President’s Pen

Have you had enough snow? Has the pollen kept you inside? Yes, this is a combined Winter/Spring Issue and we have lot’s to cover. Continuing our theme of Blue, Gold and Black: The Color of a New Generation of Leaders as we embrace the new changes at Pitt. We congratulate and welcome our new Chancellor-elect Patrick D. Gallagher. Our move into the ACC presented us the opportunity to experience new opponents, new venues and new alumni. Since we last talked to you, we experienced a great Homecoming that was much earlier than we are used to in September and it was still warm in Pittsburgh! Several of us wouldn’t mind keeping it that way! We have in this issue a report from our Bradford students who attended our AAAC Board meeting and the success they are having on their campus. We are working with our student organizations and they are doing great things on their campus.

The Baltimore, DC, Harrisburg & Philadelphia affiliates all got together to attend the Pitt-Navy football game in Annapolis, MD. The Atlanta affiliate gathered to attend the Pitt-Georgia Tech game in Atlanta, GA. As we moved into the Basketball Season, we gathered again for the Pitt-MD game. I hope that you found an opportunity to support the team and gather together for networking and fun. You never know who might be a Pitt alumnus.

In December, we participated in a celebration for Cindi Roth, of the Pitt Institutional Advancement Office. We honored her work with the AAAC with an original framed artwork by the artist Saihou Njie and an Sankofa Award certificate.

We have completed our 10th Baccalaureate Service in April and plans are coming together for Homecoming 2014. Check the calendar for upcoming dates to join us.

Wherever you are, you represent God, your family and the AAAC, continue to make us proud!

H2P,

Steven Jones
President, Pitt AAAC

The Reality Check:
The Face of Diversity on Campus
Dr. Patrick D. Gallagher will succeed Mark A. Nordenberg as the new Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh.

Currently, Dr. Gallagher is the Deputy Secretary of the United States Department of Commerce and Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Since June 1, 2013, he has served United States President Barack H. Obama as the Acting Deputy Secretary of the Department of Commerce. It is the mission of his department to help American businesses more innovative at home and more competitive abroad.

Members of the AAAC are looking forward to working with Dr. Gallagher, and continue to advocate on behalf of African American students at the University of Pittsburgh.

Where you here?
Building a Legacy of Leadership

The African American Student Union (AASU) at the Bradford campus has strived to be the best example of student leadership for the past few years. Over the past two years, this organization has made a lot of progress and has been recognized for their accomplishments by the Student Government Association as a “5 Star Club”.

For 2013-2014, our theme was “What Success Looks Like” by painting a picture of Black empowerment on campus with goals of increasing freshman involvement, develop student leaders, achieve and maintain a 3.0 minimum GPA for freshman and 3.2 for upperclassman and to build a bridge with alumni to get involved on their campus.—Submitted by Jahlil Davis-Green  AASU President

Please Join Us and Support the AAAC!
Dear Pitt Alumni,

Mark your calendar to participate in the following activities and events:

1. May 30, 2013 - Pitt Alumni Association National Networking Day. See http:

2. June 21-22, 2013 — The 9th Annual AAAC Strategic Planning Summit at the University of Pittsburgh, William Pitt Union (WPU), Cross Cultural Center, 6th floor.

   - Friday June 21, 2013 → 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - New Officers Orientation - Alumni Hall - PAA Office.
   - 6:00 p.m. - A Special celebration hosted by Chancellor Mark Nordenberg to recognize the efforts of the AAAC’s participation in the university-wide Building Our Future” Movement.

Spotlight on AAAC Members

Congratulations to Jamy P. Hall and Lloyd M. Yates for receiving the 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award from the Swanson School of Engineering representing the Departments of Industrial and Mechanical and Material Science. The ceremony was held on March 27, 2014.

Jamy Hall is President and Chief Executive Officer, Ford Component Sales, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Ford Motor Company. Jamy received her BS in Industrial Engineering at Pitt in 1985 and her MS in Marketing from the Univ. of Chicago.

