for our 2009 programs.

▪ **Join the UABA President's Circle 2009**

We invite alumni and friends of the UABA to join our President's Circle for 2009. We would like to recognize your choice to associate with the UABA by including you in the President's Circle. Members will be acknowledged in our printed program materials. UABA President's Circle members also receive event preference consideration and bonuses. **Join the 2009 President's Circle for \$20!**

▪ **UABA Honor Roll**

The UABA Honor Roll is reserved for individuals, organizations, and corporations that contribute sponsorships to UABA programs or to our scholarships. The UABA Honor Roll will be listed ahead of the UABA President's Circle in our event programs. The Honor Roll will be listed in the order of sponsorship or scholarship gift. **Please consider making the UABA Honor Roll!**

We value our alumni and our community. The UABA would like to stay connected to everyone who has pursued education at the University of Arizona and our community. Annually, the UABA recognizes the positive impact of our community and Arizona African-American alumni. Additionally, the UABA has expanded its scope to hosting and participating in community forums. However, we will never lose focus on providing academic opportunities and support for as many students as possible to attend the University of Arizona. Please join the UABA or consider participating in our annual programs.

Sincerely,

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