Lloyd Yates is executive Vice President of Regulated Utilities for Duke Energy. In 21012, Lloyd was named by Black Enterprise Magazine as One of America’s ‘100 Most Powerful’ Black Executives. Lloyd received his BS in Mechanical Engineering from Pitt in 1982 and his MBA from St. Joseph’s University.

Congratulations to Charles Toran for his election to the office of President of the Engineering Society of Western Pennsylvania (ESWP). He becomes the first African American to hold this position in the 144 years since the society formed in 1880. Charles Toran is president of Sci-Tek Consultants Inc. with offices in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. He received his BS in Mechanical Engineering in 1982 and his MBA both from Pitt.

Do you have photos of the 2009 Homecoming? Share your photos and send us a note on what that Homecoming meant to you.
What’s Going On...Calendar of Events

- May 24, 2014 Pitt National Networking Day
- June 21—22, 2014  AAAC Summer Board Meeting, Pitt Alumni Hall
- Freshman Sendoff will be announce in July Newsletter
- August XX, 2014 Arrival Survival
- October 24-26, 2014 Sankofa Homecoming

What’s Going On, Points of Interest on Pitt’s Website

Do you know how many Student Groups on Pitts Campus today?
Have you seen the latest tablet for student life? Yes, they have an App for that!
  - http://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/front_page
Pitt Hosted Conference to Revisit Civil Rights Act
Pitt Alumni
  - http://www.pitt.edu/alumni
AAAC Webpage
Ways to connect:
  - Facebook Pages:
    - AAAC
    - LIiNdIN
AAAC Chapter’s in Action

Pitt—MD Basketball Game with Baltimore & DC Chapter members

Pitt- MD Basketball Game with DC Chapter members

Pitt-Navy Football Game with Baltimore, DC, Harrisburg and Philadelphia Chapters
This October will we celebrate 45 years since the takeover of the Computer Center and the beginning of real measurable growth of students of color on the universities campuses. As we spend the weekend enjoying our friends and classmates from yesteryear, take a look around the campus and see all of the changes.

The physical changes, depending on when you were on campus last, include the new dormitories Nordenburg Hall, Sutherland Hall, Panther Hall & Pennsylvania Hall, all of the new stores and restaurants on Forbes and Fifth, and two newly remodeled hotels.

The student body has changed. Pitt now recruits from across the country versus years of regional recruitment. Every year we are meeting students from places like Kansas, Missouri & Oklahoma. The rise of first generation African Students and Caribbean and Latin American Students bring a wealth of cultural energy to the campus.

As we celebrate our progress, let us keep in mind the current challenges to that progress as the new Supreme Court Decision eliminates race as a factor for admittance to colleges and universities. We are working with Pitt to have the hard discussions and ensure that Pitt maintains its upward growth. We have witnessed many other schools student body makeover after they have eliminated race as a factor.

As the AAAC looks forward, we embrace the change in the student body as we continue to develop leaders that understand the opportunity that Pitt offers and want to maximize their years at Pitt. We also welcome our newest alumni to the AAAC. Congratulations to the class of 2014!
Established in the late 1980’s, the University of Pittsburgh African American Alumni Council (AAAC) promotes the core values of excellence, relationships, learning, diversity, traditions, and advocacy through its ongoing engagement of African American alumni. The AAAC connects with more than 12,000 alumni worldwide through its signature events such as the annual Sankofa Homecoming Weekend, networking events and other alumni programming that seeks to engage current Pitt students and the community.

For more information, visit www.alumni.pitt.edu/aaac/

Ideas for the Newsletter? Write to the Editor

Your ideas and inquiries are welcomed for the AAAC Sankofa Newsletter. Please send them to the editor at bmorepitt82@gmail.com.

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Current Pitt students spend time with incoming freshmen at the Washington, D.C. Send-off event.